

WP8 Kick off in Rome, Italy

On 7th of September a WP8 meeting was held in Rome at the [ISS](#) to discuss, harmonise and give direction to main WP8 activities. Discussions also focused on aligning WP8's work with the overall aims and planned outcomes of InfAct and to investigate and strengthen interactions with other WPs.



Steering Committee meeting in Brussels, Belgium



The second steering committee took place in Brussels on 20-21st of September, 2018. Work packages presented their progress. The meeting gave place for discussions regarding next steps and collaborations among WPs. The BAHCI project was introduced (see section below) and collaborations with InfAct WPs was discussed.

WP5 Training workshop on Health Information System assessment in Chisinau, Moldova

WP5 organised a training workshop on the 25th-26th of September. The training aimed to enable health information professional to carry out an assessment of country's health information system through peer-review, using an adapted version of the support tool developed by WHO (Europe). The objective of the peer-review process is to identify health information gaps in countries and to identify action points for direct and long-term improvement and strengthening of health information systems. Read more [here](#).



InfAct poster at Gastein, Austria

InfAct's poster was selected and presented at the European Health Forum Gastein. Various InfAct partners were active at the conference. See our poster [here](#).



WP7 Steps towards a sustainable structure



InfAct partners have decided to apply for the ESFRI roadmap for a Health Information Research Infrastructure. Within WP7, several meetings have taken place in the past months to initiate support from relevant international organisations in the field; among which were [EUPHA](#), [ASPHER](#), and [IANPHI](#).

Additional meetings took place with ESFRI representatives and DG RTD for updates on the roadmap.

A word from InfAct Coordination team

InfAct-the Joint Action on Health Information has been running for 8 months now. Summer has come and gone but InfAct is still hard at work. This newsletter offers you a brief account of important meetings and activities that took place during the past four months, as well as an overview of upcoming activities. See our previous newsletter [here](#)

Upcoming work and events

WP4 is in the process of setting up an Assembly of Members that will consist of country representatives from ministries of health and research to become the driving force of the health information research infrastructure.

WP5 is carrying out a mapping exercise to identify living networks of experts from several countries that perform comparative research across Europe in a specific health research area or health information domain in the field of population health and/or health system performance. Are you part of one of these networks? Please share or fill in this survey <https://bit.ly/2AARV3f> or visit us at the EUPHA stand during the [breaks](#) of the EPH Conference in Ljubljana.

WP6 is preparing a survey to map capacities and education/training programmes in health information across EU.

WP7 is working on the ESFRI application for a Health Information Research Infrastructure. Would your country like to join? Contact [us](#).

WP8 is preparing a survey to collect sources of information at national level which comply with minimal standard requirement/characteristics.

WP9 will launch a survey in December 2018 to identify the use of new data sources and health indicators of public health surveillance estimated from linked datasets (classical data sources and/or administrative health data and /or new data sources). Workshops on "Burden of Disease (BoD)" and on "Health System Performance" are planned for 2019 in Paris.

WP10 is working on developing case studies on decentralized networks for comparative analysis on different health issues.

EUPHA

InfAct is organizing a workshop including all the WPs at the European Public Health (EPH) [Conference](#) in Ljubljana, Slovenia. 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](#).

The BACHI project

Marie Delnord recently joined Sciensano and the EU Health Information unit to work on her postdoctoral project entitled: "Bringing a health claim to information: Measuring the impact of health data on the health outcomes of European citizens".

The aim of the project is to develop quality standards for optimal health data use by policy makers and health care professionals, and explore association with health outcomes. A DELPHI exercise will be launched in January 2019, representatives from different fields* will be invited to select criteria that reflect the extent to which health data are leveraged to promote best medical practices and policies.

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*Representatives of EU-MS public health and statistical agencies, healthcare providers, HIT developers, and patient group representatives.