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COVER NOTE BY eHEALTH NETWORK SECRETARIAT

Topic 1: EU strategy and activities on eHealth (agenda point 3)

-3rd Joint Action on eHealth -

Issue at stake

Objective - contributing to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems

The 3rd Joint Action (JA) supporting the eHealth Network is foreseen in the Health Programme 2017. This JA is expected to further facilitate cross-border healthcare across the EU and overcome barriers in the implementation of digital solutions in Member States' healthcare systems and provide the necessary policy support to the eHealth Digital Service Infrastructure (eHDSI) and in accordance with the eHealth Network's multi annual work programme 2018-2021

eHealth and health services based on digital solutions are essential for implementing innovation in healthcare and are broadly recognised as an essential element to achieve sustainable healthcare systems. For this reason the eHealth Network was set up by Directive 2011/24/EU on patient rights in cross-border healthcare. It works for the implementation of the objectives for EU cooperation in eHealth.

The Member States should make sure that they nominate the competent authority within the deadline which is 11 May 2017. On 25 April CHAFAEA reported that only 2 Member States had nominated their competent authority.

Agreeing on the Project Coordinator would enable to proceed with planning. Portugal expressed their interest to act as the Coordinator of the 3rd JA on eHealth.

CHAFAEA deadlines

- 11 May 2017, deadline for nomination
- 7 June 2017, INFODAY (Luxembourg)
- 7 September 2017, deadline for submission of the proposal for 3rd JA on eHealth

Preparatory meetings co-organised by the EC and the Coordinator

- 16 June 2017, 1st preparatory meeting (all nominated competent authorities)
- 18 July 2017, 2nd preparatory meeting with WP leaders

Format of procedure in the eHN

The Commission co-chair will present expected results and impact for the 3rd JA, and timeline for formal process with CHAFAEA and planned preparatory meetings.

The Commission co-chair will give the floor to the MSs for their comments. Further the co-chair will call MSs to express their interest in taking up the role of the Coordinator for the 3rd JA.