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Subject: **Topic 5: EMA work on pharma databases in support of interoperability of eHealth solutions, in particular ePrescription** – *for information*

Issue at stake
As agreed at the eHealth network meeting dated 7th November 2012, the secretariat has invited the European Medicines Agency (EMA) to give an update on the work being carried out on databases of pharmaceutical products.

The strategy shared in November 2012 was that such databases should be open data and be shared with all players and stakeholders, notably for ePrescriptions purposes.

Summary of presentation

The presentation will start from last years initiation of the vision on medicinal data that EMA developed in the context of the new Pharmacovigilance legislation.

Starting from this recap, the presentation will elaborate on:

- The new common EU approach on Telematics, including the new Telematics governance structures

- The joint Data Integration roadmap, its vision and links towards the new Pharmacovigilance system, the status and the timelines

- The vision on the link towards eHealth initiatives and the challenges on common semantics like unique identifiers and disease coding

Format of procedure

The Chairs will introduce the topic.

The Representative of EMA, Luc Verhelst, Head of the Information Technology Division, will give a presentation about the work of EMA.

Members will be given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the topic.