

NETC@RDS for eEHIC Mid Term Workshop:

Deploying eEHIC services for borderless healthcare in Europe



Thursday - April 2, 2009 / 14:00 – 17:30

MEDeTEL - Forum

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Programme

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| 14:00 – 14:05 | Welcome and introduction <i>Chair: Roberto Zuffada, Regione Lombardia</i> |
| 14:05 - 14:20 | Keynote Speaker <i>Milan Cabrnoc, European Parliament (TBC)</i> |
| 14:20 – 14:30 | The NETC@RDS contribution to the access to cross-border healthcare in the EU <i>Pascal Collotte, European Commission, DG Infso</i> |
| 14:30 – 14:45 | The NETC@RDS service deployment <i>Noël Nader, NETC@RDS Project Coordinator, GIE SESAM-VITALE</i> |
| 14:45 – 15:15 | The reference market: users and industry <i>Line Kleinebreil, AP-HP - Georges Pompidou Hospital</i> <i>Rainer Baudermann, AOK Baden-Württemberg</i> <i>Stefane Mouille, GEMALTO</i> |
| 15:15 – 15:35 | The technology challenge <i>Guillaume Afalo, GIE SESAM-VITALE</i> <i>Hajo Bickenbach CEN WS eEHIC (TBC)</i> |
| Break | |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | Round Table and Conclusion <i>Borderless healthcare: from strategies to practices</i> <i>Chair: Marjan Suselj, ZZS</i> <i>Participants:</i> <i>Paola Di Martino, Italian Ministry of Welfare, Health and Social Policies</i> <i>Andreas Grode, CASSTM Ad hoc Group eEHIC</i> <i>Eric Bruyneel, TESS Liaison Office (TBC)</i> <i>Fredrik Linden, SALAR, epSOS Project Coordinator</i> <i>Patrick Fortuit, French Council of Pharmacists, HPROCard Project Coordinator</i> <i>Noël Nader, GIE SESAM-VITALE, NETC@RDS Project Coordinator</i> <i>George Pangalos, University of Thessaloniki, NETC@RDS Project</i> <i>Nadine Fouques-Weiss, General Practitioner</i> |

Background and Rationale

"NETC@RDS for eEHIC" is a EU co-funded project aimed at achieving the initial deployment of an online service for the electronic European Health Insurance Card (eEHIC) enabling easier access to healthcare for European citizens on temporary stays in any other EU country.

In the awareness of eHealth bringing increased quality and effectiveness of services for individuals, providers and statutory organisations, the NETC@RDS long term initiative is meant to improve access to healthcare systems in the different European regions contributing to the implementation of cross-border care and continuity of care. Started in 2002, the project has developed an ICT solution now deployed and functioning through service facilities (hospitals, ambulatories care, GPs offices, pharmacies) to access necessary healthcare for European citizens who provide evidence of entitlement.

The existing service, already successfully tested during a market validation phase in 85 pilots across 10 EU Member States, has been progressively extended to up to 16 European countries: Austria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Liechtenstein, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland. Actually the service is composed of three basic elements: i) health practitioner authentication based on certificates and patient identification based on the EHIC common set of data elements; ii) in some case, on-line card authentication and/or verification of entitlement rights via national portals in the frame of a Multilateral Agreement; iii) minimal data provision contributing to back office e-billing reconciliations.

The NETC@RDS has now entered into its deployment phase. The Mid-Term Workshop is intended to present the project application matured, validated and now deployed through the service sites opening a wide discussion on: policy and legal related aspects, service potential market dimension, and effectiveness of the proposed ICT solution in view of the interoperability of the eEHIC as forthcoming challenge for borderless care in Europe.

It is recognised that the central positioning of the project is to serve as an experimental test bed for the electrification of the EHIC and its results are now proposed for consideration by European regulatory bodies. In this framework, communication with EU/EFTA working bodies (i.e. CASSTM Ad hoc Group eEHIC, CEN WS eEHIC) is moving towards a relevant cooperation at European and national level. In addition, more perspectives will be raised in the light of the decision of the NETC@RDS partners to include the developed services in the EESSI (Electronic Exchange of Social Security Information) framework, aimed at ensuring that Member States exchange data electronically once they adopt the new European Regulation 883/04 coordinating social security. Finally a number of regional, national and trans-European projects and initiatives addressing borderless healthcare – namely epSOS, HPROCard, TEN4Health – are actually being implemented in Europe. These call for a strategic view of the theme and a more effective and synergic coordination amongst them.

In the light of the cooperation between the two projects, the NETC@RDS partners invite the interested parties to attend the TEN4Health workshop at MEDeTEL in the morning of the April 2.

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