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Draft opinion
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eHealth Action Plan 2012-2020: Innovative healthcare for the 21st century
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Amendment 1
Antonya Parvanova

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

1. Welcomes this eHealth Action Plan 2014-2020, which updates the *previous* Action Plan by putting in place further actions, especially as regards improving access to health services and ensuring greater equality among European citizens;

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 2
Constance Le Grip

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

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Amendment

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Or. fr

Amendment 3
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1a. Perceives the increasing possibilities for personalised healthcare as one of the most important opportunities of the eHealth; where the medical records of the patient can be automatically stored in electronic form, are non-dependant on the location of the patient and accessible only by the patient himself with a personalised ID;

Or. en

**Amendment 4
Sirpa Pietikäinen**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

1b. Welcomes the Commission's intentions to propose an eHealth Interoperability Framework by 2015 and sees it as a very important step towards patient empowerment in eHealth; sees important to include in that Framework the creation of standardised reporting in medical records as well as the support towards the development of medical devices with the feature of automatic electronic storage of medical records;

Or. en

**Amendment 5
Sirpa Pietikäinen**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

1c. Stresses the need to endorse the wide concept of eHealth, including all stakeholders such as doctors, specialists, patients, pharmacies, nurses and other health care professionals;

Or. en

**Amendment 6
Sirpa Pietikäinen**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Sees the need to widely involve patients and patient organisations in developing eHealth at EU level in the future, keeping in mind that the patients should have the possibility to view, use and consult the information on their health;

Or. en

**Amendment 7
María Irigoyen Pérez**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

2a. Deplores the fact that budgetary adjustments have led to harsh cuts in health resources, including a reduction in healthcare staff, at a time when the demands on health services are increasing and medical cases linked to the crisis are on the up;

Amendment 8
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2b. Calls for the Commission also to take a significant role in getting different stakeholders together to share best practices; calls for the Commission to have special focus on its central role in supporting the share of best practices on rare diseases;

Or. en

Amendment 9
María Irigoyen Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

Amendment

3. Stresses that not all citizens and health practitioners have the opportunity to use IT tools or the necessary skills, and that those concerned should therefore be offered suitably adapted assistance and training, to be available throughout the Union, in order to help them develop their digital skills and thus fully exploit the benefits of eHealth services while not increasing social or territorial inequalities;

3. Stresses that not all citizens and health practitioners have the opportunity to use IT tools or the necessary skills, and that those concerned should therefore be offered suitably adapted assistance and training, to be available throughout the Union, in order to help them develop their digital skills and thus fully exploit the benefits of eHealth services while not increasing social or territorial inequalities; ***stresses the need for the training curricula for health practitioners to include digital health training;***

Or. es

Amendment 10
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Stresses that not all citizens and health practitioners have the opportunity to use IT tools or the necessary skills, and that those concerned should therefore be offered suitably adapted assistance and training, to be available throughout the Union, in order to help them develop their digital skills and thus fully exploit the benefits of eHealth services while not increasing social or territorial inequalities;

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Or. en

Amendment 11
Antonyia Parvanova

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Amendment

3. Stresses ***on the need for suitably adapted assistance and training, to be available throughout the Union in order to fully exploit the benefits of eHealth services while not increasing social or territorial inequalities. Such*** assistance and training ***should focus on:***

1) training on use of IT tools, upgrading the necessary skills for healthcare professionals;

2) IT literacy and awareness of the eHealth services for patients at national and cross-border levels, with a specific emphasis on social and territorial inequalities;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Adam Bielan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

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Amendment

3. Stresses that not all citizens and health practitioners have the opportunity to use IT tools or the necessary skills, and that those concerned should therefore be offered suitably adapted assistance, **information** and training, to be available throughout the Union, in order to help them develop their digital skills and thus fully exploit the benefits of eHealth services while not increasing social or territorial inequalities;

Or. pl

Amendment 13
Juozas Imbrasas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3a. Is convinced that health literacy of patients, encouraging them to monitor and measure their health, to understand and control their health data and to

eliminate the prevailing unequal specialist-patient relationship, is a crucial factor needed to improve quality of health services, increase transparency of health institutions, fight corruption and to ensure that patients allow re-use of their data for creating new knowledge;

Or. en

Amendment 14
Rolandas Paksas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

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Or. en

Amendment 15
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

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Amendment

4. Emphasises the need to guarantee SMEs appropriate support in order to ensure a level playing field in the eHealth sector and boost SMEs' market access in this domain;

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underlines the fact that innovations in the field of eHealth create business opportunities and contribute to future growth;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Antonya Parvanova

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 17
Antonya Parvanova

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. Recall the need for the future eHealth Action Plan to guarantee the following key principles:

- optimising healthcare spending in times of economic crisis;

- strengthening and promoting applications and solutions for market development;

- ensuring the interoperability of healthcare and hospitals information

systems.

