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**Topic 8a: Other eHealth-related developments: Interim evaluation of the eHealth Action Plan 2012 - 2020**

**Issue at stake**

The eHealth Action Plan 2012-2020 builds on the 2004 eHealth Action Plan which marked the beginning of closer policy cooperation between EU Member States in the area of eHealth. The Action Plan addresses the barriers and the following operational objectives:

- achieving wider interoperability of eHealth services;
- supporting research, development and innovation in eHealth and wellbeing to address the lack of user-friendly tools and services;
- facilitating uptake and ensuring wider deployment;
- promoting policy dialogue and international cooperation on eHealth at global level.

The objective of interim evaluation is to provide the first measurement of the progress made towards the objectives of the eHealth Action Plan 2012-2020.

The evaluation will summarise the progress made towards the objectives of the eHealth Action Plan 2012-2020 after two years of implementation; it will provide a basis upon which to judge the accomplishments of the eHealth Action Plan 2012-2020 after more than three years of operation and to identify any weaknesses that appeared during the first years that may prevent implementing the Action Plan fully by 2020. Furthermore, the evaluation should identify areas in which more in-depth actions should be taken as well as point out new topics that have emerged since the publication of the Action Plan in December 2012.

The results of the evaluation will be presented in the Commission Staff Working Document which is expected in Q1 2017.

**Summary of document**

Presentation by the Commission

**Format of procedure in the eHN**

Paul Timmers, Director DG CONNECT, informs the eHealth Network about the interim evaluation of the eHealth Action Plan.

The Member will have the possibility to ask questions and comment. Member States and stakeholders are encouraged to provide input during the public consultation planned for Q3 2016.