

MIDDAY EXPRESS

*News from the Press and Communication Service's midday briefing
Nouvelles du rendez-vous de midi du Service Presse et Communication*

26/06/2013

Rules established on Health Technology Assessment

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) provides policy-makers with information on the benefits and comparative value of health technologies and procedures. It is a key tool when planning healthcare budgets and vital for the long term sustainability of Europe's healthcare systems. The [Directive on Patients' Rights in Cross border Healthcare](#) foresees a Network of National authorities or bodies responsible for HTA. Today, an Implementing Act setting out the necessary rules for the establishment, management and transparent functioning of the Network has been adopted. The HTA Network of National authorities will help facilitate efficient use of HTA resources in Europe, create a sustainable system of HTA knowledge sharing, and will promote good practice in HTA methods and processes. To date, the cooperation is conducted by the EUnetHTA consortium, reaching key success on methodological development and testing of pharmaceutical products and medical devices.

For more information:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/technology_assessment/policy/index_en.htm ; www.eunetha.eu