

Medicine Evaluation Committee (MEDEV)
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Participants

MEDEV : A. Shuurman, Medicine Evaluation Committee Members, ESIP secretariat

SANTE: O. Nagy, C. Larsson Lindqvist

Purpose of the meeting

DG SANTE was invited to the MEDEV Medicine Evaluation Committee on 14 March 2016 to present the current Health Technology Assessment activities at EU level.

Presentations

O. Nagy (DG SANTE) made the presentation on the HTA activities at EU level:

The current role of the Commission is to bring Member States competent authorities (EU affairs and operational departments) together in the area of HTA (HTA Network) and to build the scientific and technical expertise (Joint Action on HTA).

The operational arm of such cooperation, the Joint Action 3 on HTA is currently under negotiations. This new Joint Action shall reflect the HTA Strategy (adopted by HTA Network Members in 2014), focusing namely on: production (significant number, moving from pilots), mainstream (what is produced at EU level should be re-used at national level, and Member States shall define the “re-use criteria”), defragmentation (post market requirements to be taken into account), sustainability post 2019. The active involvement of payers in particular in coming joint work is key to the success of the JA.

Furthermore, the Commission’s Work Programme 2016 foresees a consultation on the next steps in strengthening EU cooperation and in the Commission Communication COM(2015) 550 on "Upgrading the Single Market: more opportunities for people and business", the Commission commits to introduce an initiative on health technology assessment¹².

Ad Schuurman (ZIN-Netherlands) made a short brief on the kick-off of EUnetHTA Joint Action 3 in Amsterdam 2-3 March

The kick-off was reported to have progressed well, certain details remains to be solved before official signature.

¹ [See Commission Work Programme 2016](#)

² [See COM\(2015\) 550 on "Upgrading the Single Market: more opportunities for people and business"](#)

Discussion

The main discussion point raised was that the EUnetHTA joint action was about to be launched and that the kick off had been held in Amsterdam 2-3 March. Overall comments had been positive.

It was stated by members of the committee that MEDEV is in general supportive of the EU cooperation, but that the European Commission should ensure that Member State and stakeholder views are taken into account both in the current Joint Action and in any coming initiative. That is to ensure that future cooperation is not run from top-down but rather bottom-up.

The European Commission acknowledged that it is important to take into account views of Member States and stakeholder in any future initiative and therefore a consultation is planned.

Follow up

It was stated that ESIP and MEDEV is still very interested to be actively involved in the coming joint action.