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COVER NOTE

**2.1 Discussion on new use cases including patient access to data
EU vaccination card**

1. Issue at stake

Inform the eHealth Network about the upcoming pilot on patient access to translated health data, and seek feedback on possible use cases.

2. Summary

In July 2021, the eHealth Network agreed that the possibility of implementing the Patient Access service should be explored in more detail, also involving eHMSEG in the next steps. Under the supervision of the eHMSEG Chairs, Member States have already started initial discussions on the topic. Access by patients to their data is one of the key elements of the European Health Data Space.

The Commission has launched a call for grants in order to support Member States in a coordinated and joint approach. The deadline for applications in the end of January 2022. Total foreseen amount of funding is 2.000.000 €. The pilot is flexible when it comes to types of data provided to patients, but vaccination data is of big interest because of the success of EU DCC and the work on EU vaccination card project.

Already before the COVID-19 pandemic, the European Commission commissioned, via a call for tenders, a feasibility study on an EU citizens' vaccination card. The basis for launching this tender was the Council Recommendation on strengthened cooperation against vaccine-preventable diseases from 2018. The study, which will be completed in December 2021, is being carried out via a consortium called Vaccine-EU. The outcomes of the study will cover financial, technical, operational, legal and ethical aspects of an EU citizens' vaccination card.

3. Format of procedure in the meeting

Questions for discussion

- What role should the vaccination card have in the access of patients to their health data?
- Should the vaccination card be developed and scaled up as a priority, followed by the patients access to data (patient summary)?