



Invitation to the Advance-HTA Capacity Building Workshop

Warsaw, 25-26 September 2014

The London School of Economics and Political Science – LSE Health (UK) and the Agency for Health Technology Assessment in Poland (Agencja Oceny Technologii Medycznych – AOTM) have the pleasure to invite you to the upcoming Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Capacity Building Workshop that will take place in **Warsaw, Poland, on 25-26 September 2014.**

The workshop is delivered by a consortium of 13 partner institutions, led by LSE Health, working together on Advance-HTA, a 3-year research project funded by the European Commission. The project aims to advance methods on and practices for HTA by involving the wider stakeholder community in areas actively and heavily debated, given their implications for decision-making and resource allocation.

The Rationale

The application of HTA has expanded into Eastern Europe and its uptake has increased over the past few years. Some countries have extended the use of HTA to support rational and transparent spending decisions, while others, such as Poland, use it as an explicit criterion for setting the price and/or reimbursement of medicines. Slovenia is actually in the process of developing an HTA system.

There is no doubt that many advances have been made in the recent years in Europe regarding the implementation of HTA. Yet, in many Member States, particularly in South & Eastern Europe, HTA is still in a nascent phase and much can be done to inform local decision-makers about uses of HTA in different setups.

The workshop is therefore an opportunity to build HTA capacity, outline the options available for decision-makers and debate the actions required for this purpose, tailor-made for the needs of the countries in this region.

The Objectives

- Introduce the principles, models and structure of HTA, including specific considerations for pharmaceuticals, medical devices and orphan medicinal products
- Showcase best practices and lessons learned from countries that already use HTA
- Provide recommendations for the strengthening and the implementation of HTA as a tool for decision-making and efficient resource allocation at national level (as well as supra-national and international levels)
- Discuss future developments in HTA and their policy implications
- Foster international collaboration and create a network for exchange of expertise

Your participation

To register for the workshop, please fill in the registration form enclosed and email it back, **no later than 15 August 2014**, to: h.hourani@lse.ac.uk. A confirmation email will be sent shortly thereafter.

If, instead, you would like to nominate delegates from your organization or from other relevant organizations in your country, please notify us with the names, roles and contact details of the delegates and forward this invitation pack to them so they can fill the registration form.

This is a time-sensitive invitation, all completed registration forms should be emailed to h.hourani@lse.ac.uk, no later than 15 August 2014.

Logistics

This workshop is funded by the European 7th Framework Programme (FP7) through Advance-HTA.

Participation is free of charge. Travel, accommodation, and subsistence are the participants' responsibility.

Additional information on the workshop, agenda, speakers and logistics will be shared closer to the workshop date.