

Project Launch

On March 7th 2018, the official kick off meeting of the Joint Action on Health Information - InfAct took place at the European Convention Center in Luxembourg with more than 50 attendees from 25 countries.

In this meeting, the different work package (WP) leaders presented their activities and work plans for the upcoming 3 years. Besides presentations, a panel discussion was held regarding the sustainability of health information, inter-usability, and the potential collaborations among WPs and other JAs.



WP events

WP1 organised the kick off meeting in Luxembourg and developed with its partners the vision, mission and conceptual framework of InfAct. Have a look [here](#).

WP2 developed the dissemination plan, [leaflet](#) and [website](#).

WP3 had several teleconferences to agree on the internal and external evaluation. Meeting evaluation forms were developed to allow participants to provide feedback on InfAct's meetings.

WP4 is in the process of developing the Terms of Reference for the Assembly of Members. The WP consulted its partners on several occasions to discuss strategic aspects.

WP5 task 1 is organising a training course in Moldova on 26 and 27 September to support countries in assessing their health information system. All countries are invited to participate. Contact [us](#) if you are interested to participate. Partners in task 2 are currently reviewing characteristics of selected indicators from major international databases, and task 5.3 developed an outline for a Delphi survey which shall be implemented in the course of the InfAct.

WP6 discussed its work plan with its partners and is organising a face-to-face meeting in EPH Conference Ljubljana.

WP7 arranged a kick off teleconference in June. Partners agreed to **apply for the ESFRI roadmap** which plays a key role in policy-making on research infrastructures in Europe. If successful in the application, the ESFRI roadmap will provide a stamp of scientific excellence, Pan-European relevance, and socio-economic impact, and ensure a step closer towards becoming a sustainable structure. Would your country like to join? Contact [us](#).

WP8 will hold a kick off meeting on September 7th in Rome, Italy, but already scoped with other partners on a detailed work plan through a teleconference.

WP9 had a kick off meeting with the partners in Luxembourg back-to-back to the general kick off of InfAct. The steps forward were discussed with regards to emerging health indicators and the use of a combination of data sources to develop these.

WP10 organised a kick off meeting in Croatia with partners from five European countries and institutions. Specific steps and work-allocation on future WP10 tasks, milestones and deliverables in the next 3 years of the project were discussed. Efforts were made to aligning WP10's work with the overall aims and planned outcomes of the JA and to investigate and strengthen interactions with other WPs within the JA.



Introducing InfAct- Information for Action:

InfAct is the EU Joint Action on Health Information. It brings together 40 partner institutions from 28 countries across Europe. InfAct was launched in March 2018 and will run for 36 months.

The vision of InfAct is to improve the use of health information data and expertise for a healthier Europe.

Its activities focus on capacity building, health information tools and political support for a sustainable health information infrastructure.

InfAct builds on some of the work carried out in health information projects, including [BRIDGE Health](#).

Check out our [leaflet](#) for further information.

EPH Conference 2018

InfAct is organizing a workshop and a pre-conference at the European Public Health (EPH) [Conference](#) in Ljubljana, Slovenia in November 2018.

The title of the workshop is “*setting out an improved EU health information system infrastructure and its core elements*” and will be on 30th of November from 16:20 to 17:50. It will provide insight on current challenges in EU health information systems, InfAct's actions to address these and to attain its goals.

The title of the pre-conference is “*navigating the international health information databases: unravelling the processes behind the numbers*” taking place on 28 November from 09:00 to 17:00. For more info or registration look [here](#).

Our colleagues from the Robert Koch Institute and the WHO Regional office for Europe will also present a workshop concerning national and sub-national burden of disease studies in Europe. The aim of the workshop is bringing together the experience and know-how of countries that have already conducted or initiated national burden of disease (BoD) studies.

Upcoming

Our second steering committee meeting will take place on 20-21 September 2018, Belgium.

WP5.1 Health information system peer-review training 26-27 September 2018, Moldova.

WP8 meeting, 7 September 2018, Italy.

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