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Topic 2b: Implementation of the eHealth Digital Service Infrastructure – Updated Governance Model

Issue at stake

The eHealth Network adopted at its 8th meeting the governance model for the eHealth Digital Service Infrastructure during the CEF funding. The Network expected that the governance model will need to be revised with experience of the eHDSI.

The Commission convened the first meetings of the new governance bodies, the eHealth Operational Management Board on 8 January and the eHealth Member State Expert Group on 4 February 2016. They have since then met 4 and 6 times, respectively.

In response to these developments, JAseHN prepared recommendations on the revision of the governance model, which were agreed by among the MSs and discussed with the Commission during the summer 2016. Based on the six principle recommendations, the eHealth Policy Secretariat prepared an updated proposal for the governance in September, which met broad agreement among the JAseHN members.

The updated governance document reflects the organisational and other developments as well as practices proven to be useful since the 9th meeting of the eHealth Network.

Summary of document

The major changes in the governance model (updated version 2016) concern the eHealth Member State Expert Group (eHMSEG):

- The eHMSEG is chaired by an elected Chair and two Co-Chairs, who all attend the eHealth Operational Management Board (eHOMB).
- The membership in the eHMSEG is defined as the managers responsible for implementing the National Contact Point for eHealth. The division of eHMSEG into configurations is replaced by a possibility to set up working groups.
- The tasks of the eHMSEG have been expanded (Tasks 3, 4 and 5). In particular, the evaluation of the initial audit report to join the data exchange is transferred to the eHMSEG from the eHOMB. The eHMSEG needs to decide on the recommendation in agreement with the DSI Owner (SANTE B).
- The tasks of the eHealth Policy Secretariat (SANTE B3) are spelled out (tasks 3, 5 and 6).
- A chapter on interaction processes between the governance bodies is added (page 6).

The section containing the schematic presentation of the governance is deleted as it is detailed in the text, and several technical and editorial issues have been updated.

Format of procedure in the eHN

The Commission co-chair will ask the eHealth Policy Secretariat to introduce the main changes in the eHDSI Governance Model.

The eHealth Network Members are requested to adopt the updated Governance Model.