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Workshop on Cancer screening implementation

### WELCOME

(Marius Ciutan, RO)



## EuSANH-ISA Final Conference

13-14 October 2011– Bucharest Romania

Hotel Novotel, Bucharest City Centre

The last year of our EuSANH-ISA project is running fast and the last deliverables are being prepared. Although the official end is January 2012 we decided to have our official closure of the EuSANH-ISA project and the launch of the new EuSANH organisation this year in Bucharest. This event is open to EuSANH-ISA project members and presidents of Science Advisory Bodies (SABs) in Europe interested to become founding member at the first Governing Council meeting of the [EuSANH @ Network](#)

[Final program](#)

For more information on EuSANH or to register, please contact the secretariat: [d.coenen@gr.nl](mailto:d.coenen@gr.nl) and download our [brochure](#)

## **PROGRESS WITHIN EuSANH-ISA**

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### **Work Package 1 – Project management**

(Dorine Coenen, NL)

The last year of the EuSANH-ISA project has started: we are on schedule and expect to finalise the main deliverables as the methodological framework, the policy makers and SABs' staff survey, the first EuSANH science advice and the sustainable structure in time. The final results of the EuSANH-ISA project will be presented at our workshop 'Translating science into policy: illustration of a methodological framework for science advice' at the European Public Health Conference in Copenhagen (see Upcoming events).

### **Work Package 2 – Policy and thematic analysis (Monika Skiba PL & Marius Ciutan, RO)**

The final papers on the policy and thematic analysis have been prepared and are ready for publication. The two papers were broadly commented by the External Advisory Committee, who accepted documents positively. These papers have focused on the description of the functions and structure of the existing national science advisory bodies (SABs) for health in the participating European countries and undertook a thematic analysis of reports from each country. The papers have showed that the current performance of SABs throughout Europe in science advice is highly professionalized in the EU Member States, although still needs to be developed and strengthened. Analysis of the working processes showed a large diversity in methods for producing, writing and disseminating science advice per se and science advisory reports. The variety encountered during the work offers many opportunities. The difference between countries could enable members to learn from each other and share their experience, knowledge and expertise in regards to the scientific advice. The results from the work of the EuSANH members can pave a road to more effective and efficient scientific advice on the European and national level for example by creating a common methodology of the scientific advice process between the members. At our final meeting in Bucharest we will decide whether to publish the working documents on the policy and thematic analysis.

### **Work Package 3 – Methodological Framework**

(Carlos Segovia, ES)

#### **Policy makers and science advisory body (SAB) staff survey**

The survey has been completed and analysis has been carried out. We found that the relationship between policy makers and science advisers is more dynamic and dependent on the context than a linear description would make us believe. Informal contacts are highly valued as facilitators, but basic formal arrangements are needed to set up limits and responsibilities. Science advice is demanded to support evaluation of policy choices, policy formulation or implementation, but not to set the political agenda. Differences in timing, interests or language (translating policy questions into research questions) between the two communities are described as difficulties. Transparency, independence and scientific soundness are most valued by policy makers and science advisers.

#### **Methodological framework**

ISCIII collected the contributions of all partners to the methodological framework as agreed upon in Madrid. We then made a first correction of the material to provide the text with homogeneous language and structure for all guiding principles. The document has been distributed again amongst partners of EuSANH-ISA for comments and suggestions. The Health Council of the Netherlands will proceed to a final editing. The framework will be finalised in the working session in Bucharest.

## Work Package 4 – Communication and cooperation structure (André Pauwels, BE)

### Sustainable structure report

Starting from the document that was presented in the Madrid meeting and taking into account the comments made by the participants, a final version has been elaborated and accepted by the Steering Committee. So this deliverable has been finished. In the preparation to the Bucharest meeting, this final document has been sent to the presidents of the invited SABs to give them an image of what EuSANH could become.

In the last months a “constitution” has been developed containing the most important points of the sustainable structure document. This constitution will have to be adopted during the Bucharest meeting. The general idea is creating the future EuSANH organisation without binding it for the moment to a legal structure. This is an item that can be decided on later.

### Website and Communication

Our website has been updated; please visit us, subscribe to the [Newsletter](#) and download our [new brochure](#) for more information about the network.

<http://www.eusanh.eu/>

During the EuSANH-ISA Final Conference in Bucharest, the draft on the EuSANH Communication Plan 2011-2012 will be discussed and finalized by SC-Members.

## Work Package 5 – EuSANH advice: Determinants of a successful implementation of population based cancer screening (Monica Hultcrantz and Susanne V. Allander, SE)

After a successful workshop in Stockholm, the science advice has been finalized and the report for the European Commission has recently been submitted. We are now looking forward to the dissemination of the science advice. For example, some discussions from the workshop has been put together in a manuscript, recently published in European Journal of Cancer. Another manuscript from the workshop is being submitted. The discussions will be continued at the EuSANH workshop at the EUPHA conference in Copenhagen in November.

