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**TASK FORCE ON THE FUTURE OF THE BRIDGE-HEALTH PROJECT AND PREPARING A
POSSIBLE PROPOSAL FOR SETTING-UP A EUROPEAN RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE
CONSORTIUM ON HEALTH INFORMATION**

Mandate

Introduction

The mandate of the Task Force comprises two key areas. Firstly, it will cooperate with the BRIDGE-Health project which will be financed under the EU Health Programme for 30 months, starting in 2015. Secondly, as stated in the work plan for 2014 of the Health Programme and as agreed by the Expert Group on Health Information, the Task Force will support the preparatory work on the setting up of a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) on Health Information, or alternative solutions, in close liaison with the BRIDGE-Health project.

Objectives

The key objective will be to guide the discussions and consultations on the scope, tasks and activities as well as governance structure of a possible future ERIC on Health Information, or alternative solutions. The preparatory work is targeted at improving the inter-linking of existing projects on health information at the EU level with the aim of integrating them into a future research infrastructure as a sustainable framework in the field.

Participation

The Task Force is composed of representatives of the EU Member States, representatives of EU projects relevant for health information and the European Commission. It appoints a chairperson amongst its members. The Commission will provide the secretariat for the Task Force.

Meetings

The Task Force will hold minimum two meetings per year. Additional meetings will be organised if needed. The meetings can be held in the Member States or at the European Commission premises or they can be audio/video meetings.

Deliverables

The expected output is a concept paper for a consultation of the EGHI, to be based on a draft developed by the BRIDGE-Health project. This concept paper would serve as a draft agreement between interested Member States, candidate and EEA/EFTA countries and international organisations on submitting an application for an ERIC on Health Information to the European Commission, or to find alternative solutions.