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HTA - precondition for broader access to health services with value

Considering the actual global situation regarding permanent growth of health care expenditures especially in developing countries, Eurasian HTA Initiative note the importance of HTA as a **multidisciplinary** activity that systematically examines the safety, clinical efficacy and effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, organizational implications, social consequences as well as legal and ethical considerations of the application of a health technology, no matter if it is related to a drug, medical device, clinical or surgical procedure.

The main aim of this Initiative is to facilitate activities that will enable application of knowledge and skills in organized manner in all segments of health care in order to solve a health problem and improve quality of life having also in mind the Country's capability to meet the population expectations. The Initiative topics cover enhancement of evidence-informed decision-making in Member Countries, with a special focus on Health Technology Assessment.

At the meeting in Istanbul on November 29, 2015 the Eurasian HTA Forum, with representatives from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Montenegro and Turkey, agreed that within their framework activities they will:

- consider "Clinical Guidelines" as particularly relevant in the context of the global challenges facing the overall health care systems, such as the rising costs of health care, introduction of expensive new technologies, the variations in clinical practice and service delivery patterns among health care professionals, institutions and geographical regions,
- consider, the use of established and widely agreed methods; developing; as appropriate, national methodological and process guidelines and monitoring systems for "Health Intervention and Technology Assessment",
- ensure the transparency; quality and policy relevance of related assessments and research;
- seek for strengthening the link between health technology assessment and regulation and management, as appropriate,
- provide health policy-makers with accessible; useable and evidence-based information to guide their decisions about the appropriate use of technology and the efficient allocation of resources;
- consider collaborating with other Member Countries' health organizations, academic institutions, professional associations and other key stakeholders,
- establish working groups/committees on priority topics; put joint effort into knowledge generation in member countries and seek for potential funding sources;
- organize joint trainings, run research and prepare joint publications;



-establish a website where the group will share relevant information in order to collect and
-share information and lessons learnt;

-promote conduction of continuous medical education for health professionals at primary, secondary and tertiary level in order to promote strategic plans concerning capacity-building for introduction of health intervention and technology assessment, and summarizing best practices in transparent, evidence-informed health policy and decision-making;

-develop know-how system that will enable achieving better use of resources;

-promote strengthening national capacity for regional and international networking;

"Health care systems in Europe are largely based on the principles of health as a human right, on equitable access to health and health services, quality of health care, on solidarity, and on the active participation of society as a whole. Because of the difficulties associated with rising costs, it is today vital to translate those ideals into achievements which are quantifiable both in terms of health and of expenditure; only with the help of such exact information can one hope to develop defensible policies which balance initiatives against resources.(Drugs and money-WHO)"

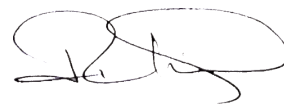
HTA Initiative, being very aware of the above statement, aims to take the challenge and try to contribute to balancing initiatives against resources. We are willing to join our forces toward improving evidence-based health care in the region in order to provide high quality, safe, affordable health care to our people.



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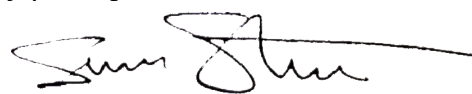
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