

Minutes Join the network meeting 10 November 2021

EUPHA section on Health Services Research (EUPHA-HSR)

Welcome

Johan Hansen and Lorena Dini Pou Del Castillo, President and vice-President of the Section, welcomed participants to this online Join the Network (JTN) Meeting. This was followed by a brief personal introduction of all attendees. In total 19 people attended the JTN meeting. The protocol notes were made by our Section volunteer Master-Student, who participated as invited observer.

Agenda

1. Opening and introductions
2. Survey among HSR Section Members
3. Networking between Section Members
4. Strengthening collaboration with National HSR Networks
5. Upcoming HSR initiatives worth highlighting

Survey among HSR Section Members

The first agenda point covered the presentation of the preliminary survey results of the online questionnaire circulated among Section Members in the month prior to the EPH conference. The purpose of the survey was to obtain a better understanding about the composition of the Section HSR and about the views and preferences of Section Members, this to be able to tailor activities according to their needs.

The survey among others collected inputs on the types of topics Member thought the Section should focus on, both at national and at European level. This led to a range of topics, which can also feed into preparations for workshops at next annual conferences. In addition, Members could indicate whether they would be interested in joining training sessions, and if so, on which topics. Especially training sessions on applied research methodologies and international proposal writing were mentioned most often. Other topics also included how to conduct comparative health systems research and how to use science communication and visualization for informing policy making.

During the JTN meeting this list of topics was complemented and reaffirmed by a number of suggestions by participants as listed below

- methodology in general
- methods to use existing demographic and health data to evaluate health interventions
- complex intervention evaluation in HSR
- applied research methodologies
- evaluation in its whole spectrum
- searching evidence of effective improvement
- comparative HSR in general

- comparative HSR from an inequity perspective (ex access)
- data visualisation for effective research communication
- staying updated with software-development e.g. in relation to conducting systematic reviews
- international proposal writing
- creating online-surveys

It was concluded that there is particularly a strong methodological focus on training sessions as well as on comparative approaches between countries. In 2022 a first training session will be organised on one of the priority topics listed.

Networking among HSR Members

In 2021 the Section has created a LinkedIn group, titled “European Network of Health Services Research” (see <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/9089335/>)

The group is open to all interested parties, including those who are not based in Europe and/or are not members of EUPHA.

Members were also invited to share their own news items via the same LinkedIn Group, making it a bottom-up and interactive instrument for networking and information sharing.

Strengthening collaboration with National HSR Networks

As European network in the area of HSR, it was considered important to also connect more actively to national HSR networks, or else support their establishment if not yet present at national level.

The case was presented of collaboration with the German Network of HSR, (DNVF) which has recently also established its Working Group in International Health Services Research (WG IHSR). Aim of that Working Group is to foster networking, finding synergies and promoting collaboration amongst healthcare researchers internationally with their German counterparts. Section Members were invited to become a member and submit presentations in an English track at the 2022 conference.

It was also discussed to establish similar synergies with other existing national HSR networks, where possible. This idea was well received. Members were invited to actively engage and communicate about their willingness to act as a linkage or anchor for this purpose.

Upcoming HSR Initiatives worth highlighting

Highlighted initiative at the Section meeting was the European Partnership on Health and Care Systems Transformation under Horizon Europe. Its aim is among others to create funding opportunities for national applicants from member countries in the Partnership. Focus will be on how to transform health and care systems and improve the uptake and transfer of service and policy innovations across Europe. More information at <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-hlth-2022-care-10-01>

Ideas for workshop activities next year

In the context of preparing for the next annual conference in 2022, meeting participants were invited to share suggestions for workshop topics at that next conference. This among others included the following ideas:

- How to stay updated with technological innovations
- The use of microcredentials in the field of HSR. These are defined as recognized proofs of the learning outcomes that a learner has achieved following a short learning experience. See link on microcredential at <https://heqco.ca/pub/making-sense-of-microcredentials/> and <https://www.dcu.ie/ceic>, the latter as example at country level
- The idea was also brought up to look at and discuss cultural differences in doing HSR in different countries. Since the link between HSR and clinical departments is much stronger in some countries it could be interesting to look at the advantages and disadvantages.
- Also discussion took place on the pros and cons of online meetings, which are difficult to use as networking opportunities but at the same time are more open events since more people can participate in them.

