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**Topic 6: mHealth subgroup - Report on national mHealth strategies**

**Issue at stake**

mHealth is a fast growing field with around 165,000 health apps currently available on the two leading platforms (iOS, Android). With the increasing use of apps for health and chronic disease management, the demand from users to be able to link data from apps to their personal health records is expected to grow. As the European Commission recognizes both eHealth's potential and issues arising from its growth, it has launched several mHealth-specific initiatives<sup>1</sup>.

The eHealth Network set up a subgroup on mHealth at its 8<sup>th</sup> meeting in November 2015. The purpose of the subgroup was to *"collect experiences on approaches in dealing with mobile health apps, to identify common challenges and recommend possibilities for future collaboration among Member States"*.

The Chair of the subgroup is Estonia with members from NL, FI, DE, MT, AT, PT, UK, EL, IE, ES, FR, HR, LT, LV. The group had two face-to-face meetings (5 April and 15 September) and two teleconferences in 2016.

**Summary of document**

The report of the mHealth sub-group contains the results of its work. The report is based on the responses received from the survey conducted among the sub-group members, with a purpose was to compose an overview of the existing strategies, activities and perspectives on mHealth in the Member States.

Section 5 of the report identifies several areas for collaboration and Section 6 contains proposed next steps.

**Format of procedure in the eHN**

The Commission co-chair will give a word to the Chair of the subgroup who will present report and the main results of the group's work.

The Network Members are requested to comment on report and to agree on the areas for collaboration and next steps presented in Section 5 and 6 of the report.

The subgroup asks for the extension of its mandate. The Secretariat recommends that the subgroup continues its work to define the key areas for future collaboration and to make specific recommendations with a view of adding concrete actions into the next multiannual work plan of the eHealth Network.

<sup>1</sup> Code of Conduct on privacy; Guidelines on the assessment of data validity and reliability; CEN standard on quality criteria for development; Public consultation on the safety of apps and other non-embedded software and Recommendations by Member States for further collaboration