

First Annual Meeting of the Initiative on HTA, 15 November 2013

Participants:

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Carlo Favaretti and Flavia Kheiraoui welcoming participants and presents the Agenda of the meeting.

Carlo Favaretti explains the idea to launch a Section on Health Technology Assessment (HTA) for Eupha, with the mission to support practice and policy decisions through scientific evidence. HTA represents the other side of the interface between researchers, healthcare professionals and decision makers and is committed to collect and produce knowledge about the impact of healthcare technologies; HTA includes methods and tools to support decision makers to allocate resources. A Section in Eupha should be necessary to bring together all the professionals who are already involved in the evaluation of healthcare technologies across existing Sections.

Furthermore, HTA is already implemented at the international level; it could be desirable to develop and supply, within EUPHA, a platform for the exchange of methods and tools for HTA in the field of Public Health.

Aileen Clarke shows in her speech issues and principles in HTA in Public Health and some experiences from the Warwick Medical School. She highlights the importance of HTA that synthesises the best evidence and gives good links with policy makers.

Flavia Kheiraoui shows the results from the survey sent to the people interested in the HTA initiative for Eupha. The data collected provides some information regarding the state of the art of HTA in Public Health and the topics that are addressed for it across Europe. Then the participants start the discussion about the results.

The discussion takes focus on the goals of the Section that should be:

- To bring together professionals who are involved in HTA at different level in order to promote an interdisciplinary exchange of ideas and inputs on HTA in Public Health;
- To spread the knowledge about methods and tools of HTA within EUPHA;
- To share methods and tools with other academicians, researchers, health care professionals and manufacturers in the other Sections;
- To support the use of standardized methods already available in the field of HTA;

- To support comparative studies at international level in order to get best practices and suggestions for the implementation of HTA in Public Health;
- To endorse the continuous update of HTA.

The Section will be aimed:

- to establish partnership with Organizations, Networks and Institutions involved in delivering HTA in Public Health;
- to identify strengths, opportunities and threats for HTA in Public Health at international and national level;
- to encourage international and comparative projects in the field of HTA applied to Public Health policy questions;
- to promote the submission of the results coming from international and national initiatives in the field of HTA applied to Public Health at the annual EPH Conferences;
- to organize thematic workshops during next EPH Conferences.

Next actions:

Carlo Favaretti and Flavia Kheiraoui will send a report of the meeting and all the materials discussed during the meet to all the participants, in order to establish a first network of people involved in HTA in Public Health for Eupha.