



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2019 (September 2018 – August 2019)**

### **EUPHA HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT section (EUPHA-HTA)**

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#### **1. Section members**

The HTA section currently accounts for 912 members.

The aim of the section is to bring together academicians, researchers, health care professionals and decision makers in order to share knowledge and developing new ideas and projects in the field of HTA applied to Public Health.

#### **2. Participation at the EPH conference 2018 in Ljubljana**

The HTA section has organized one workshop at the EPH conference in Ljubljana. The workshop was titled “Prioritization in Public Health: new insights in the frame of Health Technology Assessment” and was accepted for a 90-minute session. The proposal involved also the EUPHA sections on Health service research and Ethics in public health and addressed the topic of priority setting from the methodological and ethical point of view giving insights in its role in transferring health technology and health service innovations.

#### **3. Participation at the EPH conference 2019 in Marseille**

The HTA section has submitted two proposals at the upcoming EPH conference in Marseille that have been accepted as 90-minute regular workshops. The first proposal is titled “It’s time for timeliness in Health Technology Assessment” whereas the second one is titled “Real-world data: are we ready to take up the challenge?” and has been prepared in collaboration with the EUPHA section on Public Health Epidemiology.

#### **4. Other activities**

The HTA Section continued to support EUPHA participating to the Meeting of the EU Commissions Legislative Stakeholder Pool held in Brussels on January 16, 2019. The Section has also represented EUPHA at the EUnetHTA Forum 2019, held in Amsterdam on April 11, 2019.

The HTA Section has participated to the stakeholder consultation on the WP5 Strand B2 work of JA3 2016-2020 of EUnetHTA. In particular, the Section has given its input on REQueST (Registry Evaluation and Quality Standards Tool), a draft tool aimed to support HTA organizations in guiding and evaluating registries towards effective usage in HTA.

## 5. Partnerships and collaborations

The HTA section is part of the European Committee on Infection Control (EUCIC) Stakeholders board. With respect to this, following the EUCIC invitation, the Section has spread the announcement of the ECDC survey on healthcare workers' knowledge and attitudes about antibiotic use and resistance through the EUPHA newsletter.

The HTA section is also representing EUPHA within the EUnetHTA HTA Stakeholder Pool.

## 6. Planning and communication

The section has used the EUPHA mailman system for sharing information among members. In particular:

- October 2018 (HTA Section News#20): announcement of the activities being held at the EPH Conference in Ljubljana
- November 2018 (HTA Section News#21): announcement of the join the network meeting being held at the EPH Conference in Ljubljana
- November 2018: announcement of the workshop "The Digital Transformation of healthcare in Europe. EU and WHO action and countries' experiences"
- December 2018 (HTA Section News#22): sharing of the presentations of the regular workshop held at EPH Conference in Ljubljana
- December 2018 (HTA Section News#23): sharing of the presentation of the join the network meeting and of the planned actions
- February 2019 (HTA Section News#24): call for members' inputs on new workshop proposals for the EPH conference 2019
- February 2019 (HTA Section News#25): invitation to follow @EUPHA\_HTA on Twitter and to use the channel to share news and documents on HTA and Public Health
- May 2019: invitation to join the online consultation launched by the TO-REACH project to gather inputs on the Strategic Research Agenda for the development of a future EU joint research programme on health services and health systems research
- June 2019: invitation to participate to a survey developed by the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore to evaluate public health professionals' knowledge, attitudes and behaviours towards Direct-To-Consumer Genetic Testing
- July 2019 (HTA Section News#26): announcement of the activities being held at the EPH Conference in Ljubljana