

Between

**EuroScan International Information Network
on New and Emerging Health Technologies**

And

HTAsiaLink

1. Background

In 2014, the World Health Assembly adopted resolution WHA67.23., "Evaluation of interventions and health technologies in support of universal health coverage" resulting in further momentum for cooperation in health technology assessment (HTA) in the Region.

The resolution encourages: the strengthening of institutions and human resources in the methods and use of HTA; promoting the sharing of good practices in HTA; and promote and encourage collaboration with international organisations and existing international HTA networks.

Recognising that EuroScan International Information Network on New and Emerging Health Technologies (EuroScan International Network) is a collaborative network of member agencies for the exchange of information on important new and emerging drugs, devices, diagnostics, procedures, programs, and settings in health care. The long-term aim of EuroScan International Network is to support the permanent and ongoing exchange of information on emerging technologies, evaluation of information sources for identification, sharing of applied methods, and dissemination of information on early identification and assessment activities.

Recognising that HTAsiaLink is a collaborative regional network consisting of HTA agencies in Asia. The network focuses on strengthening competency in HTA research by providing collaboration platforms to accelerate information and resource sharing among member organisations. HTAsiaLink also focuses on raising the awareness of HTA and its benefits, as well as promoting integration of HTA evidence into policy decisions.

2. Aim

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to set a framework of co-operation between EuroScan International Network and HTAsiaLink to support information exchange and collaborative work related to the identification, prioritisation and assessment of new and emerging health technologies.

Accordingly, EuroScan International Network and HTAsiaLink agree to work collaboratively to promote and support the implementation of the World Health Assembly resolution WHA67.23. in the following areas of mutual interest.

3. Joint Promotion

EuroScan International Network and HTAsiaLink agree that:

- In order to enhance the dissemination of knowledge about the work of their respective organisations, they will provide joint recognition of each other on their respective websites, as well as direct linkages between those sites where appropriate.
- Links to publicly available information and resources^[1] posted on their respective websites will be placed on each organisation's web-portal. They will include guest editorials in their respective newsletters from time to time.

[1] Information and resources that can be accessed by the public and are not restricted to members.

4. Participation in and support of joint activities

In order to support their joint and independent aims, EuroScan International Network and HTAsiaLink agree to:

- Provide support to members in capacity-building to develop methodology for identification, selection and early-assessment of health interventions and technologies to facilitate evidence-based policy decisions.
- Work towards the joint development of materials aimed at capacity building in the area of early awareness and alert activities. This may include translation of currently available documents, development of new documents, training sessions and webinars.
- Share information about groups or institutions in the region that are interested in establishing or have already implemented Early Awareness and Alert Systems.
- Co-operate, as appropriate and where feasible, on other projects aimed at realising their respective missions.

5. Responsibilities

Each Party will appoint a person to serve as the official contact and co-ordinate the activities in carrying out this MoU. The initial appointees of each organisation are:

- Current Secretariat of the EuroScan International Network
- Current Secretariat of the HTAsiaLink

6. Terms of Understanding

The term of this MoU is for a period of three years and will come into effect when signed and dated below. It may be extended upon written mutual agreement. It shall be reviewed annually to ensure that it is fulfilling its purposes and to make any necessary revisions. Either organisation may terminate this MoU upon sixty (60) days written notice without penalties or liabilities.

7. Authorisation

The signing of this MoU is not a formal undertaking. It implies that the signatories will strive to reach, to the best of their ability, the objectives stated within.

On behalf of the organisation I represent, I wish to sign this MoU.

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