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Topic 1: EU eHealth strategy towards 2020

Issue at stake
In the **Digital Single Market Strategy** (DSM) the Commission focuses on 5 major actions that contribute to more effective cooperation between health systems. They were announced by the Commission in April 2016 as a part of the eGovernment action plan and the ICT priority standardisation plan: 1) Support MS in the development of cross-border eHealth services (eHealth DSI); 2) Develop telemedicine and tele-monitoring solutions, in particular for the successful provision of treatment by European Reference Networks; 3) Support MS developing recommendation on patients' access to their electronic health data; 4) Pursue international work on the identification of medicinal products, a prerequisite for electronic exchange of data by e-prescription and patient summaries; and 5) Work on the safety and quality of mHealth applications. Furthermore, the Commission is developing the mid-term evaluation of the **eHealth Action Plan 2012-2020**. **Multi-annual work programme (MWP) of the eHealth Network for 2018-2021.** A new MWP is necessary to 1) follow-up on the current MWP that ends by mid-2018, 2) prepare work for a new eHealth Joint Action, and 3) determine the scope of topics to be addressed by the eHealth Network in view of the strategic developments in the EU. In particular, the MWP needs to be agreed upon by the end of 2017 as the draft 2017 Work Plan of the Health Programme includes funding for the third Joint Action assisting the Network.

Summary of document
EU eGovernment Action Plan 2016-2020. COM(2016) 179 final ICT Standardisation Priorities for the Digital Single Market. COM(2016) 176 final

Format of procedure in the eHN
The Commission co-chair will present the state-of-play on the DSM, after which DG CNECT presents developments in the eHealth Action Plan. The Commission co-chair will propose to set-up an eHealth Network subgroup to draft the next multiannual work plan (MWP) for the Network. The eHealth Network members are invited to: • decide to establish an eHealth Network sub-group to draft the MWP 2018-2021, and • express their interest to participate in the sub-group. • A Member would need to volunteer as the Chair and as the Rapporteur. A group of a maximum of 8 Members, including the Chair and the Rapporteur, is envisaged. • The subgroup should report to the 11ᵗʰ meeting of the Network in May 2017, and finalise its work by the 12ᵗʰ meeting in view of feeding into a work plan of a new eHealth Joint action.