



A toolkit for the identification and assessment of new and emerging health technologies.



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A bit of history

- Early warning systems part of the regular approval processes in European countries
- In January 1995, the Danish Hospital Institute organised a meeting entitled.
 - "International Collaboration Concerning Monitoring of Emerging Medical Technologies (MEMT)".
 - Fourteen participants attended and discussed national experiences concerning MEMT and the possibility for a European collaboration.

A bit of history

- A survey in 1998 among INAHTA members showed that 30% of agencies had continuing and structured early warning activities
- An international workshop "Scanning the Horizon for Emerging Health Technology" in Copenhagen in 1997
- A small working group was established with representatives from Denmark, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom plus associated representatives from Canada and Switzerland

EuroScan Framework

- EuroScan – the international information network on new and emerging health technologies - is a collaborative network of member agencies for the exchange of information on important new and emerging health technologies.
- Each member agency is unique in the way it approaches its work but all have a common goal of informing their customers about new and emerging health technologies that may have a significant impact on their health system.

The international information network on new and emerging health technologies



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Members

○ 20 members

- **AETS** - Agencia de Evaluación de Tecnologías Sanitarias. Instituto de Salud Carlos III, Spain
- **AETSA** - Agencia de Evaluación de Tecnologías Sanitarias de Andalucía, Spain
- **AGE.NA.S** – Agenzia nazionale per I servizi Sanitari Regionali, Italy
- **AHTA** - Adelaide Health Technology Assessment, Australia
- **ANZHSN** - Australia and New Zealand Horizon Scanning Network, Australia and New Zealand
- **CADTH** - Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health, Canada
- **CEDIT** - Committee for Evaluation & Diffusion of Innovative Technologies, France
- **DACEHTA** - Danish Centre for Evaluation and Health Technology Assessment, Denmark
- **DIMDI** - German Institute for Medical Documentation and Information, Germany
- **DMTP** - Division of Medical Technology Policy, Ministry of Health, Israel
- **FINOHTA (MUMM)** - Managed Uptake of Medical Methods programme, Finnish Office for Health Technology Assessment, Finland
- **GR** - Health Council of the Netherlands, Netherlands
- **HAS** - Haute Autorité de Santé, France
- **HIQA** - Health Information & Quality Authority, Ireland
- **IHSP** - Italian Horizon Scanning Project, Servizio Farmaceutico Territoriale, Italy
- **LBI-HTA** - Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Health Technology Assessment, Austria
- **NHSC** - National Horizon Scanning Centre, England
- **NOKC** - The Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services, Norway
- **OSTEBA** - Basque Office for Health Technology Assessment, Basque Country
- **SBU** - The Swedish Council on Technology Assessment in Health Care, Sweden
- **SFOPH** - Swiss Federal Office of Public Health, Switzerland

Stockholm meeting

- To report the achievements and progress of the EuroScan collaboration
- To share information on the methods and results
- To consider challenges to the collaboration
- To discuss its possible future direction.

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Early identification and assessment of new and emerging health technologies: Actions, progress, and the future direction of an international collaboration—EuroScan

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Objectives: To report on a workshop, and subsequent discussions, that reviewed the achievements and progress of the EuroScan collaboration since its establishment in 1999 to share information on the methods and results of early identification and assessment of new and emerging health technologies; considered challenges to the collaboration; and discussed its possible future direction.

Methods: A workshop was held in Stockholm in September 2006, with thirty-two participants from ten countries and representatives from EuroScan member agencies, policy makers involved in policy or decision making relating to new technologies, and invited external commentators from international HTA networks. The workshop used a mix of presentations, panel and audience discussions, and small group work to consider the achievements and challenges put forward.

