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Topic 4: mHealth Green paper – *for information*

Issue at stake

The European Commission adopted the mHealth Green Paper on 10 April 2014. With the Green Paper the Commission is launching a public consultation on the Green Paper on mobile health, inviting comments from stakeholders on the barriers and issues related to the use of mHealth until 3rd of July

Summary of document

The Green Paper on mHealth notes that mHealth services has the possibility to create a triple win:

- putting the patient in control, giving greater independence, and helping to prevent health problems;
- make a more efficient healthcare system, with vast potential for cost-savings;
- create huge opportunities for innovative services, start-ups and the app economy;

With the consultation process the Commission asking for help in finding ways to enhance the health and wellbeing of Europeans with the use of mobile devices

The Green Paper is accompanied by a Staff Working Document on the existing EU legal framework applicable to lifestyle and wellbeing apps, aiming at providing simple guidance to app developers on EU legislation in the field.

Please note that due to the size of both documents, the papers are not attached to the agenda. The documents can however be found online at: <http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/public-consultation-green-paper-mobile-health>

Format of procedure in the eHN

Paul Timmers, Director of the Sustainable & Secure Society Directorate in DG CONNECT, will inform the eHealth Network about the Green Paper on mHealth. The eHealth Network will have the possibility to ask questions afterwards.

Member States and stakeholders are encouraged to distribute the Green Paper and provide input during the consultation process.