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8.1 Update from eHealth Stakeholder Group

1. Issue at stake

Inform the eHealth Network about the activities of the renewed eHealth Stakeholder Group (eHSG) that was relaunched at the end of 2019 following a public call for new members during the summer of 2019. The first meeting took place in July 2020 (postponed from March as a result of the first pandemic lockdowns).

2. Summary

The eHealth Stakeholder Group (eHSG) was relaunched with an open call during 2019 with a new mandate and membership for 2019-2022¹. The Commission received over 100 applications for a maximum of 40 membership places in the call for applications. The selected member organisations are all umbrella organisations/associations with a European outreach, representing the following sectors/groups: the Health Tech industry, patients, healthcare professionals and the research community.

The primary purpose of the Group is to provide advice and expertise, contributing to policy development and the implementation of the Communication on enabling the digital transformation of health and care in the Digital Single Market. The Group shall also foster coordination and cooperation with stakeholders, serving as a forum to discuss topics and address important issues relevant to legislation or policy related to eHealth and to the implementation of the Communication

To date, there has been organised three plenary meeting with the eHealth Stakeholder Group under its current mandate and membership (July 2020, December 2020, and May 2021). The Commission has presented the following topics to the group in the three plenary meetings:

- The Commissions digital health response to COVID-19 (including contact tracing apps and the EFGS, Digital Green Certificates, UV Disinfection Robots, innovation hubs, detection of COVID-19 linked to pneumonia with artificial intelligence, etc.)
- Data Governance Act
- European Health Data Space/digital transformation of health and care
- Reporting of DHE findings
- Taking forward EEHRxF
- Artificial intelligence, including the Commission proposal for a Regulation
- Cybersecurity

¹ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/news/new-members-ehealth-stakeholder-group-start-their-work>

As part of the group's work programme for 2021, the Commission has been organised three dedicated webinars on the following topics:

- Photonics and health – 20 January 2021
- mHealth – 29 January 2021
- European Health Data Space – 1 February 2021

It is also planned to organise future webinars on topics such as European Health Data Space, artificial intelligence in health, and cybersecurity.

3. Format of procedure in the meeting

For information.