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Agenda point 4a: eHDSI - State of play go live decision of the eHDSI

Issue at stake

The eHealth Network shall be informed about the state-of-play of go-live of Member States joining the eHDSI, and is asked to discuss the next steps.

In May 2017, the eHealth Network adopted the policy paper on how to assess Member States overall readiness to go live. It describes the approval process for a Member State's decision to "go live" with its Cross-Border eHealth Information Service (CBeHIS).

Summary

Summary of the general procedure

In *Readiness Stating* the Member State summarises all gathered evidence on the maturity to go live in a common format. The Readiness Stating can only be done after having passed successfully *Testing* and *Auditing* procedures. The **Overall Readiness Statement** constitutes the application to go-live, which is provided to the eHMSEG for review.

The eHMSEG secretariat reviews the **Audit** and **Test reports**, drafts a **Recommendation Report to Go Live** which forms the basis for the eHealth Network for its decision. The Recommendation Report will to be finalised and approved by the eHMSEG according to its rules of procedure.

The Recommendation Report is submitted to the eHealth Network for its **Go Live Decision.** Upon a positive decision, the Member State can move into the *Operation stage* of CBeHIS. The decision to "*go live*" is done by the eHealth Network according to its Rules of Procedure.

Recommendation Report to Go Live

The Recommendation Report to Go Live evaluates the main findings of testing and auditing and includes a risk assessment for the applicant Member State. It also contains a clear recommendation on the Go Live Decision, derived from the main findings and the risk assessment. The recommendation may contain one of the options below:

- Go live without observations

- Go live with observations regarding issues not relevant to the service

- Go live after improvements (deliverables) implemented, reported to eHMSEG before going live

- Major issues and need a re-audit verifying the improvements (deliverables)

- Not enough evidence for a recommendation

Current situation

Building the National Contact Point for eHealth and preparing for the audit has proven to be more laborious and time consuming than the eHealth Network expected a year ago. Therefore, only 2 countries, Estonia and Finland, have been audited so far and they are currently finalising their action plans to address the audit findings.

If their audit follow-up plans are ready in time and the two Member States decide to state their readiness, the eHMSEG meeting on 22 June could finalise and approve the Recommendation Report to Go Live for these two countries.

It is expected that during the summer up to 7 Member States will undergo audit and subsequently apply for going live.

These applications could be assessed during the eHMSEG meeting on 2 October.

The eHealth Network should adopt the final going live decisions at its regular meeting scheduled for 13 November 2018.

The eHealth Network has to decide if an extraordinary meeting or a written procedure could be used to accelerate the process, as suggested at the eHMSEG meeting on 11 April 2018, or if any other measures to support the Member States and to speed up the process are necessary.

Format of procedure in the eHN

The Commission co-chair opens the topic and gives the floor to Head of the Unit responsible for European Reference Networks and Digital Health who will give a short background on the state of play of the go live decision.

The Commission co-chair will ask the eHealth Network members to comment.

It is proposed that the eHealth Network meeting takes note of the information of state-of-play on the readiness of the Member States and of the new anticipated schedule for the Go Live Decisions.