



## **SANTE meeting with EPF**

**Date:** 12/7/2016

**Location:** DG SANTE office

### **Participants**

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**Representative of EPF:** Valentina Strammiello

**SANTE:** K. Hanslik, O. Nagy (DG SANTE)

### **Purpose of the meeting**

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The meeting was a follow-up on the HTA Network meeting on the 20th May, to discuss the following topics:

1. Involvement of EPF in the HTA Network, in particular the Call for Expression of Interest, EUnetHTA Joint Action 3.
2. Policy Initiative on HTA, in particular the foreseen public consultation and a possible workshop with patients/consumers.

### **Discussion**

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#### **Agenda item 1. Involvement in the HTA Network, EUnetHTA Joint Action 3**

The European Commission explained that the Call of Expression of Interest will be launched this summer as concluded at the last HTA Network meeting of 20 May. It is important that stakeholders with the interest on HTA respond to the call that aims to set up a pool of organisations that the Commission and HTA Network will consult. The stakeholders will be informed about the launch of the call.

EPF confirmed that the organisation is keen to be part of the HTA Network and EUnetHTA3 and stressed that the stakeholders' organisations in the HTA Network need to be chosen on the basis of the experience and interest in HTA but also on the basis of their capacity both to act as counterpart

before the European Commission, member states and other stakeholders and report and inform the stakeholder group they represent. In the EUnetHTA 3, EPF potentially foresees a cross cutting involvement in the different work packages. Nevertheless EPF considers that the patient perspective should be specifically included in the work package on national implementation (WP3). to ensure successful uptake of patients perspective in the national decision making processes.

## **Agenda item 2. Policy Initiative on HTA**

The European Commission gave a brief overview about the state of play on HTA. The Communication on the Single Market Strategy and the Commission Work Programme 2016 foresee an initiative of health technology assessment, and in particular a consultation on the next steps in strengthening EU cooperation. The public consultation is foreseen for Q3 of 2017. The European Commission is particularly interested in the views of patients' organisations, for instance on the interplay between health technology assessments, access to innovative technologies for patients and the sustainability of health care budgets; or the patient involvement in the HTA process. Targeted events to allow for in-depth discussions are being planned, such as a possible workshop with patients/consumers. A possible date is the 27<sup>th</sup> September (TBC).

EPF confirmed that HTA is of particular interest for the organisation. There is an informal group of members interested in HTA. The planned activities for next year also reflect this interest, as a workshop and a position paper are planned on the topic. There was an agreement that it is important to involve member organisations, in particular those on national level.

## **Follow up**

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DG SANTE thanked the representative for the meeting and will inform EPF when the Call for Expression of Interest and the public consultation are launched.