Dear colleagues,

Last Friday 23/11, [REDACTED] and I met with [REDACTED] of European Connected Health Alliance (ECHA).

The meeting was held at the request of [REDACTED], who wanted to hear about the activities of Unit B1 and to discuss possible cooperation between B1 and ECHA.

A debrief is provided below.

• [REDACTED] explained how ECHA and its ecosystems function, how they connect Health Authorities and Economic Departments from government, researchers and industry with a view to supporting the deployment of innovative solutions for healthcare, mainly digital ones. ECHA is currently supporting 32 ecosystems of this type.

• [REDACTED] mentioned the Digital Health Society (DHS) initiative, which started during the EE Presidency. Work on DHS activities has continued during the AT Presidency and will continue in the RO Presidency too. RO has significant ERDF allocation for eHealth deployment.

• As a next step, ECHA is involved in the launch of a new initiative, the 100 Million Lives Data, during the RO Presidency.

• [REDACTED] indicated that the work of B1 is not known to the ECHA ecosystems. ECHA can help disseminate SANTE’s work to its community; and B1 is welcome to attend ecosystem meetings.

• ECHA can disseminate tools and good practices in health system transformation to its ecosystems and is keen to see the EC joining some dots. For instance, in developing use cases for High Performance Computing in the area of health data.

• B1 emphasised the need to strengthen the message that digital health is part of the essential transformation of health systems to achieve universal health coverage. B1 would be keen to disseminate work to ECHA’s ecosystems, such as the opinion of SANTE’s Expert Panel on the impact of digital solutions.

Best regards,