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**Subject:           Topic 3: EU/US Memorandum of understanding – *for information***

**Issue at stake**

The European Commission and the United States have agreed on a roadmap to strengthen transatlantic cooperation in eHealth and Health information technologies.

The roadmap will guide the activities of the collaboration focusing on (1) the development of an action plan to create, advance and use internationally recognized standards, and (2) work to develop and expand a skilled health IT workforce in Europe and the US.

**Summary of document**

Attached is the Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Department of Health and Human Services and the European Commission concerning cooperation on health related information and communication technologies and the agreed roadmap.

**Format of procedure in the eHN**

The Chairs will give a short introduction to the topic.

Portugal will present their expectations of the cooperation with the US.

Mrs. Nicole Denjoy, Secretary General of COCIR, will present an industry perspective.

The eHealth Network members are requested to:

- Comment presented materials;
- Reflect on their own activities concerning the use of internationally recognized standards and health IT workforce