MINUTES

1. Participants
   1.1. Members
       Lasse Lehtonen (LL) Chair
       Helmut Brand (HB) Rapporteur
       Luigi Bertinato (LB)
       Dorjan Marušič (DM)
       Martin McKee (MM)
       Willy Palm (WP)
       Matthias Wismar (MW)

   1.2. DG SANTE
       Balazs Lengyel (BL)

   1.3. DG ECFIN
       Christoph Schwiertz (CS)

   1.3. Secretariat
       Takis Daskaleros (TD)
       Jan Muyldermans (JM)

2. Welcome and apologies
   LL opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. All members were present.

3. Adoption of the draft agenda
   The agenda was adopted without modifications.

4. Declarations of interest
   No new declarations were made.

5. On-going work on the opinion
   The meeting discussed the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the mandate.
   On point 1 (Identification of areas of Cross Border Cooperation (CBC)), the meeting noted that CBC can mean different things. This will be addressed in the opinion.
On point 2 (Benefits and obstacles), the meeting noted that, with a multiplicity of actors, the assessment of the benefits and obstacles of CBC will need to be done carefully.

A tentative structure of the opinion will be drafted and discussed at the next WG meeting (9 February 2015).