The European Network for Patient Safety & Quality

JA PaSQ


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PaSQ will build on the EUNetPaS: network…

An EU-level platform for collaboration and networking between:
- 27 Member States
- International organisations
- European stakeholders in the field of healthcare (healthcare professionals, patients, institutions, scientists)
…of National Networks

- National institutions on Patient Safety (PS):
  - Healthcare quality agencies
  - Dedicated PS agencies or departments
- Decision makers and financiers
- Healthcare professionals
- Patient representatives
- Research teams on PS

PaSQ
European Union Network for Patient Safety and Quality of Care

National Platforms
PaSQ a JA in Patient Safety and Quality of Care

Member States
Needs

Commission
Policies and
projects

EUNetPaS
Network

PS recommendation
Draft on Q of Care

Cross Border
directive

International
Organisations
i.e. WHO, OCDE

National
Policies
Platforms

Patient Safety and
Quality
Joint Action

National Policies
Platforms
A long process and a perfect timing to fit with EC agenda

PaSQ:

Letter from EC to MS to participate to the JA March 2010

- 7 preparatory meetings (2010-2011) mainly organised by the EC

May 2011- April 2012 EAHC evaluation

Starting date April 2012

Kick off meeting May 24-25th 2012 Copenhagen (Danish Presidency of the EU)

Other EC initiatives in the PaSQ field

Implementation of the Patient Safety Recommendation (2010 - 2011)


Review of the European Standardisation Regulation (2012)
PaSQA General Objective

Support the implementation of the Council Recommendation on Patient Safety.

Strengthen cooperation between EU MS, international organizations and EU stakeholders on issues related to quality of healthcare, including Patient Safety and patient involvement.
Patient safety is a key foundation of good quality healthcare

« Two sides of the same coin »
PaSQ Specific Objectives

- Patient safety and quality network sustainability WP1&7
- Patient Safety good clinical practices exchange mechanism WP4
- Patient Safety good clinical practices implementation WP5
- Quality improvement systems exchange mechanism WP6
PaSQ tools

- Exchange mechanisms in MS (20/25): national and cross national exchange of knowledge and experiences
  - Site visits
  - National network building,
  - Mutual learning mechanism, on-line courses, twining programs, workshops
- PS good practices implementation (15 MS)
  - High 5 ?
  - Handover?
Work Plan

  .literature review
  .glossary

➢ Data collection: Nov. 2012 – Feb 2013

Implementation
  .action plan: March 2013 – June 2013


Proposals: Feb – March 2015
First achievements

- Web site & visual identity www.pasq.eu
- PaSQ News letter
- Data collection process based on MS answers to the EC questionnaire on the implementation of the Patient Safety recommendation of the Council
- Glossary and Framework
- First selection of Safe Clinical Practices for implementation
- Network of PaSQ National Contact Points
Web site & visual identity [www.pasq.eu](http://www.pasq.eu)

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**Project**

The European Union Network for Patient Safety and Quality of Care, PaSQ Joint Action is co-funded and supported by the European Commission within the Public Health Programme.

It is building on European Union Network for Patient Safety (EUNetPaS)’ experience and network to promote the organisation of Patient Safety and Quality of Care platforms in all European Member States to improve Patient Safety and Quality of Care through sharing of information, experience(s) and the implementation of good practices. These platforms will be organised around PaSQ National Contact Points (NCPs) who will be also the contact persons for PaSQ matters in their respective countries.

**Working Pattern**

It will run for 36 months (April 1st 2012 – March 31st 2015) and will be performed through seven (7) Work Packages.

**Objective**

The main objective of PaSQ is to support the implementation of the Council Recommendation on Patient Safety. PaSQ unites representatives of the European medical community and the institutional partners involved in Patient Safety and Quality of Care in the Member States of the European Union.

based on:
- MS answers to the EC questionnaire on the implementation of the Patient Safety recommendation of the Council when available
- One on line questionnaire - 5 surveys:
  - Patient Safety Practices (PSPs) exchange
  - Safe Clinical Practices (SCPs) implementation
  - Good Organisational Practices (GOPs) exchange
  - Exchange Mechanisms (EMs)
  - Network Sustainability (NS)

Coordinated by PaSQ NCPs and supported by stakeholders
Glossary and Framework

- Definitions & key aspects of the 25 concepts used to achieve PaSQ objectives in the PS & QC field
  Common for WP 4, 5 & 6

- Validated by PaSQ Steering Committee
- Public in November 2012

- Not validated to be used outside of PaSQ context
First selection of Safe Clinical Practices for implementation

- Medication Reconciliation
- Medical Emergency Team/ Rapid Response Team
- Suprapubic Bladder Catheterisation
- Multimodal Intervention to increase hand hygiene compliance
- Introduction of checklists to increase the safety of surgical procedures
Network of PaSQ NCPs

- One representative of PaSQ AP or CP in each EU MS plus Croatia & Norway
- Usually not the same as NCPs to be appointed through the Cross Border Directive
- In charge of coordinating PaSQ activities in their respective MS
- Back bone of the future Sustainable network for PS & QC (WP7)
Expected benefits (1)

- Building of a collaborative Network on Patient Safety among EU MS and aiming for a long-term engagement in the PaSQ Network
- Development of a permanent, financially sustainable business model for the Network after the end of this Joint Action
- Benefits from sharing knowledge experience and expertise at national, regional and institutional level in the participating MS
Expected benefits (2)

- Benefits from the implementation of selected good practices (with a preference for those that are relevant for most MS)
- Better understanding of quality improvement systems in the EU to help structural changes in MS
- Provision of a well structured European overview on Patient Safety
- Building up potential for an EU peer review system for quality management systems in health care.
Further in the future
A European exchange program for quality initiatives

Some EU countries have already experienced such program (NL, DK, UK, Ir, Fr…)

The example of IAP (International Accreditation Program) and EPSO:
on site visits promoting exchange of experiences, twining programs, capacity building…
Acknowledgement to PaSQ’ 61 partners!
Thank you for your attention