



4th Meeting of the Member State Subgroup for Identification of Emerging Health Technologies (EHT)

24 November 2023, online meeting, Webex

Summary Minutes

The fourth meeting of the Member State Subgroup for Identification of Emerging Health Technologies set up by Regulation (EU) 2021/2282 was held on 24 November online, using Webex. Representatives from 21 EU Member States participated. Representatives of Iceland and Norway were present as observers.

The fourth meeting was chaired by Kim Helleberg Madsen (Denmark) and co-chaired by Jelena Ivanovic (Italy).

The agenda of the meeting was approved with no changes.

The meeting covered the following points:

- 1) Debriefs from the HTACG meeting on 16 November; joint Chairs' meeting on 24 October; HTA Stakeholder Network meeting on 17 November, including on the breakout sessions on emerging health technologies; the meeting of the subgroup Chairs with the European Medicines Agency.**

The Chair debriefed the subgroup members on the above mentioned meetings. With relevance to the work on emerging health technologies, he highlighted the discussion that took place at the HTA Stakeholder Network meeting. Some issues which emerged 1) potential contribution of stakeholders to the identification of emerging health technologies; 2) the need to establish contacts with stakeholders; 3) the use of existing information sources on horizon scanning; 4) the role of new technologies such as Artificial Intelligence in horizon scanning. Regarding the meeting with the European Medicines Agency, it was underlined that a more detailed definition of the data needs of the subgroup was needed.

- 2) Update on the work streams on mapping of information sources and on definition of major impact**

Members participating in the work streams updated the subgroup about the ongoing work. A list of already identified information sources was presented and discussed. The work stream on definition of major impact is now focusing on a scoping review of the criteria used by existing horizon scanning systems for impact definition and prioritisation of technologies.

- 3) Adjustment of the work plan of the subgroup on the identification of emerging health technologies**

The Chair informed subgroup members that the Coordination Group had approved the adjustment of the work plan to allow more time for the work to be done in the subgroups. This includes the delivery of the results of the two ongoing work streams in the subgroup for the identification of emerging health technologies.

4) Standard Operating Procedures

The Co-Chair informed the members that the Standard Operating Procedures for the Coordination Group and its subgroups was adopted at the last Coordination Group meeting as a working document and modifications would still be possible.

5) Conclusions

The Chair concluded the meeting by identifying the topics for discussion at the next subgroup meeting. These included the scope of the report on emerging health technologies, data needs for the reports, the use of the HTA stakeholder network for the identification of emerging health technologies, and the expected workload and funding of the work in the subgroup.

The next meeting of the subgroup is planned for 14 December 2023 in virtual format.