



23ND eHEALTH NETWORK MEETING - 30 MARCH 2023, ONLINE

COVER NOTE

6. Ethical principles

1. Issue at stake

Following the eHealth Network adoption of the European ethical principles for digital health on January 26, 2022, a dedicated taskforce was created with an objective to work on an implementation plan. The first deliverable of this implementation plan is a supportive document explaining the ethical principles with more details, as the format of the European ethical principles was a one-pager document.

An initial version of this deliverable was adopted during the eHealth network in Paris (21th eHealth network meeting), with an agreement to submit an upgraded version during upcoming eHealth network meetings. The supportive document will keep evolving over time.

2. Summary

This new version of the supportive document for the European ethical principles for digital health has been revised as agreed to improve:

- the wording;
- the accuracy of the provided examples;
- the consistency of explanations provided.

The implementation plan is presented with other steps forward achieved:

- the taskforce produced an self-assessment by country in order to build an initial assessment of compliance at EU level
- the capacity building initiative for primary use of health has started. The contractor is working on the first deliverables - the contractor has taken over the initial assessment produced by the dedicated task force, and, on this basis and with additional sources, in the coming months will provide a capacity building requirements catalogue including requirements to be met when moving to implementation. Close involvement of eHealth Network is foreseen (more information will follow).

The implementation plan has been updated accordingly.

The dedicated task force would like to specifically thank all contributors, and in particular Sarah Murphy for her review of the document.

3. Format of procedure in the meeting

For eHealth Network adoption of the new version of the supportive document for European ethical principles. [Updated implementation plan for information]