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Subject **INVITATION TO JOIN THE OPEN EHEALTH INITIATIVE**
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The Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of Finland has been asked to express its interest to join the open eHealth initiative and prepare a proposal for the eHealth Pilot of the CIP with other countries.

From our point of view, the large scale pilot is very interesting for us, because we are doing similar things at the national level. The implementation of our national EHR project will be very challenging during the next years. Due to that it seems that we are not able to allocate much resources to join any cross-boarder pilot project in practical level.

However, we have done a lot of work with patient summaries, emergency data set and ePrescription and are willing to share our experiences and solutions with other countries. Therefore, we propose that Finland should be a member of the network that will define and prepare pilot projects. We emphasize the importance of open discuss with the pilot countries. The role of the pilot countries should be to carry out "the common European will" (within their own national limits, of course). The open participation in the discussing network should need the support from the Commission (steering system, secretariat, reimbursement of travel expenses, information etc.)

Unfortunately, all our national experts are already fully booked in the coming next weeks and, therefore, Finland is not able to attend the meetings in June.

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