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Topic 2b: **Implementation of the eHealth Digital Service Infrastructure – Assessing readiness of and decision to admit a National Contact Point to become operational in the cross-border eHealth health information system**

Issue at stake
The governance model of the eHealth Digital Service Infrastructure (eHDSI) under the CEF funding stipulates that the eHealth Network admits the National Contact Point for eHealth to become operational in the cross-border information exchange.
The Country Guide for NCPeH implementation, adopted at the 9ᵗʰ eHealth Network meeting, instructs how the readiness of a National Contact Point is assessed and how the decision of admittance is to be taken. However, the exact procedure and steps have not been agreed upon.
The decision to admit a National Contact Point to the exchange is crucial as the system is multilateral and all members participating in exchange must have a high level of assurance that the Member State fulfils all the criteria.
This assurance is based on the information provided by the Member State and verified in an independent audit. Based on this information, the eHealth Member State Expert Group (according to the 2016 update of the governance model) will draw up a recommendation to the eHealth Network for the decision on admittance.
The JAseHN has drafted, in collaboration with the eHDSI Policy Secretariat, a policy paper on assessment and decision procedures under CEF funding (D5.6.3). This paper forms the basis for the eHealth Network to decide how to proceed in finalising the procedure.

Summary of document
The policy paper gives a comprehensive overview of the documentation forming the framework for admitting an NCPeH to the CBeHIS; reviews and complements the procedure presented in the Country Guide for the NCPeH implementation, and finally proposes the essential elements of the assessment and decision procedure to be followed.

Format of procedure in the eHN
The member State co-chair will introduce the policy paper and open the floor for the comments by the eHealth Network Members.
The eHealth Network Members are requested to adopt the recommendations in Chapter 6 of the policy paper.