

# Joint Action on Health Information

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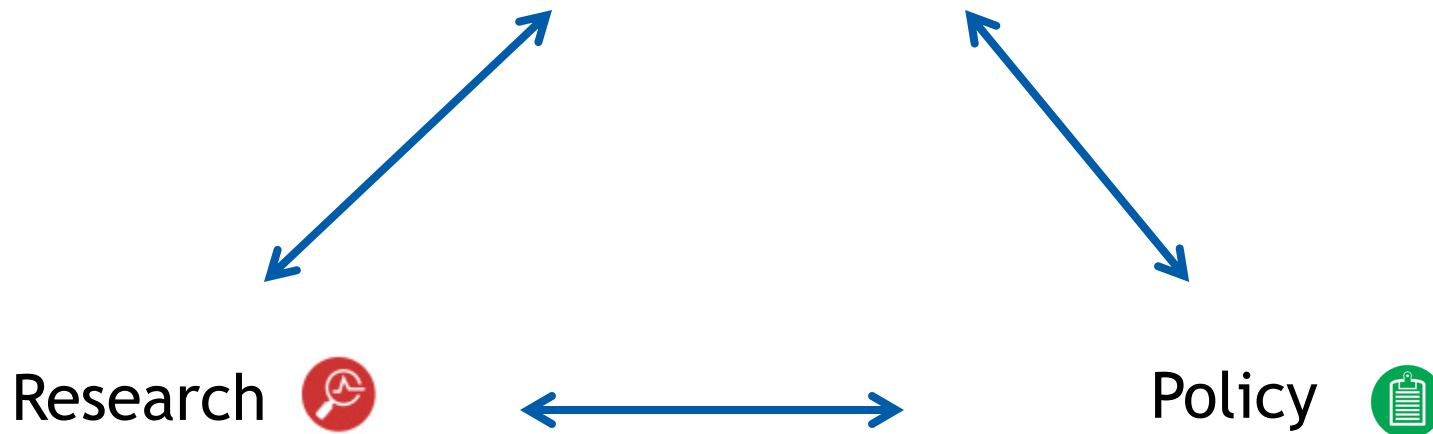
# Challenges in health information

1. Dispersed, incomplete and difficult to access
2. Differences in quality and comparability
3. Lack of sustainability







→ Need for health information governance





# A European Research Infrastructure Consortium on Health Information



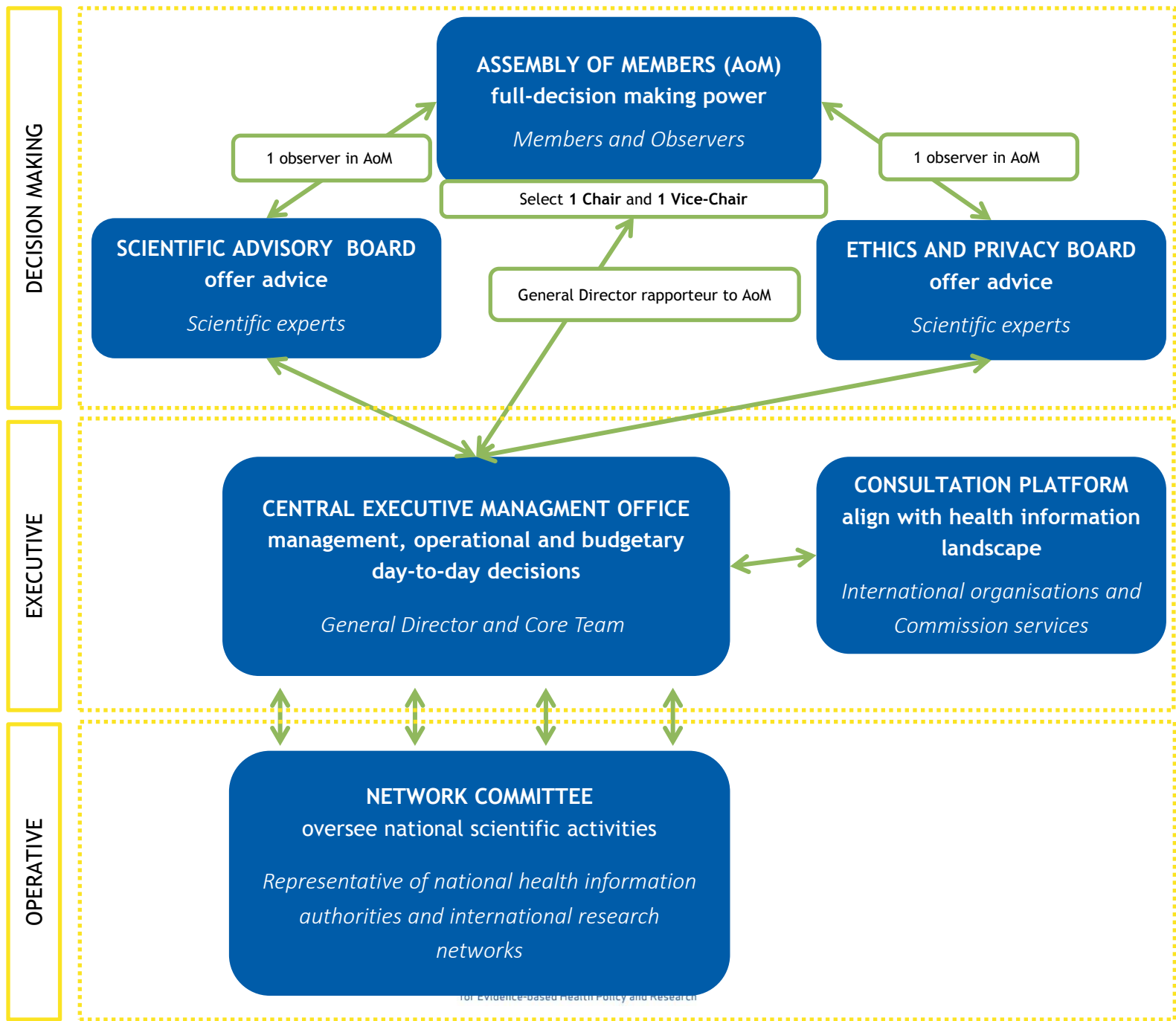
Comparable and policy-relevant health information on population health and health system performance

