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**COVER NOTE BY EHEALTH NETWORK SECRETARIAT**

### **Agenda topic 2b: Reporting from the survey regarding the development of the guideline for targeted EU-wide support and investments in eHealth infrastructure**

#### **Issue at stake**

As a following-up of the informal health Council held in Vienna on 10-11 September, the eHealth Network, with support of the Commission, should provide guidelines for targeted European-wide support and investment programmes by mid-2019. For this purpose, the Commission sent a survey with several questions to the members of the eHealth Network. The questions focused on current activities, obstacles and needs in the area of digital transformation of health in the Member States. With the replies of the Member States, the Commission will be able to provide the Network with a broad overview of how Member States are in general advancing at national level in terms of the digital transformation of health and care. It is hoped that this will serve as a useful starting point for the Network to begin reflections on its task of developing specific investment guidelines.

#### **Summary**

Questions already posed to the eHealth Network

1. On the basis of your analysis, what is the situation in the area of eHealth, mHealth, telehealth and connectivity of hospitals and primary health centres in the Member State you represent? (please provide a short analysis of recent developments, but also of current challenges, in terms of infrastructure and training of different target groups, and/or analysis of trends [e.g. influenced by legislative framework, for instance on the introduction of EHR at national level etc.])
2. Can you please provide a short overview (max ½ page) about the level of in and outpatient care, as well the state and the quality of digital infrastructure?
3. Where do the main investment needs in these areas lie?
4. What investments have already been committed to and in which areas? Which are the main financial sources for investments in eHealth (e.g. national and/or EU grants, or loans, or public-private partnerships, etc.)?
5. Where should EU funding intervene (to complement national efforts, support the development of new areas etc.)?
6. Under the future Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2021-2027, could you identify which instruments (ESF+, ERDF, Structural Reform Support Programme, Digital Europe Programme, CEF2, InvestEU etc) should intervene and in which areas? (Please see the attached PDF factsheet for further information).
7. How can national and regional funding tools complement EU funding tools in eHealth?

**Format of procedure in the eHealth Network meeting**

The Commission co-chair opens the topic and will then give the floor to Ioana-Maria Gligor who will present slides with a general summary of the replies to the survey received to date (no country-specific information will be shared without consent). The Commission co-chair will in a next step hand over the topic to the eHealth Network for discussion. The Commission co-chair will then summarise the discussion and make a proposal on how to further proceed.