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Topic 6a: Standardisation and Interoperability: proposal for a platform consisting of the relevant standards developing organisations

Issue at stake

The Multi-Annual Work Plan 2015-2018 of the eHealth Network recognised the need to align the relevant organisations parties that have a role in eHealth standards and specifications. To achieve this, the Network set out the objective to reach an agreement upon a platform consisting of the relevant Standards developing organizations to provide input to the eHealth Network on actions to promote the coordination and acceptability of standards and technical specifications in eHealth.

The Work Package on Interoperability and Standardisation of the new Joint Action supporting the eHealth Network, undertook the task of preparing a proposal for a Standardisation Platform that could address the needs of the eHealth Network on standardisation issues.

The purpose of this topic is to start discussing the proposal and provide the WP leaders with the necessary elements and comments to allow further refinements of the proposed Standardisation Platform.

Summary of document

The document prepared by the Joint Action presents a proposal for a platform consisting of the relevant standards developing organisations and standard profiling organisation. It illustrates the main principles on which the platform will be based, enumerating the necessary steps to have it adopted by the Network at the November 2015 meeting.

Format of procedure in the eHN

The MS chair will introduce the topic. The floor will then be given to the WP leaders of the Joint Action which will highlight the main element of the proposal.

The eHealth Network members are requested to:

 Comment on the proposal of a Standardisation Platform consisting of the relevant standard and profiling organizations.