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Topic 5: Identification for the exchange of personal health data

Issue at stake

Electronic identification of citizens, a patient or a healthcare professional, is key to setting up cross-border services in the EU. Identification, authentication and authorization are prerequisites for cross-border use cases like ePrescription and Patient Summary and are managed differently in each Member State. For example some Member States have a comprehensive eID which is used for eHealth and other purposes at the same time while others have separate eIDs for different domains and purposes.

The eHealth Digital Service Infrastructure will enable the exchange of personal health data, starting with ePrescription and Patient Summary. To ensure security of the process a trusted mechanism of Patient Identification has to be implemented.

There are several activities on eID application in eHealth, which are highlighted in the discussion paper on eHealth specific eID-framework across-border tabled by the JAseHN, such as:

- The feasibility study on "The use of CEF eID in the CEF eHealth DSI" (preliminary version available since August).
- The e-SENS eHealth pilot (preliminary results expected for December 2016, ends in March 2017).

The JAseHN will propose an eID specific framework for eHealth for adoption by the eHealth Network at its 11th meeting in May 2017: an agreement – primarily under the scope of the eID Regulation – on a set of common identification, authentication and authorization measures based on national solutions to allow trusted electronic transfer of patient data in cross border care and report the progress.

Summary of document

The discussion paper gives an overview of activities of various initiatives regarding the electronic identification in eHealth. There are various initiatives carried out on eID in eHealth, however none of them contained a detailed analysis to eventually come up with a framework for eHealth services in a cross-border healthcare context.

The discussion paper provides material of discussion on how to create an eID framework specific for eHealth services, within existing legal provisions.

Format of procedure in the eHN

The Member State co-chair will present the report to the eHealth Network.

The eHealth Network Members are requested to discuss the findings of the report and make suggestions on future action.

In particular, eHealth Network Members are asked if they are able to commit to the laid out direction, based on eIDAS Regulation, concerning health eID, as suggested in Section 4 of the document.