Closing

Annex: Slides Presented during the JTN EUPHA-HSR 2021

Annex – slides as used during the JTN Meeting Section HSR 2021

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“Join the network” meeting of the
EUPHA Section on Health Services Research**
Wednesday 10 November 2021

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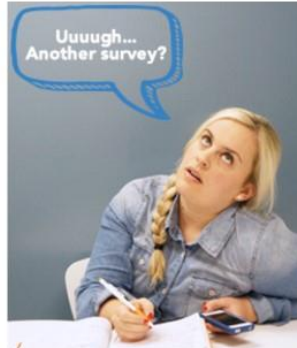
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1. Introductions



2. HSR Section Member Survey



– Health services research (HSR) section – Survey Information

Survey Data

Online survey 28/09 – 20/10 → 31d
fully returned questionnaires: 28

Bio-Data Participants

Gender (n=24):

54% Men
46% Women

Age (n= 28):

≤ 30: 4%
31 – 39: 29%
40 – 49: 29%
50 +: 37%

Place of work

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|-------------------------|-----|
| Academia | 47% |
| Public Health Institute | 28% |
| Government | 10% |
| Private Sector | 6% |
| Consulting | 3% |
| NGO | 3% |
| International Agency | 3% |

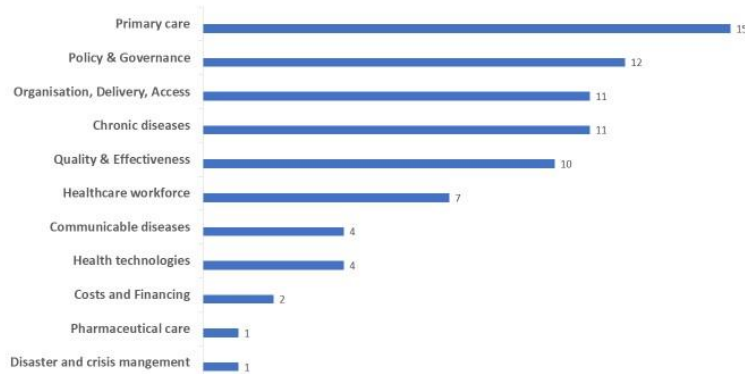
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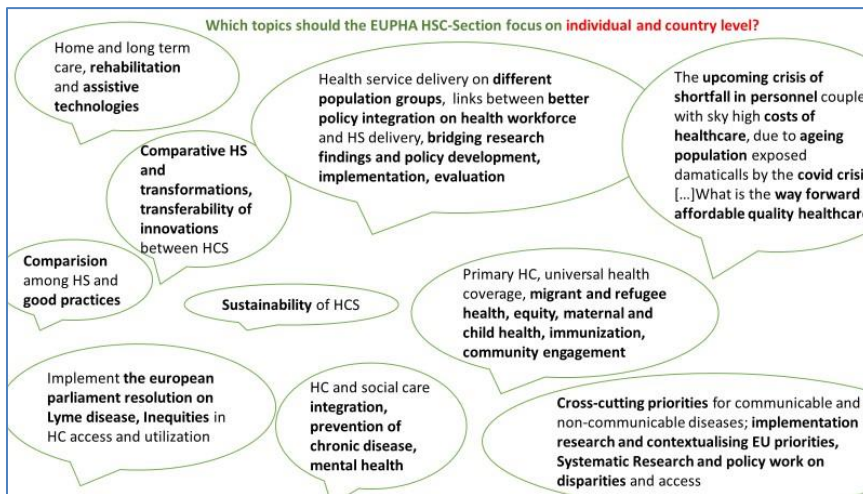
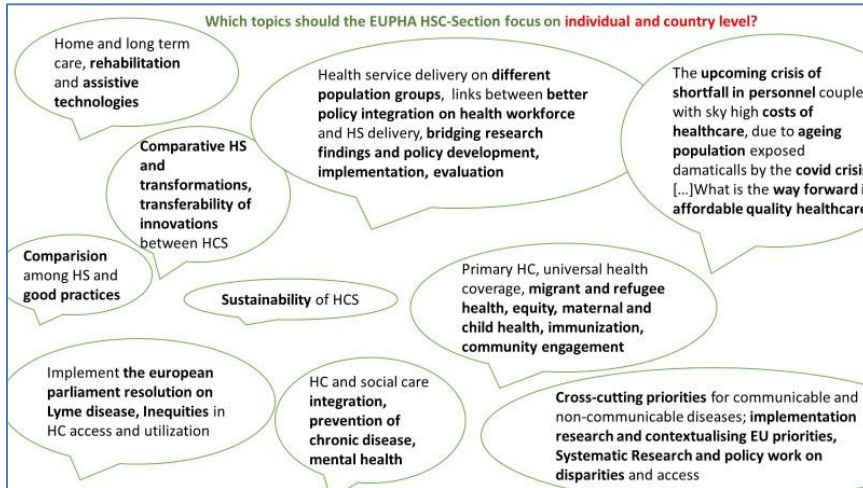
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| Institutional | 37% |
| Individual | 25% |
| Full | 17% |
| None | 17% |
| Partner | 4% |




