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Subject: debrief from meeting with ECHA, 20th September
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Dear all,

Last Wednesday 20/9, [REDACTED] and I met with [REDACTED] of European Connected Health Alliance.

The meeting was held at the request of [REDACTED], who wanted to discuss primarily about the Digital Health Society Declaration, as well as possible cooperation between ECHA and DG SANTE, and the Investment Plan for Europe.

Please see the debrief below, in particular the first and last bullet point. I will contact EIB to see if they are keen to accept the invitation from the EE Presidency.

Best regards,

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- [REDACTED] explained first how ECHA and its ecosystems function, how they connect stakeholders and support the transfer of innovative practices (example: the Medicines Optimisation Programme which was initiated in Northern Ireland has been transferred to ecosystems in Scotland, Ireland and Poland). ECHA is willing to disseminate SANTE's work to its ecosystems and collaboration networks; and can even source intelligence from the ground on topics of interest to SANTE.
 - [REDACTED] mentioned that ECHA is supporting the EE Presidency's work on the Digital Health Society (DHS). EE believes that the DHS can be a legacy of their Presidency, setting a momentum for increasing the deployment of digital health solutions. More than 200 contributions were submitted to the DHS consultation in the summer and more than 100 organisations (such as health insurers and stakeholder associations) have signed-up to support it. Four Task forces have been formed to work on issues such as interoperability and standards for telehealth, procurement of interoperable solutions, citizen-controlled data governance, and change management in healthcare organisations. A webinar on the DHS is organised on 02/10 and a DHS Declaration will be presented at the EE Presidency conference in Tallinn on 16-18/10. It will be accompanied by an Implementation Plan to which stakeholders will sign-up. The DHS Task Forces will organise workshops on practical implementation issues at the Tallinn conference.
 - The EE Presidency and ECHA are expecting to see how the Commission will react to the DHS: e.g., does the Commission have any interest in the DHS? How could the DHS be of value and use to the implementation of digital health in Member States?
 - The EE Presidency and ECHA will provide SANTE with up-to-date material on the DHS by the end of September, so that SANTE can brief Csr Andriukaitis and DG Xavier Prats Monne accordingly.
 - [REDACTED] mentioned that the EE Presidency invited EIB and EIF to speak about the Investment Plan for Europe at the eHealth conference in Tallinn. ECHA sees this as a follow-up opportunity to SANTE's investment seminar of February 2017. There is no response from EIB/EIF so far and ECHA asked if SANTE can contact EIB/EIF to explain better the context of the Tallinn conference and assess EIB's interest to participate. SANTE will follow up on this. ECHA is also interested in inviting EIB/EIF to present the Investment Plan to ECHA's ecosystems.