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**COVER NOTE BY SECRETARIAT**

**Topic 8: European Commission's mHealth actions**

**Issue at stake**

On 10 April 2014, the European Commission launched a public consultation on mHealth in the form of a Green Paper requesting stakeholders' views on a wide range of key topics: data protection, legal framework, patient safety and transparency of information, mHealth's role in healthcare systems and equal access, interoperability, reimbursement models, liability, research & innovation, international cooperation and market access for web entrepreneurs.

**Summary of document**

There were 211 responses received – 71% from organisations and 29% from individuals. Largest number of responses came from Belgium (46), followed by the UK (26) and Germany (20). The results of the public consultation were published on 12 January 2015.

According to the results of the public consultation, strong privacy and security tools are essential to help mHealth flourish in Europe. The results also show that ensuring patient safety as well as quality and transparency of information are important requirements. Access to knowledge and a clear regulatory framework are needed to facilitate the entry of web entrepreneurs to the market.

The state-of-play of the current developments and follow-up actions following the Green Paper on mHealth will be presented.

**Format of procedure in the eHN**

The chair will introduce and will give the floor to Paul Timmers, Director of the Sustainable & Secure Society Directorate in DG CONNECT, to present the results.

The eHealth Network members are requested to:

- Take the presented state-of-play and follow-up actions for their information and could take the opportunity to give comments.