## Core activities:

- Generate knowledge 
- Manage knowledge 
- Exchange knowledge 
- Translate knowledge 

-  Operates under strict **Member State** governance
-  At the **core** of health information in the **EU**
-  Benefit from relevant **EU funding** opportunities at a relatively low cost to its members
-  Functions as a **house of network** linking networks
  - Member States = national node
  - Research = domain specific node







# Joint Action on Health Information



Name:

Joint Action on Health Information towards a sustainable EU health information system that supports country knowledge, health research and policy-making.

Overall purpose:

Jointly strengthening health information and health information systems in Member States, affiliated and associated countries and the EU in a sustainable way.

## Linking past and future



- Build on and link with existing work
  - Other EU projects and networks
  - Other Joint Actions
  - International organisations (OECD, WHO Europe, etc.)
  - Experience from initiatives outside the health domain
- Working towards sustainability i.e. ERIC on health information
  - Exploring results of BRIDGE Health (horizontal) activities

- Holistic vision on population health status, determinants and health system performance
- Address health information inequalities
- Limit competition in health information domains by using transparent prioritisation methods
- Facilitate sustainability and continuity in health information
- Transpose theory to practice useful for MS
- Feasibility

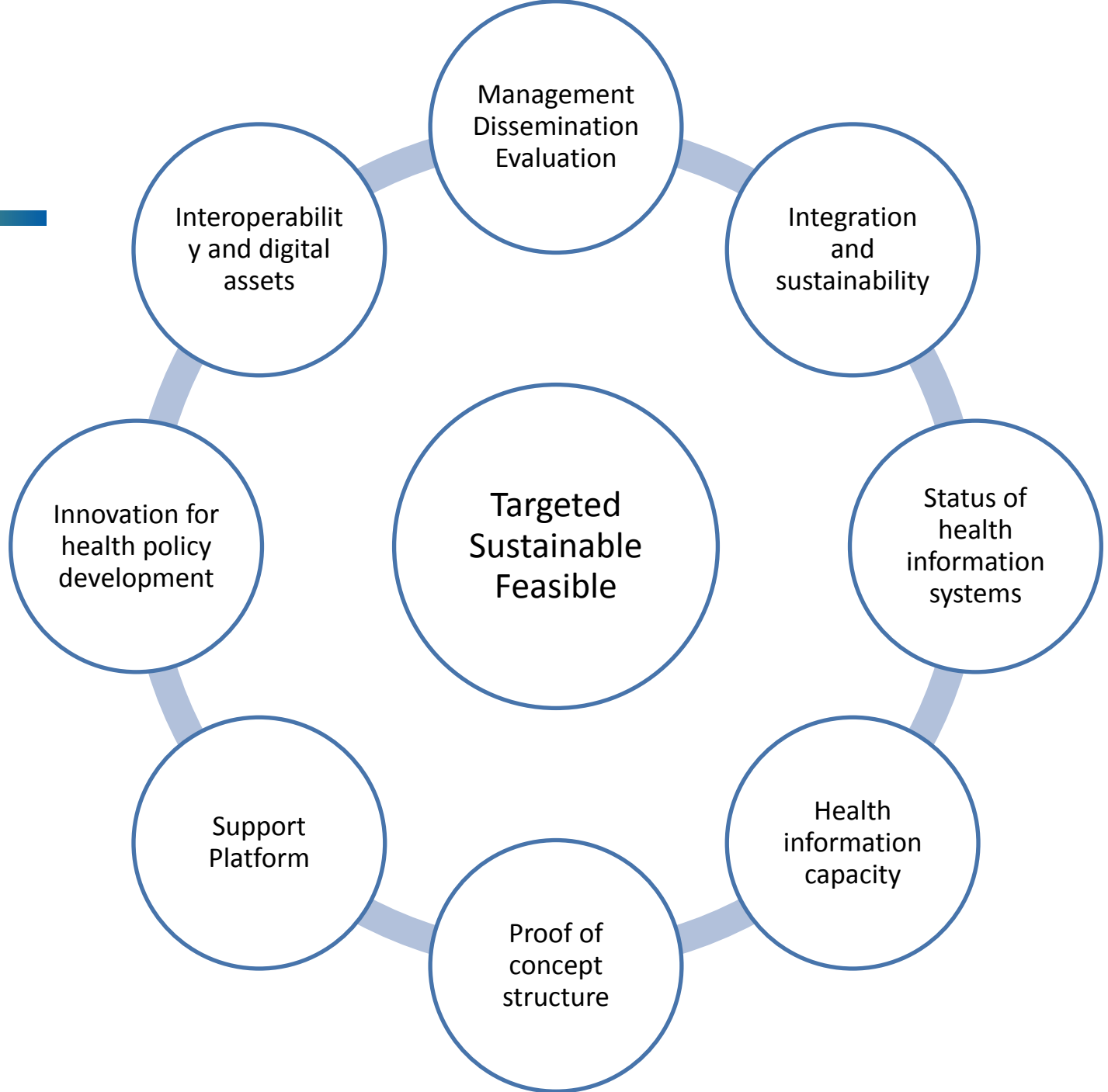
## Participating countries



- 30 participating countries:  
Austria, Bosnia Herzegovina, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom
- Collaborating countries  
Iceland, Denmark and Switzerland
- 3 years with budget of €4 million

# Draft Working Packages

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WP	WP Name	WP Lead	Contact
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## WP4 Integration in national policies and sustainability



- Support countries to implement activities and results from Joint Action.
- Inform policies with relevant and comparable information.
- Guide public health research in support of public health policy needs.
  
- Lead: Spain
- Co-lead: France



