

Newsletter 8 from EKTG for eHealth

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# European Knowledge Tree Group for eHealth



Dear <<First Name>>

Welcome to our eighth Newsletter, including a link to the papers from our recent Symposium.

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## **Building the European digital health environment Turning best practice into mainstreamed implementation**

The papers from the EKTG Symposium held at NatWest, London on 23 and 24 January are now [on our website](#).

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## **Estonia, the Digital Republic**

**Its government is virtual, borderless, blockchained, and secure. Has this tiny post-Soviet nation found the way of the future? [Read more here](#).**

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## **Concerned about Brexit? Why not become an e-resident of Estonia**

The most advanced digital society in the world is a former Soviet Republic on the edge of the Baltic Sea. [Read more . . .](#)

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## **Global directory of national eHealth policies**

Since 2010 the Global Observatory for eHealth (GOe) of the World Health Organization has been creating and updating an online directory of eHealth-related national policies and strategies from Member States. It includes national eHealth policies or strategies and plans, and national telehealth policies have also been added to broaden the coverage. This resource is designed to support the development of eHealth strategies by governments through easy access to existing policy and strategy documents worldwide. In addition, it gives an indication of which countries have existing national strategies, and

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The directory includes documents that outline the vision, goals, and approaches for the use of ICT for health at a national level. It also includes meta-data about each of these documents, a brief summary of the content, and a link to the full text document in the original language of publication.

The WHO encourages contributions and suggestions from Member States, and invites countries to add their policy and strategy documents to this resource. These and any comments can be sent to [GOESurvey@who.int](mailto:GOESurvey@who.int). The directory can be [accessed here](#).

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### **Another Code of Conduct!**

#### **2018/2019 edition of the International Code of Practice for Telehealth Services released**

The Telehealth Quality Group has released the 2018/19 version of its International Code of Practice for Telehealth Services, a quality benchmark and guideline for telehealth services (which was originally developed as part of a project funded by the European Commission). Headline news associated with the release of the new edition of the Code is the partnership that is being built between the TQG and Community Resourcing Worldwide. [Read about it . .](#)

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### **Can You Help?**

The Fairhome Group PLC is and continues to be very active within the Supported Living Sector of the UK health Care arena. With over £1b to deploy in this sector for each of the next 5 years we expect to make a significant impact on the NHS bed blocking issue, now in excess of 155,000.

We are very active in the marketplace and are now expanding the panel of Councils, Registered Providers and Support Providers we work with. It would be good to understand if any of our members know of any Supported Living Care Providers, where we can help them to expand and provide supported for the most vulnerable in society. We provided over 1500 new homes last year and expect that will be significantly more during this year. [Email Paul Green](#) if you would like to work with us.

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### **Some news from The Netherlands**

During the Dutch eHealth week in January 2018, the Dutch government opened the

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to other organizations. The Ministry of Health and the RVO support the scale-up and cost-benefit analyses. [Read more.](#)

The Dutch health insurer CZ invests in the scale up of lifestyle monitoring sensors and finances up to 3.000 systems across the Netherlands. The care organizations that implement the systems for their clients will have to contribute to a large scale evaluation on the impact and cost-effectiveness of lifestyle monitoring. Vilans is one of the research organizations that will monitor the impact. [Read more.](#)

The EKTG event in London was mentioned on the [eWare web-site](#) and [Twitter](#). Hope we can organize the event in one of the EKTG Ambassador's countries and happy to host it in The Netherlands.

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### **UK Green Paper**

In the summer, (and presumably ahead of the summer recess), the UK Government will be issuing a [Green Paper on the funding of social care for older people](#). It is currently taking views in pre-consultation which makes it very timely to be considering how products, services and technology could come together to deliver a better society for all.

There is no formal process to input views but indications are that the Government is happy to have an open dialogue with those who wish to contribute.

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### **Assessing health technology in the EU: Commission proposes to reinforce cooperation amongst Member States**

The Commission has put forward a proposal to boost cooperation amongst EU Member States for assessing health technology. [Read more.](#)

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### **Remote monitoring solutions in healthcare**

Addressing hospitals, health professionals and other stakeholders, the EU-funded eHealth HUB project has published a report comparing over 70 European solutions for remote patient monitoring. [Read more.](#)

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