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## **First Meeting of the Identification of Emerging Health Technologies Subgroup of the Member State Coordination Group on HTA**

**25 April 2023**

### **Summary minutes**

The first meeting of the Identification of Emerging Health Technologies (EHT) subgroup of the Member State Coordination Group on Health Technology Assessment (HTACG) was held on 25 April 2023 in Brussels. Representatives from 23 Member States, as well as Iceland and Norway in observer capacity, attended the meeting (either in person or remotely). Hungary, Poland, Romania and Slovenia were not present as they have not designated their representatives to the EHT subgroup yet.

The meeting was chaired ad interim by Marco Marchetti (Italy), Co-chair of the HTACG.

The agenda of the meeting was approved with no changes.

### **Introduction of subgroup members**

A tour de table was held to give every Member State and observer the opportunity to present themselves.

### **Information point: The IT platform for subgroups**

The Commission presented the developments of the HTA IT platform, which will be used by the subgroups in their collaborative work. The technical functionalities are being set up by the Commission, and users' needs are integrated into the development through an IT users working group consisting of 13 Member States and Norway. It was explained that Release-2 of the HTA IT platform is scheduled for end of 2023 but this will depend on the discussions and outputs in the HTACG and subgroups as the IT platform needs to incorporate the workflows for information exchange in secure spaces between the different actors involved in the joint work. The subgroups' identification of the specific needs in terms of IT support for the performance of their tasks is a key element in the development of the IT platform.

### **Point 1: Terms of reference for the subgroup and work programme 2023-2024**

Subgroups received the Terms of Reference adopted by the HTACG in advance of the meeting and they used it as a basis for a discussion on the first work priorities and a preliminary work programme for 2023-2024.

Member States agreed to start the work by mapping the existing sources of information for horizon scanning.

It was suggested to exchange information with the European Medicines Agency (EMA) on their activities related to emerging health technologies. Members highlighted that a good methodological basis for the identification of potential disruptive technologies was needed, including the definition of the criteria for expected “major impact” as described in Article 22(1) of the HTA Regulation. Members pointed out that agreement should be achieved on the content structure of the reports that the EHT subgroup would produce, considering both medicinal products and medical devices. It was suggested to identify the relevant deliverables under EUnetHTA 21 service contract and explore how these could support the work of the subgroup. Members raised the need to get input from different stakeholders and to define ways to identify and interact with those stakeholders.

Subgroup members also proposed to discuss cooperation and interaction with other subgroups.

The next meeting was proposed for October, but Member States felt that an earlier meeting (in May) would be necessary to define tasks and responsibilities in the subgroup.

### **Point 2: Election of the Chair and Co-chair of the subgroup**

The interim Chair introduced the point and requested the eligible nominees to present themselves and the elections of the Chair and Co-chair of the EHT subgroup were held by secret ballot.

**Kim Helleberg Madsen** (Danish Medicines Agency) was elected as Chair of the EHT subgroup.

**Jelena Ivanovic** (Italian Medicines Agency) was elected as Co-chair of the EHT subgroup.

The interim Chair (for the election of the Chair) and the elected Chair (for the election of the Co-chair) counted and verified all votes, with the support of the HTACG Secretariat.

The newly elected Chair and Co-chair were congratulated and chaired the rest of the meeting.

### **Conclusions**

The Chair and Co-chair thanked all participants and summarised the main points of the discussions.

It was announced that the date and time of the next meeting in May would be identified in coordination with the HTA Secretariat and members would be informed in due course.

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