## WP5 Status of health information systems in MS and regions



- Map and assess health information systems (WHO toolkit).
- Prepare stakeholder consultation platform.
- Catalogue health information projects and initiatives.
- Engage in prioritisation of health information developments.
  
- Lead: Germany
- Co-lead: Malta

## WP6 Strengthen EU countries health information capacity



- Capacity strengthening baseline program in population monitoring and health system performance assessment
- Map current programmes
- Pool of expert
- Pilot flagship program
  
- Lead: Portugal
- Co-lead: Finland

## WP7 Proof of concept of sustainable structure on health information



- Develop business case of sustainable structure and roadmap for implementation
- Align foreseeable services with needs
- Inform countries on the added value
- Pilot network committee and nodes
- Coordination of governance structures
  
- Lead: Belgium
- Co-lead: Netherlands

## WP8 Health information support platform



- Creating sustainable web based platform with
  - Expert knowledge (community of health information experts & ECHI shortlist)
  - Existing information (guidelines & quality)
  - Best practices (methods and procedures)
- Lead: Italy
- Co-lead: Netherlands

## WP9 Innovation in health information for public health policy development



- Better inform decision and policy makers through identifying emerging indicators and data sources potentially useful to target priority public health actions.
- Lead: France
- Co-lead: Lithuania

# WP10 Interoperability of health information systems and supporting digital assets



- Linking eHealth and health information systems interoperability state of play, research efforts and practice.
- Lead: Croatia
- Co-lead: Spain, UK, Italy

## Elements of interaction with HSPA



- WP3: Involvement in the evaluation of the Joint Action as a representative in the Follow-up Committee
- WP5,6,8: Expert network
- WP6: Experts in relation to capacity building
- WP8: Generating knowledge on data collection methods and procedures - including data on HSP
- WP8: ECHI renewal - involvement EG HSPA
- WP9: Use of existing data combining population and health care utilisation
- WP10: Examples in good practice of eHealth use in HSPA

Work in progress

