Finnish contribution to the CEN/TC251 Business Plan

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- Finland thans for the opportunity to contribute to the business plan
- The present approach about standard delivery instead of standard production is good
- There may still be a need to produce standards, too, but Finland prefers the approach of choosing the standards which are already approved by the industry and confirming these as European standards
- Instead on voting on details of standards, Finland would like to vote between (competing) standards for an area

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- Finland would like to see that CEN/TC251 fulfills the needs of the European Commission when the Commission needs standards in health informatics
- The origin of the standards is not important, but their suitability for the purpose is important
- If there are needs to adapt international standards for European purposes, that could be the role of TC251
- The International Patient Summary is an example of good work in this area and should be continued until it is fully implementable and works at least inside Europe

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- In order to have the standards in place in a timely fashion, the important standards should not depend solely on voluntary work
- Competent experts should be compensated for the timely delivery of needed key standards
- European standards are tools to be used in procurement with the goal of interoperability

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- CEN/TC251 should not design standards for genetics by itself but contribute to the selction of the most suitable standards, accepted by the industry, for Europe
- The standardisation of medication information would be welcome
- The standardisation in the personal health devices is important. The products do not interest health care delivery organisations if they cannot be connected to other systems

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- Finland has produced specifications for information processing in social care
- Finland is willing to contribute to European standards in this area if there is sufficient interest