



Meeting of the Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health

Minutes

Brussels, 4th July 2018

1st Working group meeting on Assessing the impact of digital transformation of health services

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Tuesday 4th July 2018, 10:00 –15:00H CET

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved without changes.

2. Nature of the meeting

The 1st working group meeting on Assessing the impact of digital transformation of health services took place on the 4th of July 2018. The meeting, which was chaired by Pedro Pita Barros, was a non-public meeting. Margaret Barry and Claudia Wild sent apologies.

No declarations of interest that could in any way interfere with the topic discussed were submitted from any panel member.

3. List of points discussed

Reporting of ongoing work:

The aim of the meeting was to discuss and organise the first outline of the mandate and decide how to proceed. The Chair gave an overview of the context of the previous draft suggesting that the group should start from reflecting on the HTA frameworks, as HTA was seen as a logical starting point.

The Chair guided the WG to discuss what kind of final results they want to provide. The WG agreed to make principles that can be followed by anyone and it will be reflective in all health areas decision. DG SANTE intervened to explain that they would like the results to involve some key principles and that the WG should transcribe at a general level. The WG should try to find the benefits of digitalization and develop the methods to create a universal framework.

Moreover, the WG is free to describe the methodologies already in place, however, not too much in detail.

Some WG members discussed several keywords. It was agreed that they will be changed in the opinion because these words have been antiquated.

- Artificial intelligence → Algorithms for data analysis, or Cloud Computing
- Ambient technology → Telecommunications

The participants continued the discussion and explored the scope of the current draft. They brainstormed with the following points, amongst other things:

- The societal perspective of digitalisation, for example they looked at the EFQM framework.
- Challenges of engagement with different age groups in the population.
- Risk assessment will be developed but separated and it will only be affecting the data.
- Equities and Inequities
- Health literacy
- Regulation of safety figures in digital transformation
- Complications of implementation of digital technology

DG SANTE will help providing the necessary support in terms of communication. DG SANTE emphasised that they are interested in how to evaluate digital transformation; they proposed to discuss health literacy in digital transformation, and to look at the broader perspective of impact assessment.

4. Conclusion

The Chair thanked everyone for their presence and the valuable discussion to move forward with the mandate. The WG members divided the tasks to expand the current draft text in order to have a more advanced version of the opinion ready for the end of August. The final version should be approved in November.

5. Next meeting

The date of the next working group meeting is to be confirmed.

6. List of participants

Members

BARRY Margaret (MB) (Apologies)
BOUREK Ales (AB)
BROUWER Werner (WB)
LEHTONEN Lasse (LL) (via web connection)
RICCIARDI Walter (WR) (via web connection)
MURAUSKIENE Liubove (LM)
PITA BARROS Pedro (PPB)
SICILIANI Luigi (LS) (via web connection)
WILD Claudia (CW) (Apologies)

EXTERNAL

KOCH Sabine (SK) (via web connection)
SARANTO Kaija (KS)

DG SANTE

KONTINEN Päivi (PK)
LIM Roger (RL)
PIHA Tapani (TP)
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