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Topic 5: Standardisation and interoperability

Issue at stake

SDO platform: At the 7th meeting of the Network, it was agreed to proceed with a proposal to initiate, within the Joint Action, a platform consisting of the standards developing organisations (SDOs) and national competence centres (NCCs) relevant to eHealth in Europe. The purpose was to establish collaboration between the organisations involved in standards to avoid gaps, overlaps and ambiguities, and to provide a clear interface to the Network for alignment between policy and standards.

However, participating organisations have had concerns about formal arrangements, which have generated discussions on the scope and governance. To refocus the original intention, the Joint Action suggests two concrete topics on which the SDOs should provide their input, i.e. the international patient summary and the roadmap for standardisation under construction in the Horizon 2020 project "eStandards".

From the Commission's point of view, a platform could be helpful in advising on the standards related activities announced in the package of Communications on digitising EU industry (see the previous point) as well as on annual work programme for EU standardisation.

Revised concept for the Patient Summary (PS) and electronic Prescription (eP) guidelines: The Joint Action is doing, according to its work plan, a revision of the guidelines. As the two guidelines cover same issues, they could be combined. There are also some updates to the substance, mainly reflection the Guidelines on the organisational framework of National Contact Points adopted by the Network at its previous meeting.

Summary of document

SDO platform: The JAsEHN (NL) will give an update of the state of play of the SDO platform and the challenges encountered in setting it up.

Recommendation on a revised concept for the PS and eP guidelines proposes a combining the two guidelines and re-scheduling the adoption to the Network's meeting in November. The draft combined and revised *guideline on electronic exchange of health data under the Cross-border Directive 2011/24/EU* is available at request from the Commission (77 pages).

Format of procedure in the eHN

The MS co-chair asks the JAsEHN to update the Members regarding the proposed SDO platform, followed by DG SANTE presenting the work programme for EU Standardisation 2016.

The Members are asked if they agree to refocus the proposed SDO platform as described.

The MS co-chair invites the JAsEHN (UK) to present the draft recommendation on a revised concept for PS and eP guidelines.

The Members are asked to agree in principle on the restructuring of the guidelines, advise on engaging with stakeholders and raise any issues which they would like to be addressed.