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### COVER NOTE

#### 3.1 Patient Summary guidelines

##### 1. Issue at stake

The eHealth Network guidelines on “*Patient Summary for crossborder care*” are one fine example on how the eHealth Network interoperability efforts shape the way how health data exchange takes place around EU. This is the case of cross-border exchange of patient summaries (in MyHealth@EU, a.k.a. eHDSI) as well as other projects at European or National level that leverage working solutions on top of these guidelines.

The currently available Release 2 of the Patient Summary guidelines dates from 2016 (5 *years old*) and since then so much has happened (i.e. eHDSI entered routine operations, EEHRxF was created, EN 17269 International Patient Summary standard published). The current guidelines have been used extensively and have been pushed to their limits. In 2019 the eHealth Network acknowledged the need to evolve the guidelines to, among other aspects, include planned care and support rare diseases.

The eHealth Network mandated the subgroup on Semantics (eHealth Network meeting, spring 2020) to draft a proposal for the next release of the Patient Summary guidelines.

##### 2. Summary

As mandated by the eHealth Network, the subgroup on Semantics drafted a proposal for the next release of the Patient Summary guidelines. The drafting process included consultation of the eHDSI Legal Task Force and Semantic Task Force, as well as with the eHealth Network subgroup on Technical Interoperability. In a second consultation phase (taking place from March to April 2021), Member States were consulted through the representatives in eHealth Network and at eHDSI eHMSEG, as well as EU level stakeholders through eHealth Stakeholders Group. Comments received in the different consultation phases were analysed and processed accordingly. Please consider the following highlights from the current proposal:

- Almost all articles (in guidelines and support information chapters) have been revised and enhanced;
- The new guidelines open the possibility for a broader use in cross-border and national projects, since they have been cleared from eHDSI specific provisions;
- Expansion to planned care patient summary and better support for rare diseases;
- Introduction of *preferred code systems* according to the lessons learnt in the eHDSI;
- Enlargement and alignment of the clinical dataset towards the ISO International Patient Summary;

- Inclusion of wider “Results” section to enable the communication of observation results which might have impact on future treatments, in particular i) Diagnostic results (e.g. Blood group, Laboratory Observations, Imaging results etc.) and ii) Physical findings (e.g. Vital signs observations);
- Increased support and visibility of communicable diseases (e.g. SARS-COVID-19) and related information (e.g. specific tests, alerts, travel history);

The attached proposal of the Patient Summary guidelines is submitted for eHealth Network adoption. Additionally, the subgroup on Semantics will recommend the eHealth Network to:

- Define a time frame for the eHDSI implementation of the new release of the Patient Summary guidelines;
- Mandate the eHN sg on Semantics to review the General and the ePrescription guidelines datasets guidelines;
- Mandate the eHN sg on Semantics to prepare a guiding document for the development of new guidelines for datasets.

### **3. Format of procedure in the meeting**

*For adoption.*