



**25<sup>TH</sup> EHEALTH NETWORK MEETING 28 NOVEMBER 2023,  
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**6.1. Semantic Subgroup Updates and Workplan for next Year (*for discussion*)**

1) Introduction

The Common Semantic Strategy<sup>1</sup> (CSS) adopted by the eHealth Network in 2019, sets a 5-year roadmap, spanning from 2020 to 2024. One of the three goals in the CSS is “*G1 – Structure a common approach on health semantics in the European Union*” which includes the objective “*O1.2 Develop common semantic assets for Patient Summary, ePrescription, laboratory results, medical imaging and reports, hospital discharge reports*”.

2) Issue at stake

The 5-year horizon defined in the CSS is coming to an end (i.e. 2024), as well as the completion of all activities leading to O1.2 (i.e. prepared guidelines for the clinical domains identified).

Given the current status, the subgroup on Semantics has identified a few open topics and is looking for guidance from the eHealth Network on the workplan for the next 12 months.

3) Summary

Over the last 12 months, the subgroup on Semantics worked on the following items:

- Release of an updated version of the “Patient Summary” guidelines (Release 3.3);
- Release of an updated version of the “Laboratory Results” guidelines (Release 1.1);
- Drafting, broad consultation, consolidation and submission for adoption the “Hospital Discharge Report” guidelines (Release 1);
- Active contribution to the drafting and consolidation of the “Medical Imaging and Reports” guidelines (Release 1);
- Assessment of existing issues in relation to the implementation of ISO IDMP;
- Semantic alignment of preferred code systems.

Considering the above and the open issues from the consultation, the subgroup on Semantics proposes the following work plan for the next 12 months:

- Ensure consistence and alignment throughout the eHealth Network guidelines (i.e. General, Patient Summary, ePrescription, laboratory results, medical imaging and reports, hospital discharge reports) by crosschecking all guidelines for consistency and potential for coordinated improvement, this will most likely result in revisions of all existing guidelines for submission to eHealth Network;

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<sup>1</sup>[https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/wikis/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=520294459&preview=/520294459/522879088/eHN-SG-Semantics\\_CommonSemanticStrategy\\_v2.1\\_20191112-1830.pdf](https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/wikis/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=520294459&preview=/520294459/522879088/eHN-SG-Semantics_CommonSemanticStrategy_v2.1_20191112-1830.pdf)



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- Consideration of added explanation on how the guidelines should interact and how future guidelines can be developed and maintained;
- Explore possibilities of further semantic alignment of preferred code systems in the context of the eHN guidelines, including implementation questions on code systems such as the EMA SPOR code systems.

#### 4) Format of procedure in the meeting

For eHealth Network endorsement of the workplan proposed by the sg on Semantics for the next 12 months.