



6TH EHEALTH NETWORK 18 NOVEMBER 2014
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Topic 1: Guidelines on electronic exchange of prescriptions (ePrescription) – for adoption

Issue at stake

The directive on patients' rights in cross-border care (Directive 2011/24/24) mentions that “guidelines supporting the Member States in developing the interoperability of ePrescriptions” shall be adopted. During the 5th eHealth Network meeting, it was agreed that work should proceed within the eHealth Governance Initiative (eHGI) to prepare for the adoption for a first guideline in November 2014. The eHealth Network is requested to adopt the guidelines as proposed.

Summary of document

This first release of the guidelines presents the basic elements for the electronic exchange of prescriptions. The document indicates areas where further work is required, notably in the review and agreement of terminological schemes to be used for the identification of medicinal products.

It should therefore be clear that further revision and updating is necessary. The European Commission, on request of the eHealth Network, will be responsible for setting up the appropriate structures to work on revising and updating the guideline.

Format of procedure in the eHN

The MS chair will introduce the topic and give the floor to Mr. Jeremy Thorp (UK) who will present the guidelines.

The eHealth Network members are requested to:

- State their position about the guidelines as presented to the eHealth Network;
- If a clear consensus is not reached, Member will be asked to cast their vote;

If the guidelines are adopted, Members are requested to express their ideas about the use at national level; and what further work is needed at EU level to increase reusability.

NB: in line with the Rules of Procedure, in the event of a vote, the outcome of the vote shall be decided by a majority of two thirds of the Network Members. Each Member shall have one vote. Absent Members vote shall count if a written mandate is available.