

PRE-CONFERENCE THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2016 (08:30 - 12:00)

Austria Center Vienna (ACV)

Governance for Health and Health Systems

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Background

Many countries in Europe are striving to improve the performance of their health systems. They aim at expanding or retaining universal health coverage; they are eager to raise the efficiency of their public health services and they want to reach out to other sectors to ensure that health is taken into account in all policies. These are all very complex societal goals and a country's success achieving them will much depend on its ability to make and implement adequate collective decisions. But to allow for success, many prerequisites need to be in place as there is no successful decision making and implementation without sufficient transparency, accountability, participation, integrity and capacity. In other words success will depend on a country's governance.

Governance, however, is either poorly understood, or, there is a cacophony of different voices promoting different concepts for different purposes. As a consequence research remains incomparable, scientific debate is not reaping the analytical fruits, and consultants rather confuse policy makers and stakeholders in countries.

It is therefore of utmost importance that the public health community develops a common understanding of what governance is about, how it can be analyzed and what contribution it can make when countries are trying to improve health and health systems.

To this end we propose a workshop that will be based on a recent publication presenting and testing the TAPIC-framework (Transparency, Accountability, Participation, Integrity and Capacity). The TAPIC-framework has initially been developed for the governance analyzes of health systems, but it is applicable to public health and Health in All Policies too.

Aim

The aim of the workshop is to present the TAPIC-framework, illustrate its uses and to enter into a case debate with participants presenting cases coming from their own work or country.

Format

The first session we will frontload the concept, some of the analysis coming from the book, the applicability to all aspects of health and health system governance and early field experiences with the tool.

The second session will be organized like a master class by which the participants bring forth their prepared cases in rather short statements. We will then discuss these cases with authors and editors of the volume.

The workshop will be led by Scott Greer, Monika Kosinska and Matthias Wismar.

Registration fee

The registration fee is € 70 which includes buffet lunch and refreshments.