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Subject: **Topic 4.b: Preparatory work for new Multi-annual Work Program –
for approval**

Issue at stake

A revised multiannual work programme (MWP) is needed to:

- Take over from the current MWP ending 2014
- Prepare the work for the post eHealth Governance Initiative, ending mid 2014
- Determine the scope of topics to be addressed by the eHealth Network, in line with article 14.2.a of Directive 2011/24

The Secretariat suggests forming a sub-group of the eHealth Network to come up with a proposal for a MWP early 2014, for endorsement by the eHealth Network in May 2014.

Summary of document

The document suggests starting a sub-group of the eHealth Network, co-chaired by one Member of the eHealth Network and the European Commission. Because the outline of a work plan for a new Joint action on eHealth is needed early 2014, this sub-group should deliver a first concept MWP in January 2014.

Format of procedure in the eHN

The Commission introduces the topic and explains why there is a necessity to start the work on a new MWP for 2014 and beyond.

The Members will be given the opportunity to ask questions and react on the proposal.

The Chairs will ask which Members of the eHealth Network would be available to participate in this sub-group (administrative support will be provided by the European Commission, a maximum of 8 individuals is set). To be clear, this is a different sub-group than the one mentioned in topic 4a.

The Chair of the sub group will be chosen by the members.