European network of Health Technology Assessment (EUnetHTA)

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Participants in EUnetHTA

EUnetHTA Partners and Associates in JA2.

44 Partner organisations designated by Member States

Large number of regional agencies and non-for-profit organisations that produce or contribute to HTA
Some of the Partner Organisations in Joint Action 2012-15

- ISCIII, OSTEBA, Avalia-T, Spain
- IQWIG, DIMDI, Germany
- THL, Finland
- NOKC, Norway
- SBU, Sweden
- AAZ, Croatia
- HAS, France
- NICE, UK
- AHTAPOL, Poland
- LBI, HVB, GOG, Austria
- KCE, Belgium
- CVZ, Netherlands
- AGENAS, AIFA, ASSR Emilia Romagna, Veneto Region, Italy
- DHMA, Denmark (Coordinator)
The timeline of reaching a sustainable and permanent HTA network in Europe

- 2005: Call for project proposals
- 2006-2008: EUnetHTA Project
- 2009: Call for joint action
- 2009: EUnetHTA Collaboration
- 2010-2012: EUnetHTA JA
- 2011: Call for joint action
- 2011-2012: CBHC Directive decided
- 2013: EU Cooperation on HTA Implementing Decision
- 2014-2020: Financial support HTA
- 2016-2020: EUnetHTA Scientific and technical cooperation
- 2011-2015: New methodologies for HTA
- 2013+: HTA Network
- 2011 FP7-Health
- Horizon 2020 Calls
- 2012-Innovation-1 Health Care
Article 15 of the Directive 2011/24/EU on cross-border health care

“The Union shall support and facilitate cooperation and the exchange of scientific information among Member States within a voluntary network connecting national authorities or bodies responsible for health technology assessment designated by the Member States… That network shall be based on the principle of good governance including transparency, objectivity, independence of expertise, fairness of procedure and appropriate stakeholder consultations”
Scope of EUnetHTA’s work

EUnetHTA supports collaboration between European HTA organisations that brings added value at the European, national and regional level through

- facilitating efficient use of resources available for HTA
- creating a sustainable system of HTA knowledge sharing
- promoting good practice in HTA methods and processes.
EUnetHTA output
Health Technology Life-cycle

Use of technology in health care

Time line of innovation

Early scientific advice
Rapid REA
Additional data collection

HTA / REA
EUnetHTA Tools

- EUnetHTA HTA Core Model Online
- EUnetHTA Planned and Ongoing Projects Database (POP)
- EUnetHTA Evidence database on new technologies (EVIDENT)
- EUnetHTA Adaptation Toolkit
- EUnetHTA Contact Database
- EUnetHTA Intranet Groups
- EUnetHTA E-meeting facility
- EUnetHTA Document Repository
- EUnetHTA News Aggregator
**The HTA Core Model®**

**Description**
The HTA Core Model® is a methodological framework for shared production and sharing of HTA information.

**Purpose**
To enable production of high quality HTA information in a structured format to support the production of local (national or regional) HTAs and reuse of existing information.
The Structure of the HTA Core Model®

**Ontology**
Questions that an HTA should answer

**Methodological Guidance**
How to answer the questions

Common reporting structure that enables standardised reporting of HTAs. Results are presented as collections of *result cards*. The theme of each result card is outlined by the assessment element cards.
The POP Database

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<td>The EUnetHTA Planned and Ongoing Projects (POP) database allows participating agencies to share information on Planned, Ongoing or recently Published projects.</td>
<td>To facilitate collaboration among European HTA agencies and reduce duplication of work</td>
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<td>EUnetHTA partners and Associates can identify similar topics before starting a new project and get in contact with other agencies working on the same project and directly ask to exchange information or elements.</td>
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9 Methodological Guidelines for Rapid REA

Development
9 Methodological Guidelines for Rapid REA of Pharmaceuticals developed in JA1 by WP5.

Content
Guidelines on methodological challenges that are encountered by health technology assessors while performing a rapid relative effectiveness assessment of pharmaceuticals.

Primary Aim
To help the assessors of evidence interpret and process the data that are presented to them as part of a REA
EUnetHTA output and national HTA work
The Domains of the HTA Core Model®

**DOMAINS**

1. Health problem and current use of technology
2. Description and technical characteristics
3. Safety
4. Clinical effectiveness
5. Costs and economic evaluation
6. Ethical analysis
7. Organisational aspects
8. Social aspects
9. Legal aspects
Core HTA Structure

INFORMATION

Pool of structured HTA Information

Collections
Serve also as project platforms

Official EUnetHTA
- Core HTA
- Rapid HTA

Other
- Full domain
- Free set (≥ 1)
- My collection

TOOLS

HTA Core Model
Online Tool & Service

Local products

Primarily EUnetHTA

Primarily national

Local Tools

Primarily EUnetHTA
- L HTA
- L RHTA

Primarily local
- L HTA
- L RHTA
Project  →  JA1  →  JA2

Establishment  →  Putting into practice  →  Strengthening practical application

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EUnetHTA Joint Action 2 (2012-2015) Objectives

- To strengthen the practical application of tools and approaches to cross-border HTA collaboration

- To achieve a better understanding for the European Commission and Member States of ways to establish a sustainable structure for HTA work in the EU

- To produce recommendations regarding the design and management of the future EU HTA cooperation
- To strengthen the practical application of tools and approaches to cross-border HTA collaboration

• At least 28 pilot exercises
  • Joint assessments applying full or rapid HTA Core Model
  • Early dialogues, methodological guidelines, submission template
  • Trainings in tools and approaches (provided to staff of HTA agencies and to stakeholders)

• At least 40 national HTA reports with the use of tools and information from Joint Action 2

• External co-operation
  • R&I FP 7 research projects
  • EU JAs (PARENT JA)
  • EMA – EUnetHTA co-operation
Stakeholder involvement
Composition of the EUnetHTA Stakeholder Forum

- Payers
- Patients/Consumers
- Industry
- Providers
Purpose of the Stakeholder Forum

To provide stakeholders with the opportunity

- to participate as stakeholder representatives in the EUnetHTA Joint Actions
- to observe and comment on the EUnetHTA Joint Action work
- to provide advice to overarching governance questions in the Joint Actions, and
- to bring forward specific themes and concerns considered relevant by the stakeholders' constituencies and in line with the aims of the EUnetHTA Joint Actions
Purpose of the Stakeholder Advisory Groups (SAGs)

Representatives from Stakeholder organisations participate in WP activities via SAGs to
- represent Stakeholder views
- provide perspectives and knowledge on the EUnetHTA work in progress
- Help WPs to improve the basis of their deliberations
- Examples of participation:
  - Commenting on the scope of the project / selected methodologies
  - Commenting on draft reports in preparation of final draft documents before public consultation
Thank you for your attention

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