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European Knowledge Tree Group for eHealth

Dear <<First Name>>

Welcome to our second Newsletter.

The UK Referendum outcome. What does this mean for us all?

The EKTG Leadership Group has discussed the implications for the EKTG of the result of the UK Referendum on remaining or leaving the EU, held on 23rd June. EKTG is a group which encourages European eHealth and Assistive Technology collaboration, not only in Europe but also between Europe and other parts of the World. Consequently, the implications of the result are important.

The UK will remain in the EU until the process of leaving is completed. This will take a number of years and it is, therefore, sensible to keep our options open until more detail is known

In the meantime, we plan to continue to work closely with colleagues throughout the EU and beyond. Cross-border and cross-cultural scientific research and development is essential for the benefit of European citizens as populations age.

If you want to know more about us you can download a document that outlines the *background and history of EKTG*.

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EKTG Sessions at the AAL Forum - 26-28 September 2016

EKTG Group for eHealth will be participating in the 2016 AAL Forum running Sessions on Tuesday 27 and Weds 28 entitled 'Technology to assist better living - time to create awareness for both professionals and citizens alike'.
Session 1 - Debate on the need for better awareness and understanding.
Session 2 - Plan future work.

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Venue: St Gallen, Switzerland

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Improving the health of our society: the growing role for eHealth services

The next EKTG Symposium will be at the House of Lords on Oct 25th from 09.00-13.30.
This will follow on form the AAL Forum Sessions discussing plans
for implementation in the UK and beyond. This is an invitation only event so if you are keen
to attend please email M.Ellis1@lse.ac.uk

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Changes in DG CONNECT

Many of us work with DG CONNECT, Recently there have been some major changes

within the officials undertaking responsibility for particular sections. There is

a great amount of detail on the DG CONNECT EU Website: DG CONNECT - Digital

Single Market - European Commission

So familiar names may have different titles like:

Paul Timmers, is now Director Digital Society, Trust and Security,

Peteris Zilgalvis, is now Head of Unit, Startups and Innovation, Digital Single Market

Directorate.

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i~HD has released **12 short interviews** with European experts and patient
representatives. Interviewees explain the importance of using health data to enable for
high quality health care and research, and the importance of public trust and
understanding of how their data can be used securely whilst protecting their individual
privacy.

The presentation slides and videos from their March 2016 Inaugural Conference are also
available on the **i~HD** web site. Over 200 participants attended that Paris event, including
healthcare providers from across Europe, representatives of the pharmaceutical industry,
patient associations, health professional associations, the health ICT industry and
standards bodies.

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Centre for Ageing Better commissions review on inequalities in later life

The Centre for Ageing Better has commissioned Newcastle University Institute for Ageing

how people experience later life. The findings will help Ageing Better to ensure its work supports those who are most at risk of missing out on a good later life.

See their website for more details.

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How to deliver better healthcare across Europe: seven 'Vital Signs' of a healthy health economy

Health systems in Europe are diverse, the result of history, culture and the economic and political environment in which they operate. They range from predominantly single-payer systems, such as the UK and Spain, which tend to spend a lower amount of their resources on healthcare; to systems of competing insurers and providers such as Germany and the Netherlands, which are two of Europe's highest spenders on healthcare. Understanding what makes an effective healthcare system is quite challenging.

The Deloitte Centre for Health Solutions' recent report, Vital Signs- How to deliver better healthcare across Europe, explores the performance of six European countries - Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain and the UK, to try and understand how they tackle common health and care challenges.

The Report can be downloaded here.

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Closing the Telehealth Gap

Avizia is pleased to share a new research report focusing on how hundreds of healthcare leaders are using telehealth today, and where they want to take it in the future. You can access the free Closing the Telehealth Gap research report here.

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Working closer with the financial services sector

Useful data on the value of early intervention and rehabilitation services alongside financial products continue to emerge. The findings provide a strong case for increasing access to these services, particularly if the number of people with individual policies or members of employer schemes increases. This should occur as the responsibility for financial provision increasingly moves from the State to the citizen.

services complement and enhance financial products to the benefit of the citizen. This can be [downloaded here.](#)

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HealthIT.gov

[This website](#) is a useful resource, bringing together a wide range of initiatives and activities found in the USA - for example some [very interesting videos](#) showing the rights of people to have access to their medical records. The [Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology](#) (ONC) is at the forefront of the administration's health IT efforts and is a resource to the entire health system to support the adoption of health information technology and the promotion of nationwide health information exchange to improve health care.

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The **Winter EKTG Newsletter** will include similar material. If you would like to suggest material for the next Newsletter please email R.Summers@lboro.ac.uk before 10 October 2016.

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