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# SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS ASSESS CT RESULTS AND US EXPERIENCES

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# DISCUSSION POINTS

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- Education needs clear in ASSESS CT, different aspects discussed
  - IHTSDO education for the past two years
  - Collaboration between European implementation projects
  - Country specific additions to IHTSDO learning



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- Are licensing costs a dealbreaker?
  - Out of all the cost of implementing standardised terminologies the cost is not overwhelming
  - It's a psychological deal breaker
  - Short term licensing possible, but people do not know this
  - Strategy/Business model needed, you won't buy it unless you know what to use it for



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- Do we consider SNOMED CT an interface terminology or an infrastructure?
- Translation a prerequisite or related to use?
  - Significant cost, can it be avoided? Different decisions made across europe
  - Depends on familiarity with english.



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- Incremental standardization strategy for Europe?
  - Incremental strategies should be associated with incremental costs and take into account different maturity levels of EU member states
  - Could be informed by most used SNOMED CT concepts in US





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- Nlm equivalence in Europe: Pan European governance body
  - Someone for nlm to work with i.e. already recognized as part of trillium bridge. How to collaborate on value sets? Country by Country decisions are not scalable.
  - Registration of oid's (HL7 related)
  - Does MVC maintainance body already meet some of the needs or could be transformed to meet these needs?
  - Avoiding standardisation mismatch. Collaboration and harmonisation. We do not want yet another organization for standards development.



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- Creating environments for governments and SDO's to collaborate
  - Governments are responsible for strategic directions, but those should be recognised and meet by SDO's, and when needs are met standards should be promoted by governments.
  - Already different ways to support communication in EU. Maybe a matter of using these opportunities more



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- What is SNOMED CT best for?
  - Yes, it is most comprehensive, have the best underlying models and possibilities for extendability etc.
  - Use depends on whether we have strategic goals that require these characteristics
  - US reached a critical mass that means that now a clinical need for SNOMED CT artefacts is