



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

Brainstorming meeting 16th February 2017

The BRIDGE Health project's assessment of the health information system in the EU

"Better health information governance is needed to ensure that the data we collect and knowledge we generate are consistent with our priorities."

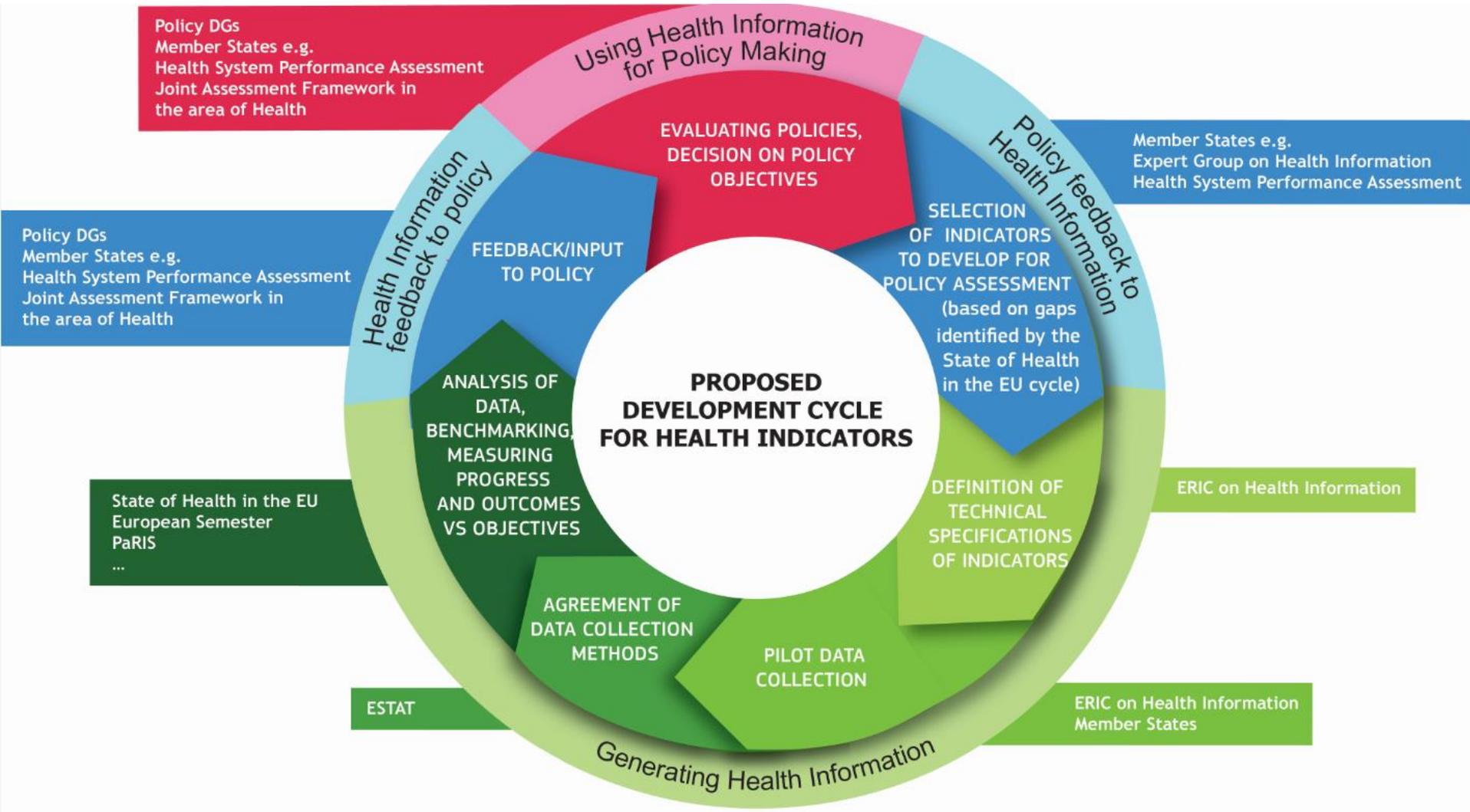
"prevent work from being duplicated and reduce both inefficiencies and costs"

"Better support and coordinated action are required to reduce health information inequalities across the EU and improve the quality and comparability of the collected data"

"Mechanisms are needed to feed the knowledge and know-how generated by health information projects into more permanent data collections"



The Commission's vision of an effective health information system



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

The Joint Action on Health Information is **approved** in the **2017 Health Programme Annual Work Programme** with a budget of **4 million Euros** over a period of **3 years**.



Member States' suggestions on the scope - EGHI meeting 6th December 2016

**Designing an ideal health
information coordination
mechanism in the EU**

**Improving the efficiency of health
information activities and reducing
reporting burden on Member State**

**Prioritising on-going EU health
information activities and reducing
duplication between these**

Member States' suggestions on the scope (of a future ERIC) - Working Party on Public Health at Senior Level 3rd Feb

Reducing overlaps among EU initiatives

Agreeing on the scope and tasks of a public health information system in the EU

Reducing duplications in data collection

Member States' preliminary suggestions on the scope

Making inventories of relevant health information research activities and networks

A study linking European health strategies to their respective information needs (what indicators are still lacking?)

Establishing criteria for the continuation of health information activities and networks (such as being related to policy processes including at ESTAT, WHO and OECD) and for their inclusion in the future ERIC

Designing an ideal health information coordination mechanism in the EU;

- Detailed strategic business plan for the ERIC, including a roadmap for expanding networks, committing MS, liaising with health information agencies, and funding agencies. A SWOT analysis and a clear assessment of what the ERIC will do and NOT do in its first years.

Filling gaps in the indicator coverage

- Methodology for the improvement / development of new indicators for health monitoring, including health inequalities
- Use of administrative data for health monitoring

Methods for presenting findings/data, knowledge analysis.

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Five main areas have emerged

Reducing duplications in health information generation thereby **reducing the data collection burden** on Member States.

Drawing up a blueprint for an ideal health information coordination mechanism.

Better aligning health information generation with policy priorities and reallocating resources towards health information areas which are more relevant for policy making, health research and country knowledge.

Improving the robustness and Member State coverage of highly policy-relevant health indicators to monitor the accessibility, resilience and effectiveness of health systems.

Improving the interoperability of data and knowledge platforms.

Expression of interest for coordinator role

- *Belgian Public Health Institute*