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Subject: **Topic 2: Work of European Commission on SNOMED CT and the perspective of Member States on SNOMED CT for national use – *for consultation***

Issue at stake

The European Commission was requested by the eHealth Network during the 3rd eHealth Network meeting in Dublin to come forward with a concrete working program concerning SNOMED CT. The document attached defines the two activities expected to start by the European Commission in 2014.

In addition to this, the eHGI constructed a document explaining in a synthetic way why certain Member States (MS) have decided to use SNOMED CT and what role that terminology plays in their overall strategy for semantic interoperability.

Summary of document

The first paper describes the activities that the European Commission has planned to start in 2014. The two main activities are a study to assess SNOMED CT, and a process to ensure that the SNOMED CT terminology is useable for the cross-border exchange of health data within the European Union.

The second paper describes the reasoning behind the decision of Member States to become Members of SNOMED CT.

Format of procedure in the eHN

The Chairs will introduce the topic.

The Commission will present the first paper. The Network Members are given the opportunity to ask questions and comment.

Belgium will present the paper from the eHGI and will explain why Belgium chose to make use of SNOMED CT.

All eHealth Network members are requested to:

- Comment on the documents presented;
- Present their national involvement, if any, with SNOMED CT.