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**Topic 1b: Connecting Europe Facility: Governance Structure of the eHealth DSI**

**Issue at stake**

The actions under the Connecting Europe Facility were discussed at the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting in Riga, which adopted considerations for the forthcoming call for proposals (Topic 1a at this meeting) and discussed the multi-lateral legal agreement (Topic 1c at this meeting).

The eHealth Digital Service Infrastructure (eHDSI or eHealth DSI) is the initial deployment and operation of services for health data exchange cross borders under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF).

During the CEF financing, a governance structure is needed to facilitate a common EU wide landscape. eHDSI ensures a move from a project to deployment and operation phase for the provision of cross-border services.

The governance model has been discussed at several occasions in the CEF subgroup of the eHealth Network, latest on 19 October 2015. As the governance has elements linked to the Commission and Member State administrations, it is important that a common understanding is found on the governance for the stage of the initial deployment and operation of services.

**Summary of document**

The governance model presented is in line with the overall CEF governance model. It takes account of the specificities of the health sector. It seeks to use existing actors, structures and bodies as far as possible. The main actors are the eHealth Network, the Expert Group composed of the participating Member States; and the operational management board.

The eHealth Network steers the overall policy and process through its decisions. The operational management board takes tactical and operational decisions on the eHealth DSI.

**Format of procedure in the eHN**

The Commission co-chair will introduce the topic.

The Network Members are requested to adopt the coordination mechanism presented in the document.