



## **Sub-group to construct new Multi-Annual Work Plan 4th Meeting of the eHealth Network**

*For approval by the eHealth Network  
(Prepared by DG SANCO and DG CNECT)*

### **1. Introduction**

The current Multi-annual Work Plan (MWP) ends in 2014. A new MWP is needed to plan working capacity, secure resources, and agree on the deliverables for the eHealth Network after 2014. The new MWP should also serve as the source for the work program of a new supporting mechanism for the eHealth Network, after the eHealth Governance Initiative finishes in June 2014.

The chairs of the eHealth Network propose to form a sub-group of members of the eHealth Network<sup>1</sup> to develop a first discussion document on the new MWP for the meeting in May 2014 in Athens. A final version should be adopted during the meeting of the eHealth Network in November 2014.

### **2. Scope of the work**

The final deliverable of the MWP working group is clear: to prepare a new MWP to be adopted by the eHealth Network. The working group is however requested to take into account the following:

- the task as defined in article 14 of the Directive on Patients' Rights;
- the objectives of the eHealth Action Plan 2012-2020;
- Actions 75, 76 and 77 of the Digital Agenda for Europe;
- the elements of the MWP 2012-2014 that need further development;
- the advice of other eHealth groups on relevant issues.

Notwithstanding the above considerations, the working group is unrestricted in its recommendations towards the eHealth Network.

### **3. Ideas for topics**

Below is a list, only for contemplation, of the possible items to be considered for the new MWP.

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<sup>1</sup> As mention in article 8 of the Rules of procedure of the eHealth Network.

### **1. Objectives of the current MWP not addressed so far:**

- a. Guidelines on methodologies for re-use of medical information for public and research. Will build upon PARENT joint action deliverables;
- b. Guidelines to facilitate trust and acceptability of eHealth systems;
- c. Guidelines to facilitate implementation of telemedicine.

### **2. Implementation of specific actions of the eHealth Action Plan 2012-2020:**

- a. Skills and digital health literacy (linked to 1.b.);
- b. Measuring the added value of eHealth solutions;
- c. Promoting international cooperation;
- d. Development of a competitive market;
- e. Need for research, development and innovation;
- f. Implementation of mHealth in Healthcare systems;
- g. Addressing the legal requirements for the cross border exchange of health data in Europe under the CEF (among other means);
- h. Development and setting up of a European eHealth Interoperability Framework for the convergence in the use of standards and CEF deployments.

### **3. Exchange of best (bad) practices on eHealth among Member States:**

- a. Deployment of use cases: EHR, ePrescriptions, telemedicine instruments, exchange of patients data across borders;
- b. Use of the cohesion Funds.

### **4. European Reference Networks:**

- a. A case study to identify benefits of eHealth (article 12 of Directive 2011/24)

## **4. Set-up of preparatory working group**

The working group would ideally exist out of four to eight members of the eHealth Network. The work would be primarily focused on drafting the strategic elements of a MWP. The Members of the working group are expected to be present at the meetings of the working group. Replacement shall only be allowed in very exceptional circumstances.

The work load of the working group will contain at least two face-to-face meetings in the period between December 2013 and March 2014. Other meetings will preferably be online. Any requests for additional face-to-face meetings have to be approved in advance by the European Commission due to budgetary constraints.

The chair will be chosen by the members of the sub group. The group will be supported in its activity by the secretariat of the eHealth Network.