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Topic 2: Report from the eHealth Network legal subgroup

Issue at stake

At the 6th eHealth Network meeting of 18 November 2014 in Brussels it was agreed that a legal subgroup (LSG) of legal and functional experts will be created to work on the legal issues of cross-border transfer of health information. The draft team of the LSG consists of legal expert from Sweden, Finland, Spain and Austria. This draft team was given the task to come with a multilateral agreement proposal at the 8th eHealth Network meeting (November 2015). The draft team has prepared a document with guiding principles for a multilateral agreement. Furthermore, attached is a draft of the Swedish/Finnish bilateral agreement which should be regarded as an example.

The purpose of this topic is to inform the eHealth Network members about the state-of-play of the work done by the draft team of the LSG. Furthermore, the guiding principles of the multilateral agreement, which will be used as the basis for the multilateral agreement, will be discussed with the eHealth Network during this meeting. The eHealth Network is asked to provide their comments on the guiding principles.

Summary of document

The information paper prepared by the draft team of the LSG contains guiding principles that could provide the basis for the multilateral agreement.

The second document is a draft bilateral agreement between Sweden and Finland that should be regarded as an example for the multilateral agreement.

Format of procedure in the eHN

The chair will introduce the topic and give the floor to Aneta Siscovic (SE) leader of the legal subgroup, who will present the current state-of-play of the LSG and inform the eHealth Members of the guiding principles for the multilateral agreement.

The eHealth Network members are requested to:

- Comment on the information paper on the guiding principles for a multilateral agreement.

In case there are no major objections from the Members, the information paper could be used as the basis for a multilateral agreement.