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COVER NOTE

5.4.1 D8.2.4 Common eID for health in the European Union - eHAction

(Official title of the deliverable) - D8.2.4 Common eID Strategy for Health in the European Union

1. Issue at stake

The implementation of the authentication of patients and healthcare professionals varies greatly between Member States. MyHealth@EU allows for the identification of the healthcare professionals, but not of the patients. The Commission will put forward a new eIDAS regulation and the eID strategy needs to take into account the upcoming new reality. Therefore, the current document provides a state of play, but its transformation into an eID for health will be taken forward in the work of the technical sub-group of the eHealth Network.

2. Summary

This document aims to present the basis, the rationale for a common eID for health in EU.

In alignment with other eID initiatives and recommendations from the Commission and the eHealth Network, such as electronic health record exchange format¹ (EHRxF, the eHAction provides a mapping concerning the state of play that could contribute to “Common Strategy for using eID” with the following goals:

1. Structure a common approach on health eID within the EU;
2. Converge development roadmaps for service providers with adoption of eID also to ensure phased adoption of novel requirements regarding electronic identification that are progressively more demanding.

The current proposal includes a description of the state of the art about electronic identification, a brief definition of the use cases (for patients and healthcare professionals); it proposes policy principles and a governance framework as well as presents extensive revisions of the 13 recommendations and a revised 3-year roadmap for the strategy implementation.

It is important to note that this document intends, in a general, to provide flexibility and agility to the Member States and the European working groups (such as eHealth Network sub-groups and others) to analyse, refine and promote the implementation of this

¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/recommendation-european-electronic-health-record-exchange-format>

common eID for EU. However, given the upcoming evolutions (new eIDAS regulation), the document will be taken forward by the technical SG of the eHealth Network.

This document will be presented to the eHealth Network and Commission in order to receive comments about their content. Those bodies should also be responsible to define the best-fit label to the document:

- Non-paper;
- State of play;
- Recommendation; or
- Strategy.

This key action is required once there is already a holistic strategy being designed in this moment towards digital identification in EU.

3. Format of procedure in the meeting

For discussion and transfer to technical sub-group of the eHealth Network for further development into a fully-fledged eID strategy for health.