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Actions

- Improve the collaboration with other organizations
- Diffuse the activities of the network
- Create discussion groups and workgroups within the organization
- Promote a newsletter on new and emerging health technologies (newsletter)
- Make publicly available the methods and joint actions (methods toolkit)

Aim

- to outline the various methods that members of EuroScan employ to:
 - Find
 - Select
 - Evaluate important new and emerging health technologies
- to provide valuable information to those interested in establishing, or improving an existing, early awareness and alert system

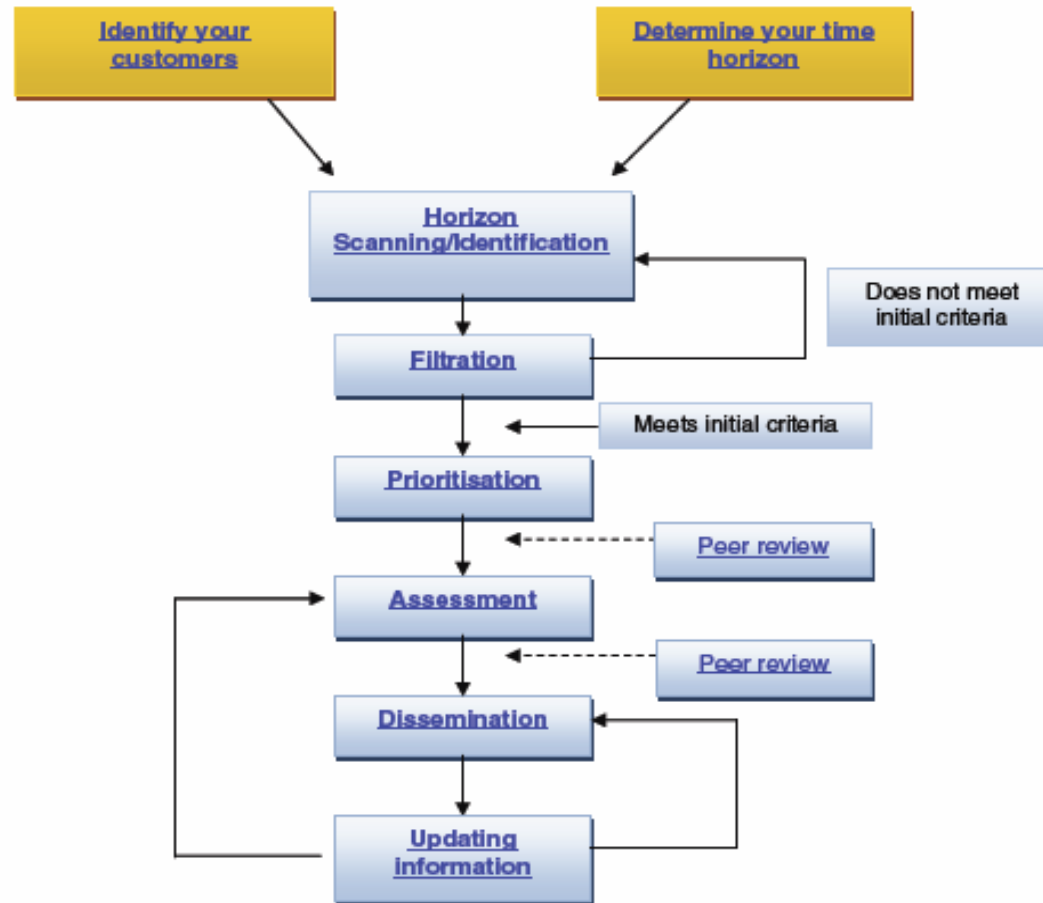
Methods

- ANZHSN prepare a draft
- The draft was circulated by the Secretariat to all the members in groups of three
- Improved drafts were subsequently circulated to next group
- Final draft open to discussion in a meeting in Helsinki
- Editing and improving was done by Secretariat and Osteba

Results

- Final document with 9 sections
 - Identify your customers
 - Determine your time horizon
 - Horizon scanning and early identification
 - Filtration
 - Prioritisation
 - Assessment or prediction of impact
 - Peer review
 - Dissemination
 - Updating information

Scheme



Final document

- Includes a final checklist
 - Help those promoting EAAS
 - It will be self-printable in the webpage
 - The scheme contains hyperlinks to sections
- Electronically available in EuroScan's webpage and printed version available in INAHTA's booth

Final document



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Conclusions

- Build on the basis that one doesn't fit all
- It has been based on the heterogeneity of the members
- It gives suggestions and solutions
- It has been conceived as a live tool that should be enriched with new information
- The document is opened to suggestions

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