EUnetHTA tools and methods facilitating uptake by training activities

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Objective

Provide training activities to facilitate uptake and ensure optimal use of the EUnetHTA tools and methods.

Background

In the last decade, EUnetHTA (the European network for Health Technology Assessment), has developed several tools and methods to facilitate joint production of HTAs by Partners. In order to favour their implementation and practical use, providing training is required. Additionally, EUnetHTA Stakeholders expressed an interested in trainings about the same topics.

Methods

Figure 1 : Activity cyclus

- Partners and Stakeholders were surveyed to identify their training needs, collect their training format preference and identify which tool and methods to prioritize
- Face-to face and online training activities were set up. Tool and method developers created the material and provided the activities
- Training opportunities were advertised using: EUnetHTA website, Intranet (partners only), E-mails, Newsletter, Pamphlets, Meetings
- Trainings were provided face to face, through web conferencing (webinars) or through e-learning facility
- A feedback was requested from participants after each training session; specific questions were included in the annual general survey for Partners.

Results

Live events	Face to face training for partners	Webinars for Partners	Face to face trainings for Stakeholders
	3	~10	3
	90	30-40	70
	27 agencies (25 countries)	> 20 agencies (25 countries)	Patient organisations Industry Health care providers
	43 % found the course very useful, and 57 % quite useful > 70% indicated they changed their practice after the training	Not measured	63 % found the course very useful, and 37 % quite useful

E-learning

3 Virtual classrooms with 5 recorded live events, 8 recorded webinars and 4 webcasts were also provided.

User satisfaction has not been measured yet

Figure 2 : Illustration of live training course (top) and e-learning (bottom)

Discussion

EUnetHTA has succeeded in establishing a training program for partners. However, because EUnetHTA is a transnational network, use of webinars and e-learning should be extended to allow, at a reduced cost, more Partners to increase their knowledge on EUnetHTA tools and methods in order to efficiently produce joint HTA information.

Stakeholders also benefited from the training program to get a better comprehension of both HTA and EUnetHTA tools and methods. However, cost of pursuing this activity will need to be further assessed.