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Topic 5: eHealth interoperability and standardisation (agenda point 11 and 12)

Issue at stake

The documents that are presented to you are for information purposes only. The documents are a first draft that should lead to eHealth Network recommendations on how to move forward on European semantic interoperability and on the use of common standards or technical specifications in eHealth in the EU. Both documents describe the methodology on how to come to specific recommendations for the eHealth Network. The eHealth Network is invited to make any general comments or comment on the proposed methodology.

Summary of document

The JAseHN is preparing two documents with recommendations for the 12th eHealth Network meeting. These documents are the following:

- *Preliminary report on European semantic interoperability in eHealth*: the recommendations that will be presented in the 12th eHealth Network meeting will focus on the policy level and provide key recommendations issued by major initiatives and projects on semantic interoperability at EU and at National level.
- *Preliminary report proposing actions to promote the use of common standards or technical specifications in eHealth within the EU*: the document provides an analysis of policy recommendations deriving from EU-projects based on cross-border services. Based on this analysis, a set of recommendations will be presented during the 12th eHealth Network meeting. The purpose of these recommendations is to align the actions of policy makers of the eHealth Network to promote interoperability in cross-border services.

Format of procedure in the eHN

The Member State co-chair introduces the topic, gives an explanation about the documents and gives the floor to the eHealth Network for comment and/or to ask questions.