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Topic 5.1. Two years plan of the eHealth Network meetings and sustainability

Issue at stake
In the last meeting of the eHealth Network in November 2018, the co-chair of the Member State proposed to prepare for todays' meeting a strategic paper setting out a '2 years plan of eHealth sustainability for the eHealth Network' for the period 2019-20. The purpose of the document is to present the co-chair's of the Member States vision for the eHealth Network meeting outline and consequently for policy topics to be raised for the period 2019 to 2021 including a link to the eHAction (mostly WP8) on ideas for sustainability scenarios for digital health post 2021.   Citizens should be empowered with the possibility to access their own health information anywhere, thus making health ICT interoperability in and between Member States crucial. It is also important to consider each Member State's particularities and respect data protection while recognising the faster speed of recent technological developments further increases our need to work together. By working interdependently through cultural diversity, every Member State can contribute significantly to this commitment while promoting mutual understanding. Moreover, sustainability of cross-border healthcare must be addressed and guaranteed under Union European projects and post Horizon 2020. Thus, the eHealth Network's contribution is crucial for promoting eHealth in support for better health.   In the past, agenda meetings were created at each 6 month circle, with the exception of joint action deliverables scheduled to be discussed, however, many other topics often arise and then are continued or sometimes discontinued. A longer-term view, that attempts to bring all pieces of the digital health ever complex puzzle together, is increasingly needed.   The purpose of this document is to present the Member States eHealth Network co-chair vision for the eHealth Network, and consequently for eHealth policy debate in Europe for the period 2019 to 2020, including ideas for sustainability scenarios for eHealth post 2020. In this document, you will find information about background and context, key drivers and vision on eHealth domain across the European level.

Summary
The draft 2 years plan sets out an ambitious vision clearly aimed at increasing the pace and momentum of achievements in the area of digital health. Patient empowerment, patient access, cybersecurity, interoperability, and infrastructure are proposed as additional priority areas for the work of eHealth Network. These priorities are supported by the work of Joint Action and are aligned with the Work programme for the period 2018-2021, which foresees: • patient empowerment (m-health and apps reliability, patient access and use of data, digital health and literacy of patients, telehealth)   • innovative use of health data   • enhancing continuity of care   • overcoming implementation challenges (interoperability, e-skills for professionals, data protection and data security, evaluation)

- Integration on National policies and sustainability on eHealth

- The Electronic Health Record Exchange Format (EHRxF)

- A Common Semantic Strategy (CSS)

The 2 years plan points to the ever more pungent need for governance, enterprise architecture thinking, and a holistic approach to eHealth at EU level. Initiatives like an approved 5 years Common Semantic Strategy, the Joint Coordination Process, as well as efforts under the tasks of WP8 for sharing of national strategies as well as 2021 scenarios are key to achieving a more coordinated and efficient process of achieving a common goal, more interoperability in eHealth for better health in Europe.

The plan also proposes to prioritise the themes for the eHealth Network meetings, along 4 criteria:

- The B1 group has been worked and evolve the eHealth Network management issues, policy, past Joint Actions, the actual eHAction and the eHDSI subtopics. The B1 themes are considered with high priority and have a defined strategy to be discussed.

- The B2 themes can be faced as the new priorities for the eHealth Network and they actually are approached on a secondary eHealth Network scenario but shows a high importance to be integrated on the next years. These themes evolve, but not only, some subjects as telemedicine, EU stakeholders involvement, Joint Action on Vaccination, big data, artificial intelligence, genomics and etc.

- The B3 represents some themes ad-hoc that are suggested to be discussed on the eHealth Network and can be faced as some reference on next scenarios.

- The C1 themes represents new directives EU policy proposal, new calls and funding mechanisms, are from Commission interesting that expects validation and endorsement from eHealth Network.

Format of procedure in the eHealth Network meeting

The Commission co-chair gives the floor to the Member States co-chair in order to present the two years plan of the eHealth Network meetings and sustainability. The Commission co-chair opens the floor to the eHealth Network Members for their comments.