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Workshop recommendations on ehealth interoperability

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Starting Point

- ▶ (Mobile) European citizens should be able to receive medical treatment based on their medical history throughout Europe.
- ▶ Patient related electronic data must be usable at the site of healthcare provision regardless of where it is provided .
- ▶ The implementation of eHealth services like EHR data on cards and/or on secure servers may create new borders, preventing EU-wide access to these data.

Elements for an IOP action plan

- ▶ **Create a legally binding eHealth Interoperability Charter,**
 - supported by a High Level European eHealth Interoperability Group,
 - defining rules and obligations for setting-up organisational and operational mechanisms for IOP implementation.

eHealth Interoperability Charter

Elements ...

- ▶ foster competitive co-operation of national healthcare systems by
 - by e.g. protecting national investments in eHealth and
 - supporting national implementations (as is done since quite a while in European research networks)
- ▶ minimise, in future eHealth implementations, what could prevent interoperability
 - open existing and upcoming eHealth implementations in order to enable future interoperability.

Elements ...

- ▶ **Interoperability working groups** should be set-up **with representatives** of those organisations in charge of eHealth implementation in each Member State and **mandated by the relevant authorities.**
- ▶ A **European directory** of public/private/non-governmental organisations involved in regional/national eHealth implementation should be created and maintained up-to-date .

Role of Incentives ...

- ▶ Cross border interoperability should be made attractive and set as a requirement.
- ▶ The Return on Investment (ROI) and the economical impact of implementing interoperable/standard solutions in eHealth should be assessed; more broadly, the ROI of eHealth applications should also be assessed.