Joint Action on Health Information

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Background
Challenges in health information

1. Dispersed, incomplete and difficult to access

2. Differences in quality and comparability

3. Lack of sustainability

→ Need for health information governance
A European Research Infrastructure Consortium on Health Information
Comparable and policy-relevant health information on population health and health system performance

Core activities:

- Generate knowledge
- Manage knowledge
- Exchange knowledge
- Translate knowledge
How?

- Operates under strict Member State governance
- At the core of health information in the EU
- Benefit from relevant EU funding opportunities at a relatively low cost to its members
- Functions as a house of network linking networks
  - Member States = national node
  - Research = domain specific node
ASSEMBLY OF MEMBERS (AoM)
- full-decision making power
- Members and Observers
- Select 1 Chair and 1 Vice-Chair
- 1 observer in AoM

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT OFFICE
- management, operational and budgetary day-to-day decisions
- General Director and Core Team

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD
- offer advice
- Scientific experts

ETHICS AND PRIVACY BOARD
- offer advice
- Scientific experts

NETWORK COMMITTEE
- oversee national scientific activities
- Representative of national health information authorities and international research networks

CONSULTATION PLATFORM
- align with health information landscape
- International organisations and Commission services

OPERATIVE

EXECUTIVE

DECISION MAKING
Joint Action on Health Information
Aim

Name:
Joint Action on Health Information towards a sustainable EU health information system that supports country knowledge, health research and policy-making.

Overall purpose:
Jointly strengthening health information and health information systems in Member States, affiliated and associated countries and the EU in a sustainable way.
- Build on and link with existing work
  - Other EU projects and networks
  - Other Joint Actions
  - International organisations (OECD, WHO Europe, etc.)
  - Experience from initiatives outside the health domain
- Working towards sustainability i.e. ERIC on health information
  - Exploring results of BRIDGE Health (horizontal) activities
- Holistic vision on population health status, determinants and health system performance
- Address health information inequalities
- Limit competition in health information domains by using transparent prioritisation methods
- Facilitate sustainability and continuity in health information
- Transpose theory to practice useful for MS
- Feasibility
- **Participating countries**
  - 30 participating countries:
    - Austria, Bosnia Herzegovina, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom
  - **Collaborating countries**
    - Iceland, Denmark and Switzerland
  - **3 years with budget of €4 million**
Targeted Sustainable Feasible

- Management Dissemination Evaluation
- Integration and sustainability
- Status of health information systems
- Health information capacity
- Proof of concept structure
- Support Platform
- Innovation for health policy development
- Interoperability and digital assets

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WP4 Integration in national policies and sustainability

- Support countries to implement activities and results from Joint Action.
- Inform policies with relevant and comparable information.
- Guide public health research in support of public health policy needs.

- Lead: Spain
- Co-lead: France
WP5 Status of health information systems in MS and regions

- Map and assess health information systems (WHO toolkit).
- Prepare stakeholder consultation platform.
- Catalogue health information projects and initiatives.
- Engage in prioritisation of health information developments.

- Lead: Germany
- Co-lead: Malta
WP6 Strengthen EU countries health information capacity

- Capacity strengthening baseline program in population monitoring and health system performance assessment
- Map current programmes
- Pool of expert
- Pilot flagship program

- Lead: Portugal
- Co-lead: Finland
WP7 Proof of concept of sustainable structure on health information

- Develop business case of sustainable structure and roadmap for implementation
- Align foreseeable services with needs
- Inform countries on the added value
- Pilot network committee and nodes
- Coordination of governance structures

- Lead: Belgium
- Co-lead: Netherlands
WP8 Health information support platform

- Creating sustainable web based platform with
  - Expert knowledge (community of health information experts & ECHI shortlist)
  - Existing information (guidelines & quality)
  - Best practices (methods and procedures)

- Lead: Italy
- Co-lead: Netherlands
WP9 Innovation in health information for public health policy development

- Better inform decision and policy makers through identifying emerging indicators and data sources potentially useful to target priority public health actions.

- Lead: France
- Co-lead: Lithuania
WP10 Interoperability of health information systems and supporting digital assets

- Linking eHealth and health information systems interoperability state of play, research efforts and practice.
- Lead: Croatia
- Co-lead: Spain, UK, Italy
Elements of interaction with HSPA

- WP3: Involvement in the evaluation of the Joint Action as a representative in the Follow-up Committee
- WP5,6,8: Expert network
- WP6: Experts in relation to capacity building
- WP8: Generating knowledge on data collection methods and procedures - including data on HSP
- WP8: ECHI renewal - involvement EG HSPA
- WP9: Use of existing data combining population and health care utilisation
- WP10: Examples in good practice of eHealth use in HSPA
Work in progress