

Invitation to the 2nd Advance-HTA Capacity Building Workshop

24-25 September 2015

Mercure Warszawa Centrum Hotel

Warsaw, Poland

The London School of Economics and Political Science – LSE Health (UK) and the Agency for Health Technology Assessment and Tariff System in Poland (Agencja Oceny Technologii Medycznych i Taryfikacji– AOTMiT) have the pleasure to invite you to the 2nd Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Capacity Building Workshop that will take place at the **Mercure Warszawa Centrum Hotel in Warsaw - Poland, on 24 and 25 September 2015.**

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

- Undertake HTA capacity building in South & Eastern Europe
- Present the HTA methodological advances developed by the Advance HTA Consortium
- Discuss the relevance of such methodological advances with local participants from South & Eastern Europe
- 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 14 August 2015**, 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 14 August 2015.

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.