\* **IMPORTANT:** the Final Report from WP5 is available [here](#)

\* **IMPORTANT:** [Lyng E et al., Determinants of successful implementation of population-based cancer screening programmes, Eur J Cancer \(2011\), doi:10.1016/j.ejca.2011.06.051.](#)

## Work Package 6 – Dissemination (Dorine Coenen, NL)

### Bucharest meeting

EuSANH will formally finalise its project ‘Improving Science Advice for Health in Europe (EuSANH-ISA)’ and launch its new organization on 13-14 October in Bucharest. Presidents of SABs in Europe interested to participate as founding member at the first Governing Council meeting to discuss and agree on the first constitution and on the membership can contact the secretariat at [d.coenen@gr.nl](mailto:d.coenen@gr.nl).

## EuSANH workshop and exhibition booth in Copenhagen

The final results of the EuSANH-ISA project will be presented at our workshop 'Translating science into policy: illustration of a methodological framework for science advice' on Friday 11 November 13.45 hr at the [European Public Health Conference in Copenhagen](#). We hope to welcome all EuSANH members, EUSANH-ISA external advisors and all other stakeholders interested to attend our session and participate in the discussion. You can also meet us at the EuSANH exhibition booth, no 7.

### Translating science into policy – illustration of a methodological framework for science advice

(Chairs Louise Gunning-Schepers, Dorine Coenen)

#### **Introduction – Role of science advice at a European Level (in relation to JPI and EAP)**

(Louise Gunning-Schepers, GR, NL)

#### **A common methodological framework of Science Advice**

*Results of survey policy makers and SAB staff*

(Paloma Conde ISCIII, Spain)

*Steps principles and guidelines*

(Eert Schoten, GR, NL)

#### **Two EuSANH science advice studies**

*Determinants for a successful implementation of cancer screening programmes*

(Susanne Allander, SBU, Sweden)

*Childhood leukemia*

(Katty Cauwerts, SHC, Belgium)

#### **Panel discussion on collaboration between SABs on national and European level**

Bernardo Delogu (EC), Kevin McCarthy (EC), Finn Borlum Kristensen (EUnetHTA)

, Carlos Segovia (ISCIII), Susanne Allander (SBU),

#### **Closure and announcement of the new EuSANH organisation and invitation to join**

(Louise Gunning-Schepers)

## WHAT'S NEW ON THE EuSANH E-COMMUNITY ON SINAPSE?

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- All presentations of the Madrid Conference ([www.eusanh.eu](http://www.eusanh.eu); click on: public library; annual meetings; 2011). Direct link: <http://europa.eu/sinapse/directaccess/EUSANH/Public-Library/>
- Members' work programmes 2011 and overview overlapping topics ([www.eusanh.eu](http://www.eusanh.eu); click on: members page; work programmes 2011).
- Members advisory reports ([www.eusanh.eu](http://www.eusanh.eu); click on: public library; advisory reports members)
- New deliverables of the EUSANH-ISA project: report case study and minutes Madrid meeting
- ([www.eusanh.eu](http://www.eusanh.eu); click on: public library; EuSANH-ISA project results)
- **EuSANH scientific publication link:** [Lyngø E et al., Determinants of successful implementation of population-based cancer screening programmes, Eur J Cancer \(2011\), doi:10.1016/j.ejca.2011.06.051.](#)
- **EuSANH New brochure** [on the website](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS, meets with EuSANH members

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- **13-14 October 2011** - Final EuSANH-ISA meeting and launch formal EUSANH network, Bucharest. [EuSANH @ network](#) and [Final program](#)
- **20-21 October 2011** - EuSANH at [EASAC](#)

EASAC Science Policy Dialogue workshop at the Academy of Sciences of Lisbon. Dorine Coenen will present the results of the EuSANH-ISA project.

- **7-8 November 2011** – EuSANH at Ministerial Conference of the Polish EU Presidency

The ministerial conference in Poznan (7-8 November) with the programme Solidarity in health, closing the health gap between European Union States. Prof L. Gunning and Prof. M.J. Wysocki will be at the panel of the workshop on Public health capacity in Europe. [EU Presidency](#)

- **10 November 2011** - EuSANH workshop at the [European Public Health Conference Copenhagen](#). We kindly invite you all to join this workshop and take part in the discussion.

Public Health and Welfare – Welfare development and health, 9 to 11 November 2011, The Bella Centre Center, Boulevard 5 DK-2300, Copenhagen. See point WP6 for the final program.

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Interested parties wishing to actively support these efforts towards more inclusive science advice processes or to express ideas and leave contact details are invited to follow this link: [http://europa.eu/sinapse/directaccess/EUSANH/e-debates/eusanh-isa\\_project](http://europa.eu/sinapse/directaccess/EUSANH/e-debates/eusanh-isa_project).

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