

# EUREGIO II

## Working Package 5

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## Usage of generic HTA in cross-border cooperation

### Specific objective


Testing HTA in small-size settings.

### Output/Deliverable

Guideline for the use of Health Technology Assessment (HTA) applications within the decision making processes in border regions.

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## Methodology



Analysis of state of the art regarding the development of HTA in local settings and cross-border environments;  
literature analysis

Enquiry about needs regarding the Health Technology Assessment in border regions;  
survey, in collaboration with WP4

Evaluation of different HTA methodologies: pros and cons of their application in cross-border settings  
discussion within the WP5 core group

Realization of a guideline for the use of HTA in border regions  
To be tested in hospital located in cross-borders regions

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## Methodology

### Characteristics of the guideline

Answer specific local requirements making a good use of all the knowledge developed in other national and local settings

- ↳ Gathering - translating and reinterpreting existing knowledge (Transferability)
- ↳ Taking specific context into account (qualification, resources, interfaces, health needs, regulations etc.) – Appropriateness
- ↳ Documentation, Monitoring, Evaluation
- ↳ Provide prompt and well-timed answers

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## Methodology

Test of the guideline in hospitals located in two or more border region ...

- The Netherlands
- Germany

... Test of two different health technologies

- Cardiovascular surgery
- MRAS infections

Revision and adaption of the guideline

↳ Considering the results of the case studies

Final assessment and validation

↳ Internet process

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## Steps

Creation of a WP5 core group on HTA à involvement of partners expert in this topic

Decisions about:

Process and methodology

Involvement of border regions

↪ regions very close to us and already developing some kinds of collaboration have been chosen

Health technologies to be tested

↪ respecting the interests of the chosen hospitals à technologies on which they are already taking decisions

Identification and role of the expert

↪ close to the hospital where the case studies will be developed and expert in local HTA

↪ will supervise and advice the work in the hospital and gather information to improve the quality and the effectiveness of the proposed guideline

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## Next Steps

- Ø Definition of the structure of the guideline and realization of a proposal for decision makers working in hospitals in border regions

Ø February 2010

- Ø Testing the guideline
- Ø Discuss the HTA guideline and the test results with HTA experts

Ø December 2010

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## Issues and challenges

- ↪ Long decision procedure
- ↪ Developing the two HTA case studies on time
- ↪ Lack of information exchange → it is a good idea to develop a monthly/quarterly newsletter for the exchange of information between all the partners – information flow of WP5 will be improved
- ↪ What kind of link with EUnetHTA collaboration and Joint Action?

# HTA

## What is a Health Technology?

"... prevention and rehabilitation, vaccines, pharmaceuticals and devices, medical and surgical procedures, and the systems within which health is protected and maintained."

## What is a Technology Assessment?

"... a multidisciplinary field of policy analysis, which studies the medical, social, ethical and economic implications of development, diffusion, and use of health technology"

*Source: International Network of Agencies for Health Technology Assessment (INAHTA) <http://www.inahta.org/HTA/>*

# HTA

## What is a Health Technology Assessment?

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) is a multidisciplinary process that summarizes information about the medical, social, economic and ethical issues related to the use of a health technology in a systematic, transparent, unbiased, robust manner.

Its aim is to inform the formulation of safe, effective, health policies that are patient focused and seek to achieve best value.

## Examples of Health Technology

- ü Diagnostic and treatment methods
- ü Medical equipment
- ü Pharmaceuticals
- ü Rehabilitation and prevention methods
- ü Organisational and supportive systems within which health care is provided

Source: European network for Health Technology Assessment  
(EUnetHTA) <http://www.eunetha.net/HTA/>

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## Solutions for improving health care cooperation in border regions

### General aim

To stimulate and promote cooperation in health care in border regions by fostering the usability of various existing instruments and methods, such as structural funds, Health Technology Assessment, indicators.

### Outputs

- ü a Handbook for the effective use of EU Structural Funds, especially those received under the INTERREG IVa programme, which supports activities in border regions (WP4 'Making effective use of the structural fund Interreg');
- è a guideline for the use of Health Technology Assessment (HTA) applications within the decision making processes in border regions (WP5 'c');
- ü a legal report on the effects of tort and data protection rights in the provision of cross border health care services (WP6 'Legal aspects of data/information exchange as well as liability rights in cross border cooperation').