Or. en

Amendment 18
Antonya Parvanova

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses the importance of maintaining a human dimension in healthcare, especially in the context of an ageing population and the consequent frequent difficulty in distinguishing the medical from the social;

Amendment

5. Stresses the importance of maintaining a human ***and patient-centred*** dimension in healthcare, especially in the context of an ageing population and the consequent frequent difficulty in distinguishing the medical from the social;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Adam Bielan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Stresses the importance of maintaining a human dimension in healthcare, especially in the context of an ageing population and the consequent frequent difficulty in distinguishing the medical from the social;

Amendment

5. Calls on the Member States to take account of eHealth services in existing medical systems; stresses the importance of maintaining a human dimension in healthcare, especially in the context of an ageing population and the consequent frequent difficulty in distinguishing the medical from the social;

Or. pl

Amendment 20
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses that citizens' confidence is essential for both domestic and crossborder eHealth services; emphasises the need to comply with the rules on personal data protection, since this is an essential prerequisite for the protection of citizens, for patients' trust in eHealth services, and for the proper functioning and increased use of electronic communications in the health sector;

Amendment

6. Stresses that citizens' confidence is essential for both domestic and crossborder eHealth services; emphasises the need to comply with the rules on personal data protection, since this is an essential prerequisite for the protection of citizens, for patients' trust in eHealth services, and for the proper functioning and increased use of electronic communications in the health sector; ***enhances that the data protection measures should be developed towards strong individual protection, however in a way that do not hinder the future health research;***

Or. en

Amendment 21
Antonya Parvanova

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Stresses that citizens' confidence is essential for both domestic and crossborder eHealth services; emphasises the need to comply with the rules on personal data protection, since this is an essential prerequisite for the protection of citizens, for patients' trust in eHealth services, and for the proper functioning and increased use of electronic communications in the ***health*** sector;

Amendment

6. Stresses that citizens' confidence is essential for both domestic and crossborder eHealth services; emphasises the need to comply with the rules on ***privacy and*** personal data protection, since this is an essential prerequisite for the protection of citizens, for patients' trust in eHealth services, and for the proper functioning and increased use of ***safe, secured and interoperable*** electronic communications ***and data storage systems, such as cloud computing,*** in the ***healthcare*** sector;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Juozas Imbrasas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

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Amendment

6. *Calls on Member States and the Commission to take an urgent action to create a coherent legal framework to manage different types of health data and their use; the rapid success of social networking tools show that individuals willingly share personal information and are not always aware of the implications of their decisions, while the terms and conditions of the new applications and tools collecting data are set by providers, often without adequate safeguards and protection;* stresses that citizens' confidence is essential for both domestic and crossborder eHealth services; emphasises the need to comply with the rules on personal data protection, since this is an essential prerequisite for the protection of citizens, for patients' trust in eHealth services, and for the proper functioning and increased use of electronic communications in the health sector; ***sensitive data, in particular medical data, must be protected from hacking, leaks, privacy breaches and other forms of abuse;***

Or. en

Amendment 23
Rolandas Paksas

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

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Or. en

Amendment 24
Antonyia Parvanova

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Call on the Commission and Member States to further cooperate in order to ensure healthcare professionals liability at national and cross-border levels;

Or. en

Amendment 25
María Irigoyen Pérez

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6a. Emphasises the importance of strengthening the role of health practitioners and patients in the implementation of the eHealth Action Plan and calls for Member States to share experience and best practice;

Or. es

Amendment 26
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to publish ***an annual*** review of progress in the implementation of the eHealth Action Plan in the individual Member States, showing how this tool has been innovatively modified in order to provide citizens with efficient healthcare systems and, accordingly, set effective indicators to measure the success and impact of the actions planned.

7. Calls on the Commission to publish ***every other year a*** review of progress in the implementation of the eHealth Action Plan in the individual Member States, showing how this tool has been innovatively modified in order to provide citizens with efficient healthcare systems and, accordingly, set effective indicators to measure the success and impact of the actions planned.

Or. en

Amendment 27
Adam Bielan

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

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7. Calls on the Commission to publish an annual review of progress in the implementation of the eHealth Action Plan in the individual Member States, showing how this tool has been innovatively modified in order to provide citizens with efficient healthcare systems and, accordingly, set effective indicators to measure the **success** and impact of the actions planned.

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to publish an annual review of progress in the implementation of the eHealth Action Plan in the individual Member States, showing how this tool has been innovatively modified in order to provide citizens with **high-quality**, efficient healthcare systems and, accordingly, set effective indicators to measure the **progress** and impact of the actions planned.

Or. pl

Amendment 28
Antonya Parvanova

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Calls on the Commission to publish an annual review of progress in the implementation of the eHealth Action Plan in the individual Member States, showing how this tool has been innovatively modified in order to provide citizens with efficient healthcare systems and, accordingly, set effective indicators to measure the success and impact of the actions planned.

Amendment

7. Calls on the Commission to publish an annual review of progress in the implementation of the eHealth Action Plan in the individual Member States, showing how this tool has been innovatively modified in order to provide citizens with efficient healthcare systems and, accordingly; set effective indicators **at national and EU levels** to measure the success and impact of the actions planned, **paying particular attention to potential discrimination or access inequalities that could affect consumers and patients.**

Or. en