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**Topic 6b: Standardisation and Interoperability: concept for an eHealth European Interoperability Framework**

**Issue at stake**

The European Interoperability Framework (EIF) is a set of recommendations which specify how Administrations, Businesses and Citizens communicate with each other within the EU and across Member States borders. It has been adopted by the European Commission in December 2010.

The Commission, in the eHealth Action Plan 2012-2020, set out the objective to develop an eHealth specific Interoperability Framework to enhance European eHealth interoperability in its four levels: legal, organisational, semantic and technical.

The first proposal of an eHealth European Interoperability Framework (eEIF) was defined by the eEIF study (also known as the “Deloitte study”) published in July 2013.

Starting from this basis, the Antilope project focused on the dissemination and adoption of the eHealth EIF, delivering a refined version of it February 2015.

These outcomes of the project will be presented for a first discussion with a view of a possible adoption of the eEIF by the eHN in November 2015 meeting.

**Summary of document**

The document presents the different elements of the concept for eEIF as refined by the Antilope project, highlighting the benefit of having this model adopted at EU level.

**Format of procedure in the eHN**

The EC Chair will introduce the topic giving the floor to Paul Timmers, Director of the Sustainable & Secure Society Directorate in DG CONNECT. He will give an overview of the different steps undertaken by the EC towards the definition of an eHealth specific EIF.

The floor will then be given to the representative of the leader organisation in the Antilope project who will illustrate the latest refinements of the eEIF.

The eHealth Network members are requested to:

- Discuss the proposed concept for eEIF in the view of its possible adoption at the eHN meeting of November 2015.