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**COVER NOTE BY eHEALTH NETWORK SECRETARIAT**

**Topic 4: mHealth (agenda point 10)**

**Issue at stake**

At the 10<sup>th</sup> eHN meeting the mandate of the mHealth sub-group was extended and the group was tasked to come up with proposals for concrete actions in the field of mHealth. In particular the sub-group had the task to define key areas for future collaboration and actions which could be included in the next multi annual work programme 2018-2021 (MWP) of the eHN.

**Summary of document**

The current report outlines a comprehensive set of actions that the mHealth sub-group considered necessary to support mHealth as an engine for health system transformation through empowered citizens. The report further specifies and focuses on actions that should be taken forward by the eHealth Network via its MWP and the Third Joint Action (JA) supporting the eHealth Network and the EU Commissions work on this topic.

The sub-group carried out a mapping of possible actions and proposed to take them forward through following mechanisms:

1. The actions that are specific to mHealth have been proposed to be included in the new eHealth Network's MWP and further to be implemented via the 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Action:
  - Common assessment framework for coordinated mHealth app endorsement
  - A collaboration platform for coordination and knowledge exchange
  - Interoperability and standards development
2. Other actions, where other initiatives already existing or are planned, should be taken forward by other mechanisms in order to avoid overlapping or duplication of efforts:
  - Training, education and awareness raising
  - Health system outcome monitoring
  - Funding instruments to support system-wide implementation

Taken into account the complexity of the proposed actions, the sub-group would like to inquire the eHealth Network to consider the continuation of the work of the sub-group to monitor the developments related to mHealth in Member States and at EU-level and to prepare the activities under the new Joint Action, with mandate until the 13<sup>th</sup> eHealth Network meeting.

**Format of procedure in the eHN**

The Commission co-chair will give the floor to Mr. Ain Aaviksoo from Estonia (the chair of the sub-group on mHealth) to present the report and the proposed actions.

The Commissions co-chair will invite the Members of the eHealth Network for their comments on the proposed actions.

The Commission co-chair summarizes the discussion and if the Members agree, suggest that the sub-group continues their work. The Commission co-chair also invites new MSs (currently not part of the group) to express their interest in contributing in further work of the group.