Country of origin

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| Italy (4) |
| Spain (3) |
| Greece (2) |
| Netherlands (2) |
| Switzerland (2) |
| Belgium (1) |
| Croatia (1) |
| France (1) |
| Portugal (1) |
| Slovenia (1) |
| United Kingdom (1) |
| Albania (1) |
| Romania (1) |
| India (1) |
| Mexiko (1) |

What is the focus of your current work?






3. Networking among HSR Members

LinkedIn Group
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Are you interested in participating in the following training sessions?

Training session on:

- international proposal writing: 40%
- applied research methodologies: 46%
- training to create myself an online survey like this 7%

Further training ideas from participants:

- Comparative health systems research (but rather as a teacher than as student)
- data visualization, science communication for advocacy
- have international collaborations

4. Strengthening collaboration with national networks – the case of Germany



- The German Network for Health Services (DNVF) has recently established its Working Group in International Health Services Research (WG IHSR)
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WG International Health Services Research



5. Upcoming HSR initiatives worth highlighting

European Partnership on Health and Care Systems Transformation

- Aimed to provide research and innovation actions in priority areas on how to transform health and care systems and improve the uptake and transfer of service and policy innovations
- to strengthen the research and innovation community in the field of health and care systems across Europe, and
- to establish a platform for connection and coordination of relevant stakeholders

More information at <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-hlth-2022-care-10-01>

And see our Workshop Thursday 11 November at 13.50-14.50 CET



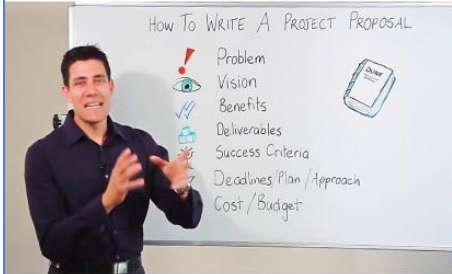
The screenshot shows the 'Funding & tender opportunities' page on the European Commission website. The main heading is 'European partnership on transforming health and care systems' with the TOPI ID: HORIZON-HLTH-2022-CARE-10-01. Below this, there are two columns of 'General information' with the following details:

| Topic description | Programme |
|--------------------------|---|
| Destination | Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON) |
| Conditions and documents | Call |
| Partner search | Partnerships in Health (2022) (HORIZON-HLTH-2022-CARE-10) |

5. Upcoming HSR initiatives worth highlighting

Workshop session EU Proposal writing

Training Session on research methods



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15th EPH Conference
Berlin, Germany
9 - 12 November 2022

Theme of the EPH conference 2022 is:

Strengthening health systems: improving population health and being prepared for the unexpected