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### Activity Plan on eHealth during the Swedish Presidency of the EU

#### **Presidency Report “eHealth for a Healthier Europe”**

The Swedish Presidency of the EU presents a report on eHealth that demonstrates the connection between political goals, eHealth technologies and potential benefits in order to introduce an approach for facilitating decision-making when prioritising investments in eHealth. The study was conducted by Gartner during the period December 2008 – May 2009 in six EU Member States: the Czech Republic, France, the Netherlands, Sweden, Spain and the United Kingdom.

*The report aims to:*

- provide concrete examples of how to work with a benefit model to analyse how political goals can be realised through eHealth
- visualize and quantify fact-based benefits of continued implementation of eHealth in the EU
- give support for prioritisation of eHealth initiatives
- create a stepping stone for further work.

The increased understanding of how improvements in healthcare can be supported by technology and how these technologies are connected to political goals, was accomplished by using a new benefit model in which results of a continued implementation of technologies are calculated based on the current medical and technology status in the participating Member States.

#### **Council Conclusions on eHealth**

The main objective for the adoption of Council Conclusions is to create a political mandate for a stronger co-operation on eHealth and provide clear guidance for eHealth co-operation at expert level. Furthermore, they aim to raise awareness at political level on how modern technology can be used to facilitate healthcare reform programs.

**Informal preparatory workshops at expert level (March-June)**

At the first informal meeting at high-level in Prague on 18 February the CZ, SE and ES Presidencies were mandated to bring the outcomes of the meeting forward. The main objective is to identify topics for future co-operation and make a proposal for a suitable institutional form for this process based on the statements from Member State delegations in Prague.

In order to define the scope of the new EU eHealth Governance mechanism and explore the available options for how to organise it in the best possible way, informal workshops at expert level have been arranged and discussions with the European Commission (SANCO and INFSO) have been initiated. Two workshops in March and June have been carried out.

**Informal EPSCO Council (6-7 July)**

Swedish Minister for Health Mr. Göran Hägglund will make a statement on recent developments in the field of eHealth at EU level, mentioning the epSOS Large Scale Pilot and give a briefing on the results of the Presidency Report on eHealth. The Minister will then invite colleagues and delegations to visit a small exhibition where state of the art eHealth solutions can be tested in order to provide Ministers and delegations with a hands-on experience of what eHealth has to offer for modern healthcare.

**Council Working Group meetings (July-September)**

Formal negotiations of Council Conclusions on eHealth is scheduled for 10 and 24 July and 9 September in the Council Working Group for Public Health

**Second informal meeting of high-level representatives (October)**

A follow-up of the Prague meeting at State Secretary Level, where the outcome of the preparatory work at expert level will be presented and approved. The planned focus is to decide on the preferred option for a co-operative mechanism and explore the ambitions for Member State participation in the upcoming work. To be held in Stockholm, date TBC.

**Ministerial Conference on eGovernment (18-20 November)**

eHealth and Inclusive eGovernment will be presented as examples on how health and social care can be made more patient centred, accessible and safe by using modern information and communication technology. Swedish Minister of Health Mr. Göran Hägglund will participate in a plenary session with focus on eServices supporting patient mobility. Swedish Minister for Social Services Mrs. Maria Larsson will participate in parallel session on Inclusive eGovernment focusing on accessibility issues related to ICT. Parallel activities related to epSOS is planned in Malmö and Copenhagen.

**Formal EPSCO Council (1 December)**

Adoption of Council Conclusions on eHealth.