

Joint Action on Health Information WP4-Health indicators platform

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Acronym of Involved Organizations	Country	Role
ISS (IT)	Italy	WP leader
RIVM (NL)	Netherlands	WP Co-leader
NIPHRS (SI)	Slovenia	WP Co-leader
CIPH (HR)	Croatia	Participant
UZIS (CZ)	Czech Republic	Participant
MoSA (EE)	Estonia	Participant
THL (FI)	Finland	Participant
Santé Publique/Min. Santé (FR)	France	Participant
RKI (DE)	Germany	Participant
NKUA (GR)	Greece	Participant
DoH (IE)	Ireland	Participant
CDPC (LV)	Latvia	Participant
HI (LT)	Lithuania	Participant
DHIR (MT)	Malta	Participant
Dhir (NO)	Norway	Participant
DGS (PT)	Portugal	Participant
NIPH (RO)	Romania	Participant
FOHM (SE)	Sweden	Participant
Swansea Univ./Welsh Gov. (UK)	United Kingdom	Participant

WP4 - Objectives

- To provide guidance at the EU level to improve the use of multi-source health information to support public health decision making, policy creation and research
- To summarise the existing experience in Europe on health data and health indicators by reviewing and identifying existing standardized data collection methods and common procedures including quality assurance procedures
- To maintain and develop identified standardized data collection methods and related quality assurance procedures
- To elaborate common procedures for accessibility and availability of health information both at the level of individual based data and health indicators and to prepare guidelines for these topics
- To identify common definitions, attributes and characteristics of health indicators
- To prepare guidelines for preparing comparable standard reports
- To establish a network of national and regional health information experts (researchers, physician's associations, health professionals, policy makers, citizen associations, other stakeholders)

Task 4.1: Generating knowledge on data collection methods and procedures

Leader: ISS, Italy
Co-leader: THL, Finland

Main activities	Willing to participate
i) Reviews and definition of data collection methods and procedures (Population-based registry data, Survey data, Longitudinal data, Health system performance data, other administrative data, data from web-connected medical devices)	Finland, Germany, Spain, Norway
ii) Maintaining and developing data collection standards and related quality assurance procedures.	Finland

Task 4.2: European Common Health Indicators: renewal and design for a sustainable update procedure

Leader: RIVM, The Netherlands;
Co-leader: ISS, Italy

Main activities	Willing to participate
To restructure the ECHI-shortlist towards a small top set with a cockpit function and a secondary layer that systematically aligns with specific and/or new policies	Finland, Norway
To prepare a proposal for a sustainable process of updating, removing or adding ECHI-indicators which is to be discussed and approved by the EGHI	
To establish and describe common standardised definitions, attributes and characteristics (meta-data) of main health indicators	

Task 4.3: Guidelines for accessibility, availability and reporting of health information including quality of data/indicators and quality of reporting

Leader: ISS, Italy;

Co-leader: RIVM, The Netherlands; RKI, Germany

Main activities	Willing to participate
A review of procedures to have access to health data and health indicators in European institutions, international institutions, European networks and tools in order to elaborate guidelines on accessibility and availability of data and indicators	Norway
Starting from evidence and best practices on health reporting, quality assurance guidelines on health reporting from MS and best practices in national HSPA reporting, common guidelines and recommendations will be developed	

Task 4.4: Establishment and maintaining of the network of community of health information experts for involving them in the work of entire JA

Leader: NIPHRS, Slovenia
Co-leader: ISS, Italy

Main activities	Willing to participate
Constitution and coordination of a group of experts, representing all participating countries, devoted to	
i) collect information from all participating countries (health data information, health indicators definitions and characteristics, quality methods adopted, health information availability and accessibility procedures)	
ii) translate, adapt, and harmonise guidelines to the different national contexts and settings in order to facilitate the use of health information to research community and to implement health policy, preventive community actions, and health interventions in MS	

List of deliverables

N	Title	Lead	Type	Dissemination Level	Due Date (Months)
D4.1	Health Information System development: data collection and quality assurance for a common health information system	ISS	Report	Public	28
D4.2	Health Information System development: health indicators and health indicator development for a common health information system	RIVM	Report	Public	28
D4.3	Guidelines for accessibility and availability of health information	ISS	Report	Public	32
D4.4	Guidelines for MS and regions for health status report and HSPA reporting	ISS	Report	Public	32
D4.5	European Expert Group on translation of guidelines	NIPHRS	Report	Public	36

Schedule of relevant milestone

N	Title	Lead	Type	Due Date (Months)	Means of verification
MS4.1	Community of health information experts for translation	NIPHRS	Report	12	Setting-up of a network of health information experts completed for Tasks 1-4
MS4.2	Questionnaires for MS regarding data collection methods and procedures	ISS	Questionnaire	6	Preparation and sending out of questionnaires for MS regarding data collection methods and procedures completed for Task 1
MS4.3	Research/desk work on review of data collection methods and procedures	ISS	Report	18	Research/desk work on review of data collection methods and procedures completed for Task 1
MS4.4	Research/desk work on review of health indicators	RIVM	Report	18	Research/desk work on review of health indicators completed for Task 2