Meeting of the Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health

Minutes

Brussels, 5 September 2018

2nd Working group meeting on Assessing the impact of digital transformation of health services

Audio conference
Wednesday 5 September 2018, 09:30 –11:30H CET

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved without changes.

2. Nature of the meeting

The 2nd working group meeting on Assessing the impact of digital transformation of health services took place on 5 September 2018. The meeting, which was chaired by Pedro Pita Barros, was a non-public meeting. Margaret Barry, Ales Bourek, Walter Ricciardi, Luigi Siciliani and Claudia Wild sent apologies.

No declarations of interest that could in any way interfere with the topic discussed were submitted by any WG member.

3. List of points discussed

Reporting of ongoing work:

The aim of this WG meeting was to discuss the draft Opinion, which was circulated amongst the WG members in advance, to discuss what was still needed. The Chair invited the participants to give their first impression of the draft and highlight any specific points they felt were important at this stage.

The Chair guided the detailed discussion of the draft. The participants commented on each section and suggested improvements and additions. The following additions were considered:

- resilience, and market power and competition
- check list for governments
- fiscal issues

The structure of the document is already well advanced. The members pointed out the following, amongst other things:

- Several sections would benefit from more examples, although due to the fact that examples can outdate quickly, it was also suggested to stay as generic as possible
- Consider which frameworks to be included and add examples
- Revise structure of/reorganise certain sections
- Consider adding a short introduction and conclusion to sections
- Consider using tables whenever possible

4. Conclusion

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the valuable discussion to move forward with the mandate. The WG members divided the tasks to expand the current draft text in order to have a more advanced version of the opinion ready for the next WG meeting. All people present were asked to have a look at the tables already included at the end of the draft version and suggest concrete modifications or provide supplementation (expansion) of the tables.

5. Next meeting

The date of the next working group meeting is to be confirmed.

6. List of participants

Members

BARRY Margaret (MB) (Apologies)
BOUREK Ales (AB) (Apologies)
BROUWER Werner (WB)
LEHTONEN Lasse (LL)
RICCIARDI Walter (WR) (Apologies)
MURAUSKIENE Liubove (LM)
PITA BARROS Pedro (PPB)
SICILIANI Luigi (LS) (Apologies)
WILD Claudia (CW) (Apologies)

EXTERNAL

KOCH Sabine (SK)
SARANTO Kaija (KS)

DG SANTE

KONTINEN Päivi (PK)
LIM Roger (RL)