

EPH 2016, Vienna
Pre-Conference
Thursday, 10.11.2016; 8.30h-12h
'Evidence based Public Health – Decision support for health (care) policy'

Background

Several organisations aim at providing Public Health evidence as decision support for health care policy. Public Health and Health Technology Assessment (HTA) institutes or groups show overlapping objectives, target audiences and methods.

Within EUPHA the HTA section aims at collecting '*expertise from the other fields in order to strengthen a group of people devoted to the application of HTA to technologies used in Public Health*'. Against this backdrop and in co-operation with the section, the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for HTA (LBI-HTA) in Vienna invited representatives of the following organisations to elaborate on potential strengths and difficulties linked to concerted Public Health research actions: the new Cochrane satellite Public Health Europe, the Interest Group on the Impact of Public Health interventions of the international HTA society (INPHORM in HTAi) and the European Network for Health Technology Assessment (EUnetHTA). In the first part of the pre-conference speakers will briefly introduce their section/ group. Thereafter we will invite the auditorium to add (any other missing) groups and to discuss with the panel mechanisms facilitating information exchange amongst groups to enable the sharing of expertise and co-operation.

In the second part of the pre-conference we will focus on evidence generation for complex interventions. These interventions represent a research field, where Public health and HTA expertise are of utmost importance to overcome methodological challenges. The presentation of real-life evaluations of complex interventions will provide the research background against which we will discuss with the audience on how we can achieve mutual learning effects.

The target audience of this pre-conference are people from research and practice who support a stronger emphasis on the inclusion of public health issues towards evidence-based health care decisions. Representatives of groups that generate, distribute or use Public health evidence or HTAs are welcome. HTA background or knowledge is not required.

Preliminary Programme

8.30-10.00 Evidence-based Public Health

Welcome and introduction/ Setting the scene: *Brigitte Piso (LBI-HTA)*

Evidence-based Public Health: (general) Contribution of different 'organisations'

- **EUPHA HTA section** (*Carlo Favaretti/ Chiara De Waure, President/Vice-President of the EUPHA HTA section, confirmed*)
- **HTAi INPHORM** (*Irene Lenoir-Wijnkoop, chair of the interest group, confirmed*)
- **EUnetHTA** (NN)
- **Cochrane Public Health Europe** (*Stefan Lhachimi, head of the Research Group for Evidence-Based Public Health, University of Bremen, confirmed*)

Questions & discussion

10.00-10.30 Refreshments

10.30-12.00 Evidence generation for complex interventions

Short introduction: What is a complex intervention? (NN)

How can we assess the effectiveness of complex interventions?

- Insights from INTEGRATE-HTA (*Elizabeth Goyder, Deputy Dean of SchARR and Professor of Public Health, University of Sheffield, UK, confirmed*)
- Experiences with Overviews of Reviews of complex interventions (*Roman Winkler, LBI-HTA, confirmed*)

- Further speakers to be announced

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