

EU-US Cooperation in eHealth

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The post MoU landscape

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History

- Cooperation in R&D with AHRQ, NIH, NSF under S&T agreement
- Since 2005 discussions with ONC/HHS on support to deployment following policy developments in EU (April '04) and US (May '04)
 - Joint workshops (07, 08); ARGOS ('10-'11); eHealth week '10;
- MoU by VP N. Kroes and Sec. C. Sebelius – December 2010
 - http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/newsroom/cf/item_detail.cfm?item_id=6788

Rationale

- To accelerate the deployment of proven/beneficial eHealth solutions
- Single eHealth Market in EU, competitive & transparent market in US
- To provide a platform for actors to engage in cooperation – building on the work of organizations such as EABC, TABD, HIMSS Europe, etc
- To create Bilateral commitment to realize tangible results through MoU

WHAT and WHY supported so far by ARGOS project

- **Interoperability- Epsos/ONC, Int. Semantic Interop. group, Eurorec**
 - **What:** standardisation, testing/certification
 - **Why:** safety, efficacy, continuity of care, defragmentation of global market: competition better quality at lower price
- **Skills developments- ONC, relevant stakeholders**
 - **What:** ensure adequacy of literate and skilled users and developers to
 - **Why:** weak link in scalability of eHealth solutions
- **Benchmarking/ assessment of benefits - OECD/ONC/EC, MS**
 - **What:** Agreed indicators and measures of adoption and benefits
 - **Why:** Provide evidence and accelerate deployment
- **eHealth in support to Research and public health- VPH NoE/IMAG**
 - **What:** Tools for VPH (in silico medicine) and “learning health system”
 - **Why:** To joint forces and resources to tackle new promising areas

What's next

- **Progress and delivery on the joint projects**
- **Consultation with interested parties and Identification of further topics and targets**
- **Prioritisation against EU & US policy goals and initiatives**
 - **e.g. Europe 2020/Digital Agenda for Europe**
- **Agreements on targets, project and delivery dates**

