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COVER NOTE

3.2 SNOMED CT EU license semantic interoperability

1. Issue at stake

To inform MS about the possibility to apply for a direct grant from the EU4Health Programme to co-finance the 60% of the Member State SNOMED CT annual fee.

2. Summary

This action will incentive Member States to use a common terminology. It would increase the semantic interoperability of health data and thus facilitating cross-border exchange and re-use of health data. It could facilitate patient access and translation of their health data.

There is currently a fragmentation of standards used to express clinical concepts. It hamper the semantic interoperability of health data. Thus, there is a need to provide a standard terminology to express clinical meanings captured by the clinicians and harmonise the way health professional express themselves.

This action will propose to provide access to Member States to SNOMED CT which supports the development of comprehensive high-quality clinical content in electronic health records. SNOMED CT (Systematized Nomenclature of Medicine -- Clinical Terms) is a standardized, multilingual vocabulary of clinical terminology that is used by physicians and other health care providers for the electronic exchange of clinical health information.

3. Format of procedure in the meeting

For discussion