

NOVEMBER 29TH 2018

JOIN THE NETWORK OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT



AGENDA

- Annual report 2018
- Steering committee
- New ideas/proposals
- Topics for the next conference
- AOB

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

1. Section members
2. Participation at the EPH conference 2017 in Stockholm
3. Participation at the EPH conference 2018 in Ljubljana
4. Other activities
5. Partnerships and collaborations
6. Planning and communication

1. SECTION MEMBERS AND MISSION

- The section on HTA was formally approved at the 7th EPH Conference in 2014
- It currently accounts for 755 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. EPH CONFERENCE 2017

Two workshops:

- “The cutting edge of Health Technology Assessment: Information and Communication Technologies” (together with EUPHA Sections on Health service research and Ethics in public health)
 - November 4th 2017
- “Skills building in HTA: how to address the economic impact of public health interventions” (together with EUPHA Section on Economics in public health and EUPHAnxt)
 - November 2nd 2017

3. EPH CONFERENCE 2018

One pre-conference (cancelled):

- “European public health: collaboration, initiatives and new policies”.
- This initiative has addressed the EU regulation on Health Technology Assessment
 - November 28th from 8:30 to 13:30 in TR3-2

Meeting with Richard McGeehan (EU Commission HTA):

- Future steps
- November 28th from 10:30 to 12:00 in TR3-2

One workshop:

- “Prioritization in Public Health: new insights in the frame of Health Technology Assessment” (together with EUPHA Sections on Health service research and Ethics in public health)
- The workshop will address the topic of priority setting from the methodological and ethical point of view and will give insights in its role in transferring health technology and health service innovations
 - Saturday 1st from 9:40 to 11:10 in Club CD 1

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. **Official statement on the EU Commissions's Legislative Proposal on HTA in February 2018**
2. **EUnetHTA Forum 2018 in May 2018**
3. **Feedback to the consultation on the draft background paper about horizon scanning of the HTAi Global Policy Forum 2018**

Highlights:

- horizon scanning should involve people who will be the end-user of the technology
- as well as HTA, also horizon scanning should become a iterative process in order to better address obstacles or impediments during the implementation process
- horizon scanning process and steps could be adopted and adapted for the evaluation of public health interventions

5. PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

- The HTA section is part of the **European Committee on Infection Control (EUCIC) Stakeholders board**.
- The HTA section is also representing EUPHA within the **EUnetHTA HTA Stakeholder Pool**.

6. PLANNING AND COMMUNICATION

- October 2017 (HTA Section News#15): announcement of the activities being held at the EPH Conference in Stockholm
- November 2017 (HTA Section News#16): sharing of the presentations of the regular workshop on HTA and ICT held at EPH Conference in Stockholm
- November 2017 (HTA Section News#17): sharing of the minutes of the Join the Network of HTA meeting held in Stockholm on November 3rd
- December 2017: forwarding of EUPHA reaction on the Roadmap to strengthen cooperation against vaccine preventable diseases
- January 2018 (HTA Section News#18): launch of the survey on topics of interest for the next EPH conference and sharing of the annual report 2017
- February 2018: forwarding of the announcement about the lunch-to-lunch meeting 'Bringing public health, social care and urbanity back in – health governance beyond policy subsystems'
- February 2018: forwarding of the announcement of the symposium “Towards a Harmonised Health Technology Assessment Framework: Exploring the Potential Impact on Quality of Care in the EU”
- April 2018: reminder of the deadline for the submission of abstracts and workshops at the EPH Conference in Ljubljana
- June 2018: launch of the TO-REACH online consultation
- June 2018 (HTA Section News#19): announcement of the workshop titled “Prioritization in Public Health: new insights in the frame of Health Technology Assessment” at the EPH Conference in Ljubljana and request of interest in chairing sessions

STEERING COMMITTEE

- The HTA Section Steering Committee is represented by
 - Carlo Favaretti (President)
 - Chiara de Waure (Vice President)
 - Inaki Gutierrez-Ibarluzea (Vice President)
 - Flavia Kheiraoui (Secretary)
 - Stefan Buttigieg (representative of EUPHAnxt)
 - Marco Marchetti
 - Camilla Palmhøj Nielsen
 - Elena Petelos
 - Inanna Reinsperger

NEW IDEAS/PROPOSALS

- Development of a paper on the importance and the application of HTA to public health
- Development and conduction of a project on a topic of interest for Public Health
 - Real life application of the framework developed by the INTEGRATE-HTA project?
 - Comparison of ex-ante and ex-post HTA reports of public health interventions?

TOPICS FOR THE NEXT CONFERENCE

From the survey launched last year, the following ranked list emerged:

1. Methods for HTA in Public Health
 2. Prioritarization of public health interventions
 3. Innovation in Public Health
 4. Methods to improve timeliness
- **This year the second topic has been addressed. Should we go for the first one next year? Which aspects should be given priority?**
 - **Other suggestions?**

DECISIONS taken

- Development of a paper on the importance and the application of HTA to public health
- Synthesis of the EU Regulation on HTA
- New survey to define topics for workshop proposals to be presented at the Marseille Conference
- Proposal to organize a pre-conference workshop on methods for HTA in public health, incl. a session/activity to familiarise all EUPHA members with concepts of HTA, evidence grading, etc.
- Survey on topics defined with the legal expert of the HTA Secretariat, Richard McGeehan. Survey will focus on the HTA legislative proposal of the Commission to:
 - Assess the level of understanding of concepts put forth in the proposal;
 - Elicit responses on the views and preferences of members regarding current stipulations/proposed recitals and potential changes;
 - Collect info on the additional needs of members, e.g., identify points requiring refinements or clarifications.
- Discuss with HTAi a possible memorandum of understanding