

Topic: Overall – eHealth Taxonomy

Phase 1: Emergence

Phase 2: Diffusion

Phase 3: Consolidation

Level A: Landscape

No recognized and validated existing classification or taxonomy of eHealth

eHealth is a very active domain.

eHealth represents an increasing market (+4.5% per year).

Developing research studies are identifying barriers and proposing a more nuanced collaborative approach

Make the eHealth taxonomy largely available

Include scientific societies, EFMI, IMIA, EAMBES

Integrate stakeholders representatives as COCIR, ECOMED, and professional organizations

Challenges to the current process in favour of more socio-technological and socio-economic considerations

VISION:

A eHealth application must be clearly and simply identifiable through a limited number of keywords

Level B: Regime

The European Commission takes the lead for a research work on a eHealth classification (or taxonomy)

Propose the organisation of working groups on thematic issues such as eHealth, m-Health, p-Health, etc.

Develop a comprehensive and usable taxonomy on eHealth

Level C: Niche

WHO, Rand Corporation, Cochrane, EU organisations have proposed definitions of eHealth

Develop a greater understanding of the various dimensions of eHealth

eHealth is a very active domain. Regulations could limit the development of TPEs or SMEs involved in this economic activity.

Development of interactive platform to facilitate appropriate, well-informed and timely 'connections' between developers, uses and other stakeholders