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European Knowledge Tree Group for eHealth

Welcome to our seventeenth Newsletter.

We are sure that many of you are coping with the effects of COVID-19.
Over one year ago the Science Museum in London at the excellent Exhibition about Bugs, where they predicted that the next Pandemic would be caused by people not washing their hands. Now we have just that!
We can only push for you all to wash YOUR hands very carefully!

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Recent Events

News from some EKTG International Ambassadors

At the beginning of April there was a SKYPE Meeting with many of our EKTG International Ambassadors about COVID-19.

They responded to some questions about the current situation with the virus, some present technology usage and possible future contributions.

They all wanted to share some of their own experiences in Austria, Germany, Greece, Finland, Republic of Ireland, The Netherlands and Spain, and they hope this will be an interesting contribution to the EKTG Newsletter. Read more.

A Symposium at the House of Lords, London
Big Data - No Big Deal

This event was designed to bring specialists from the key sectors involved to look, along with our audience of policy makers, industry, opinion formers, practitioners and consumers, at the impact and value of big data. The papers are available on our website.

Important Collaborative Event between EKTG and Fairhome.
EKTG are most grateful to Fairhome for generously hosting our eHealth Symposium on November 26th, 2019 when we considered the important topic **From Prophet to Profit   - will the digital revolution ever be profitable?**
The papers are available on our website.

Also available are the papers from our session at the Active Assisted Living (AAL) Forum in September.

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WHO (Gate) examples of Internet systems which might be useful during the Pandemic Restrictions.

Using technology to support people with disabilities, their families and those who support them during the Covid-19 pandemic. Read their initial suggestions

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How can we ensure that Big Data does not make us prisoners of technology?

A speech by Charles Randell, Chair, Financial Conduct Authority and Payment Systems Regulator, delivered at Reuters Newsmaker event, London 18 months ago. Read it here.

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Country Health Profiles

Experts from the OECD and the Observatory have prepared a set of 30 Country Health Profiles, covering all EU Member States, as well as Iceland and Norway. The *State of Health in the EU*'s Country Health Profiles are designed to be a one-stop-shop for knowledge and information on a country's health system, put into the perspective of a cross-EU comparison. Read more.

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The *Health at a Glance: Europe* report series gauges progress towards effective, accessible and resilient health systems across the EU. The report – which is published every two years – provides a neutral, descriptive comparison of all EU countries based on publicly available data and indicators. Read more.

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Will having longer, healthier lives be worth losing the most basic kinds of privacy?

Technology is playing a bigger than ever part in healthcare, but it's a relationship that needs careful regulation. Read the Guardian article here.

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Pali Hungin: 'We can't replace doctors with technology alone'

In the face of AI and genomics, the head of a project looking at medics' future says their role must adapt but will remain vital. Read the Guardian Interview here.

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Tipping the scales: Exploring austerity and public health in the UK

This report is part of a series of country profiles outlining then situation of public health in four key countries particularly impacted by the fallout from the financial crisis. Read more.

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Cochrane Rehabilitation Newsletters

Their monthly newsletter can be viewed here.

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A new vision for WHO's European Region: united action for better health

In the past two decades the way we live our lives has changed almost beyond recognition. Digitisation, globalisation, migration, and urbanisation, climate change, and resource scarcity have resulted in a more complex, multipolar world. Read more.

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Realising digital-first primary care. Shaping the future of UK healthcare

Digital transformation is widely acknowledged as a way to deliver a more efficient and impactful health service. However, the reality of implementing a digital-first service across the UK's primary care networks is challenging one. Read the article from Deloitte here.

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Optimizing the use of H2020 when implementing Smart Specialisation

The presentations from the ultimate working group "H2020 for RIS3" are now available on the S3 Platform website. The aim of the event was to facilitate the use of Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe in S3 implementation. The event that was held in early February was dedicated to monitoring the advancement of the various pilots initiated within the activities of the Working Group: - Supporting mechanisms for capacity building in framework programme participation; - Research and innovation Public Private Partnerships for RIS3 implementation; - National Contact Points and their role in H2020 for RIS3; - Transnational networking in RIS3 implementation; - Efficient utilisation of research and technology infrastructures within the context of RIS3. Read more…

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Handbook of Sustainable Urban Development Strategies

The "Handbook of Sustainable Urban Development Strategies" provides methodological support on how to implement integrated and place-based urban strategies under cohesion policy. In particular, it refers to Sustainable Urban Development as supported by the European Regional Development Fund during the current programming period

relationships between Sustainable Urban Development and Smart Specialisation Strategies, notably through 'integrated, place-based economic transformation agendas' and the specific role of cities in innovation processes. Read more.

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Scientists devise prosthetic arm controlled by mind

Scientists have devised a mind-controlled prosthetic arm that is so dexterous it can undo shirt buttons. Scientists hope to let people take home the limbs within two years. Read more.

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Estonian Current Internet Services

If we all had effective online services, such as those in Estonia, much of the current difficulties would be avoided.
In Estonia 93% of Society has online access to all their own records. Read the excellent presentation which Linnar Vik gave last year in Scotland.

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How to work with Smart Villages? Orientations for LEADER LAGs

This new briefing by the ENRD examines possible steps for planning Smart Villages initiatives and provides recommendations for both policy planners and LEADER stakeholders for the next programming period. These orientations are based on the outcomes of the first ENRD LEADER Thematic Lab on 'Smart Villages'.

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Common Network Statistics (CNS) - Y5 Summary Report

The Common Network Statistics (CNS) report shows the achievements of NRNs drawing on 2018 data, providing a good overview of NSU activities and thematic priorities, as well as identifying trends and tracking progress.

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Data Protection

As a result of the EU GDPR, major changes have taken place to UK law relating to data privacy and protection which includes personal information ("data") which we keep about you.

We have produced a Privacy Notice which deals with:-
- What is Lawful Processing
- What data does the Group acquire and keep about you
- Where does the Group get the data from and how is the data stored
- Does the Group transfer your data elsewhere
- How long does the Group retain your data
- Your rights

You can download a copy or read it on our website.

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The Summer EKTG Newsletter will include similar material. If you would like to suggest material for the next Newsletter please email Maggie Ellis before 30 June 2020.

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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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