



**WORKSHOP**  
**LE TEMATICHE DI SANITÀ PUBBLICA DEL SEMESTRE DI PRESIDENZA ITALIANA**  
**dell'UE:**  
**SVILUPPI ED OPPORTUNITÀ A LIVELLO NAZIONALE E REGIONALE**

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# Finalità del workshop

*Nel quadro dell'impegno di internazionalizzazione del PMI:*

- *aumentare conoscenza su esiti Semestre presidenza (quaderno)*
- *discussione di alcuni topics finalizzata a:*
  - *assicurare applicazione a livello nazionale e locale delle decisioni assunte*
  - *assicurare la coerenza delle posizioni che verranno assunte a livello comunitario*
  - *promuovere seguiti a idee lanciate durante la Presidenza italiana anche da parte delle altre Presidenze*

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## 1<sup>st</sup> pillar: Strengthening effectiveness

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effectiveness

Health Systems  
Performance  
Assessment

Patient Safety and  
Quality of Care

Integration of Care

- In February 2014, the Council Work Party on Public Health at Senior Level invited Member States and the Commission to set up an Expert Group on Health Systems Performance Assessment (HSPA).
- The Expert Group was established in September 2014.
- Two meetings took place: 10 November 2014 and 6 February 2015 (in Stockholm).

### Goals:

- Set up a forum for exchange of national experience
- Identify tools and methodologies to support national policy makers
- Define criteria and procedures for selecting priority areas
- Intensify EU cooperation with international organisations

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Council Conclusions adopted on 1/12/2014: Member States and the Commission to further work on patient safety and on broader quality of care issues.

### Objectives:

- better coordinate patient-related policies (e.g. patient safety, patient empowerment, patient information)
- facilitate the move from policies to practical implementation at EU, national, regional and/or local levels
- generate evidence for potential subsequent policy making

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### **European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing**

1. Continued placing AHA in the political agenda
2. Deployment of innovations, more to come in 2015
3. Development of Scaling-up Strategy in AHA

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Opinion from the **expert panel on effective ways on investing in health** on a definition of a frame of reference in relation to primary care with a special emphasis on financing systems and referral systems

(July 2014)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> pillar: Increasing accessibility

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### Address regional imbalances of health workers:

To guarantee access to healthcare in rural areas we need to address regional imbalances of health professionals

- **Joint Action on Health workforce planning & Forecasting - the right number of health professional (Main results this years, ends in 2016)**

Planning of EU  
workforce

- Exchanging best practices on Recruitment and Retention of health professionals: "Effective measures other than increasing salaries" (EU-study to be published in May 2015)

### Skills of tomorrow's health professional:

Cost-effective use of medicines of We need to identify future skills needs of health and care professionals and plan our educational systems accordingly

- **Joint Action on Health workforce planning & Forecasting – future skills needs (Main results this year, ends in 2016)**

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- Scaling up research at EU level on the skills mixes of health professionals
- Keeping skills up to date with Continuous Professional Development

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- The Commission has launched in December 2014 a Study on **enhanced cross-country coordination in the area of pharmaceutical product pricing**.
- Coordination approaches assessed will include (enhanced) sharing of price information and consensus building on pricing models.
- Next steps include a stakeholder consultation over summer and final deliver is planned by end of 2015.



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- The Commission has spent most of 2014 carrying out a “completeness” **check on Member State transposition of the Directive → nearly complete**
- Next stage: check on **compliance i.e. substance of transposition**
- Report to Council and Parliament due summer 2015
- Launch of first call for European Reference Networks end of this year

## 3<sup>rd</sup> pillar: Improving resilience

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Health Technology  
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Health Technology Assessment Network 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting Rome, 29 October 2014 - HTA Strategy unanimously adopted, calling for:

- Synergies between joint HTA work at EU level and national HTA activities to avoid duplication of assessments
- HTA integration in the life cycle approach of health technologies; from R&D to market access, post marketing surveillance and re-evaluation
- Synergies between regulatory and HTA requirements, before and after marketing authorisation

Discussion on possible framework for HTA for eHealth applications

Council Conclusion on "Innovation for the Benefits of patients"  call to implement the HTA Network strategy and extensive reference to HTA

Forthcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Action on HTA to implement HTA Strategy

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In response to the Council Conclusions of Dec, 2013, the Commission is considering to strengthen the health information system.

The aim will be to:

- Achieve legitimacy and acceptance of relevant health indicators
- Give control back to the Member States on the governance of health indicators
- Increase the availability of comparable health indicators for policy making
- Improve harmonisation of relevant indicators in the international context

The Expert Group on Health Information (EGHI) is participating to this reflection.

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### **Recent Developments:**

Adoption of the ePrescription Guidelines (Nov 2014)  
New Joint Action on eHealth

Health Technology  
Assessment

### **Upcoming events:**

eHealth Network - Riga, 12 May 2015  
Endorsement of Guidelines on Patient Registries  
Connecting Europe Facility  
Starting of the deployment of two digital services: ePrescription and Patient Summary  
Preparation of the Working Plan 2016 for additional digital services: e,g Patient Registries

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# EU Health Policy

## Recent and forthcoming developments

**Working Party on Public Health  
at Senior Level (WPPHSL)**

Health and  
Consumers

**17 February 2015**



## **Legislation**

- *Tobacco Products Directive*
- *50 years of EU Pharmaceutical Regulation*

Evento +Discuss. a Informale

## **Cooperation**

- *EIP on Active and Healthy Ageing*
- *Health Determinants (Alcohol / Nutrition)*
- *Diseases*
  - Cancer
  - Alzheimer's diseases and other dementias
  - Rare Diseases
- *Health Information / ERIC*
- *Joint Procurement Agreement*
- *Ebola*
- *AMR*
- *Public Health Programme*
- *EU Health Policy Forum*

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Evento  
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Riunioni Ministri UE  
Eventi

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