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Topic 3: Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – for adoption

Issue at stake

The CEF is designed to support projects of common interest for the deployment of digital service infrastructures. Ultimately, its role is to support the development of a Digital Single Market. These infrastructures should create European added value and meet proven needs. They should be sufficiently mature for deployment, technically and operationally.

The eHN sub-group set up in November 2013 and the eHealth Governance Initiative (eHGI) seek the endorsement on a list of 4 digital services infrastructure (DSI) to be included in the 2015 work plan (WP) of the CEF. The ultimate decision on inclusion in the WP lies with the CEF governance board (2nd half 2014). The proposed eHealth infrastructures are: (1) exchange of patients' summary data, (2) ePrescription, (3) European Reference Networks and (4) patients registries.

Summary of document

The first document ("discussion paper") was prepared by the eHGI to summarise the 4 DSIs and facilitate the discussion within the eHN.

The second document ("draft position paper on the 2015 work programme for the CEF") was prepared by the eHN secretariat, building upon the reports made by the rapporteurs on each DSI of the eHN sub-group. It is for endorsement by the eHN as it will be presented to the CEF governance board for prioritisation in the 2015 work programme, by mid May 2014. It might be revised by the dedicated eHN CEF sub-group by mid June 2014. A budget of 38,3 million € is sought for 2015/2020 period.

The third document ("information paper") was commissioned by DG SANCO and prepared by the consultant Diane Whitehouse to provide information about the CEF and the preparation of sound proposal(s) for funding of DSI in the area of health.

Format of procedure in the eHN

The Co-Chairs will introduce the topic. The eHealth Network members are invited to:

- Contribute to the debate and answer the questions raised by the eHGI
- Endorse the draft position paper on the 2015 work programme for the CEF
- Express their commitment on a future liaison with the existing eHN sub-group on CEF, which will prepare a list of Member States seeking CEF funding.