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Joint Actions in HTA: What Is the European Commission and EU Member States doing to improve equity in patient care?

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HEALTHCARE SYSTEM EFFICIENCY THROUGH HTA



Overarching values of the European Union for health systems*

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION:

- **CONSIDERS** that health systems are a central part of Europe's high levels of social protection and make a major contribution to social cohesion and social justice



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*) Official Journal of the European Union, C 146, Volume 49, June 22 2006

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- universality
- access to good quality care
- equity
- solidarity



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HTA aim*

The aim of HTA is to **inform** the formulation of safe, effective, **health policies** that are **patient focused** and seek to achieve **best value**

Despite its policy goals, HTA must always be **firmly rooted** in **research** and the **scientific method**

*) www.EUnetHTA.eu/About



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EUnetHTA Collaboration, 2008*

Vision

- The EUnetHTA Collaboration will contribute to the generation of HTAs to **inform policy and healthcare decision making** in European countries so that **new health technologies can be adopted and obsolete technologies abandoned** in a well-informed and robust manner, hence bringing about **high quality, safe, accessible, sustainable, ethical and efficient health care for citizens across Europe**

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Values of the EUnetHTA Collaboration

- The partners in the EUnetHTA Collaboration share the overarching values of the European Union for health systems: universality, access to good quality care, equity and solidarity

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The partners see HTA reports as contributions to improve the health of European citizens by providing input to decision making at an appropriate level that promotes good quality care, equity in access to health care and best value for money...

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The following **values for quality processes** are fundamental to the work of the EUnetHTA Collaboration:

- use of best available evidence
- common methodological and process standards
- common review processes

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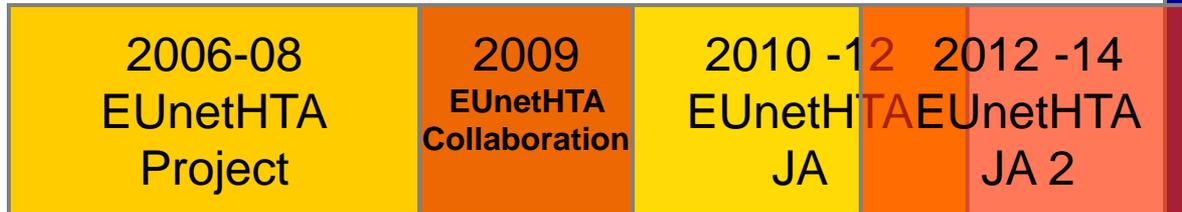


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European network for HTA Joint Action between European Commission and EU Member States

A total of 35 government appointed organisations from 24 EU Member States, Norway and Croatia and a large number of regional agencies and non-for-profit organisations that produce or contribute to HTA



EUnetHTA Joint Action 2010-12

main objective

To put into practice an effective and sustainable HTA collaboration in Europe that brings added value at the European, national and regional level



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EUnetHTA Joint Action 2010-12

Focus on HTA in Europe to

- **facilitate efficient use of resources available for HTA,**
- **create a sustainable system of HTA knowledge sharing, and**
- **promote good practice in HTA methods and processes**
- **Budget: € 5.959.525**
- **Work progresses according to plans with few adjustments to timelines**



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Directive on Cross-border Healthcare

Article 15 Cooperation on health technology assessment

1. 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



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The Directive on CBHC

The Directive n°2011/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2011 on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare entered into force on 24th April 2011. Its transposition period of 30 months will end on 25th October 2013. By then, Member States are required to have adopted all necessary measures to transpose the Directive into national legislation.



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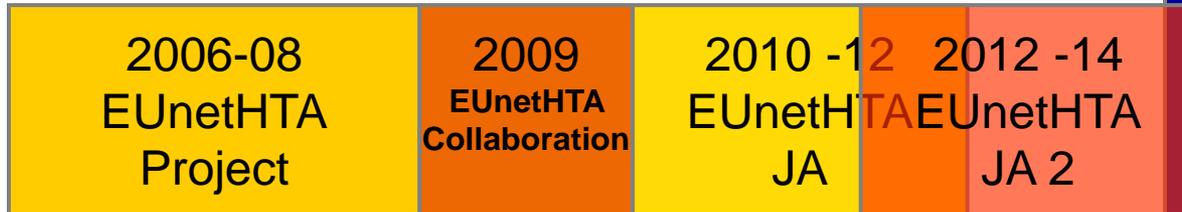


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