



## EHTELCONNECT

# Finding your shortcuts to eHealth knowledge

### *Vision on eHealth*

- ▶ eHealth is a cooperative process that intensifies and changes the interactions of stakeholders in health and social care for the purpose of improving Continuity of Care and Patient Safety.
- ▶ eHealth is a tool to ensure information, choice and empowerment, as requested by European consumers and patients.
- ▶ eHealth must comprise multiple communication channels for ensuring equal access to services and their ubiquity.

### Connect yourself at

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### *EHTELCONNECT is for you ..*

- ◆ EHTEL Members look already outside their own context but finding time for this is difficult
- ◆ EHTEL Members look already at ways forward in a changing situation where the old compartments are moving and breaking down.
- ◆ EHTEL Members know how complex healthcare is and how increasing demands on shrinking resources are making this worse.
- ◆ EHTEL Members are interested in the eHealth community and in healthcare.
- ◆ EHTEL Member have an interest in improving quality, access, effectiveness for those delivering and receiving care.

*Now you will have EHTELCONNECT to help you even more:* to simplify access to information, experience and people across the eHealth domain; to understand how other are adapting, to help find similar interests, to find people and organisations you can exchange ideas and work with; to help you navigate the complexity, find others who are working on aspects of this that are of specific interest to you; to help you develop and broaden this interest both for your organisation and for your own personal development; to help you to find ways to make a difference.

### *EHTEL, a community to join*

- ◆ If you want to know more about eHealth, what it is, what it does, who is doing it, how can it work for you,
- ◆ If you want to meet, talk with, collaborate with, work with, learn from others in your grouping, other groups, countries, industry, the influencers, the policy makers, .....
- ◆ If you want to help your organisation, your colleagues to know more about what eHealth can do for you.

**"You should talk to the people at EHTEL about why and how EHTELCONNECT is the vehicle for you".**

**"EHTEL also needs your help to populate, to make use of, and to provide feedback about current facilities, new areas of interest and links to others for EHTELCONNECT"**

- ▶ [membership@ehtel.eu](mailto:membership@ehtel.eu)



## A networking platform

EHTELCONNECT looks at eHealth in a similar way that the Internet providers look at the global market for information but in a very specific healthcare related way. It will have its equivalents for Google (source of information), FaceBook (means of connection and dialogue) building on EHTEL's experience of more than ten years in eHealth, and its access through its members to information about who why what where and when for eHealth.

The audience is everyone who has an interest in how eHealth can help improve quality, access and equity in healthcare in the face of the challenges we face; or indeed people who are looking for ways to improve their current delivery. The link will be through EHTEL members and we aim to broaden this church as widely as possible to ensure inclusive access to understanding, considering and deploying eHealth.

EHTELCONNECT will benefit to everyone who finds ways to use eHealth – patients, citizens, clinicians, HCPs, managers, insurers, health ministries in regions and member states – not in isolation but in informed collaboration with others who are also part of the care continuum.

## EHTELCONNECT Agenda

EHTELCONNECT will be launched as a service to existing members in spring 2011 building on information assets that EHTEL already owns or has access to. As the service develops it will start to provide new services for members and as a specific encouragement for new members to join the EHTEL community to take advantage of the added value provided by EHTELCONNECT. The next step is to generate input about new services which are required or which have been identified on the basis of the basic EHTELCONNECT services.

EHTELCONNECT already includes:

- ◆ Information about existing Members available with specific information about staff which has been provided by the Member;
- ◆ Information to support the staff within the Member organisations;
- ◆ A calendar of events in the eHealth and related fields;
- ◆ Opportunities for EHTEL Members to participate in, attend, speak at or otherwise engage in eHealth conferences and events.

In parallel, EHTELCONNECT will work on starting a series of Webinar opportunities, networking events and customised workshops and during 2011 will look to invest in information sharing / knowledge development across the eHealth continuum, a document repository and search facilities, newsletter and other external items, project partner search capabilities and topical research and briefing papers.

## Living Community

Over the years, EHTEL has been supporting patients, health professionals, health insurers and industry representatives to actively contribute to CALLIOPE and the preparation of the eHealth Governance Initiative (eHGI) which supports Member States to deploy eHealth, e.g. on the basis of a European roadmap for implementing interoperable eHealth solutions.

EHTEL has gathered members from all stakeholder groups to share views and experiences about needs and enablers for telehealth services and support for chronic diseased persons.

EHTEL works with the European Commission and in European projects such as the Telemedicine Large Scale Pilot and Evaluation Project "RENEWING HeALTH" enabling them to interact with, and making them known, by a large and multi-stakeholder public.

Using the expertise of its staff and Members, EHTEL has been investigating topics such as ID Management, ePrescribing, Telemedicine and Disease Management, Ethics, Patients and Citizens expectations and rights towards eHealth. These were the basis for multi-stakeholder activities and briefing papers.

EHTEL expertise has also been used to organise and support various knowledge-sharing activities, peer reviews of project and action plans, and supporting eHealth leadership education.

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