I.1. Workshop: Health Technology Assessment and Health Impact Assessment – Two key examples of health assessment

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Public Health aims at building bridges between scientific research and “real world” governance and policy-making. The science / policy interface is discussed extensively in the literature. Existing approaches include “assessments” which combine factual analysis and evaluative elements in order to support policy-making. Prominent examples are Health Impact Assessment (HIA) and Health Technology Assessment (HTA). In this workshop these assessments are presented, covering following aspects: Outline of each assessment being HTA or HIA, including the overall rationale, the existing HTA / HIA culture, role of stakeholders, methodologies used, specific examples, and the potential role for EUPHA. The prospects for a unified perspective on assessment approaches incl. communalities, differences and mutual learning opportunities complete the presentations which will be the basis for a joint discussion.

For each type of assessment 2 speakers will share a time slot (25 min) for an integrated presentation. The speakers can individually arrange how to use it. Instead of giving 2 separate presentations, they can establish a dialogue. After the last presentation (15 min), there are 25 min for discussion.

Key messages
• While HIA and HTA already play important roles in many European countries, their potential still seems under-recognized and deserving closer scrutiny.
• Both HIA and HTA would benefit from a “unified” perspective on assessment approaches, including commonalities, differences, and mutual learning opportunities.