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# **EUnetHTA Joint Action 2 and long term strategy**

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# The time-line of reaching a sustainable and permanent HTA network in Europe



2005  
Call for  
project  
proposals

2009  
Call for  
Joint  
Action

2011  
Call for  
Joint  
Action

2014+  
European  
network for  
HTA



2006-08  
EUnetHTA  
Project

2009  
EUnetHTA  
Collaboration

2010 -12  
EUnetHTA  
JA

2012 -15  
EUnetHTA  
JA 2

Legal basis:  
Cross Border  
Healthcare  
Directive



2008 - 11  
Draft **Cross Border  
Healthcare Directive**  
Article on HTA network

2011  
CBHC  
Directive  
now  
decided

2011 - 13  
CBHC Directive  
Expert Group  
for  
HTA network  
implementation

Financial  
support:  
1) EU Budget  
2) Member  
States



2011 FP7-Health  
2012-Innovation-1  
New methodologies  
for HTA



# EUnetHTA Context

- Knowledge from research – one of the inputs in healthcare decision-making
- Relevance of HTA – national context
- European added value – reducing duplication of activities, developing and promoting good HTA practice, facilitation of local adaptation of HTA information



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# EUnetHTA Vision

EUnetHTA is acknowledged as provider and facilitator of HTA information of high quality contributing to HTA in the EU member states - so that new health technologies can be adopted and obsolete technologies abandoned in a well-informed manner. HTA agencies consider EUnetHTA as an efficient and attractive way of working.



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# EUnetHTA Values

- European Union values for health systems: universality, access to good quality care, equity and solidarity
- role of joint HTA is to inform - principle of subsidiarity
- Use of best evidence, common methodological standards, trust and transparency



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# EUnetHTA Mission

- To bring added value to healthcare systems at European, national and regional levels via
  - Efficient production and use of HTA
  - Independent and science-based platform for HTA agencies



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# EUnetHTA Mission

- access point for communication with stakeholders to promote transparency, objectivity, independence of expertise, fairness of procedure and appropriate stakeholder consultations
- alliances with contributing fields of research to support a stronger and broader evidence base for HTA



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# EUnetHTA Objectives 2012+

1. Increase collaborative production of timely and fit for purpose HTA information that is applied in national or regional HTA production and decision making
2. Increase reliability, quality and relevance of HTA thus expanding its applicability for policy making
3. Build capacities in HTA



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# EUnetHTA Functions

- be a contact point for the HTA community in Europe
- maintain a shared HTA Information and Communication system
- develop common processes for performing and reporting HTA



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# EUnetHTA Functions

- pilot processes for the collaborative production of HTA information taking into account also European priorities in the field of healthcare
- facilitate adequate evidence generation
- facilitate the establishment and continuous development of HTA institutions



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# EUnetHTA Joint Action 2

## JA2 2012-2015

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# EUnetHTA Joint Action 2


- October 2012 – September 2015
- 37 Associated Partners
- Currently 15 Collaborating Partners
- 27 EU Member States, Croatia, Norway, Switzerland, USA
- 8 Work Packages
- 10 deliverables



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# JA2 General Objective

To strengthen the practical application of tools and approaches to cross-border HTA collaboration bringing it into a higher level and resulting in a better understanding for the Commission and Member States of ways to establish a sustainable structure for HTA work in the EU. The JA2 aims at producing recommendations regarding the design and management of the future EU HTA cooperation



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# JA2 Specific Objectives 1

Test the capacity of national HTA bodies to produce structured core HTA information (full core/rapid HTAs) together and apply it in national context (including collection of data on costs and overall efficiency of the production in the network)

Implement, pilot and further develop models and tools as well as production processes to support collaborative production of core HTA information with reinforced secretariat and coordination function



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# JA2 Specific Objectives 2

Produce recommendations on the design and running of the EU HTA cooperation process based on analysis of various coordination capacities for the permanent secretariat function and further testing of involvement of stakeholders in network activities

Provide a conceptual and information management infrastructure and related services to support the piloting of collaborative production of HTAs by partner agencies, and facilitate the tasks and team working of the other WPs



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# JA2 Specific Objectives 3

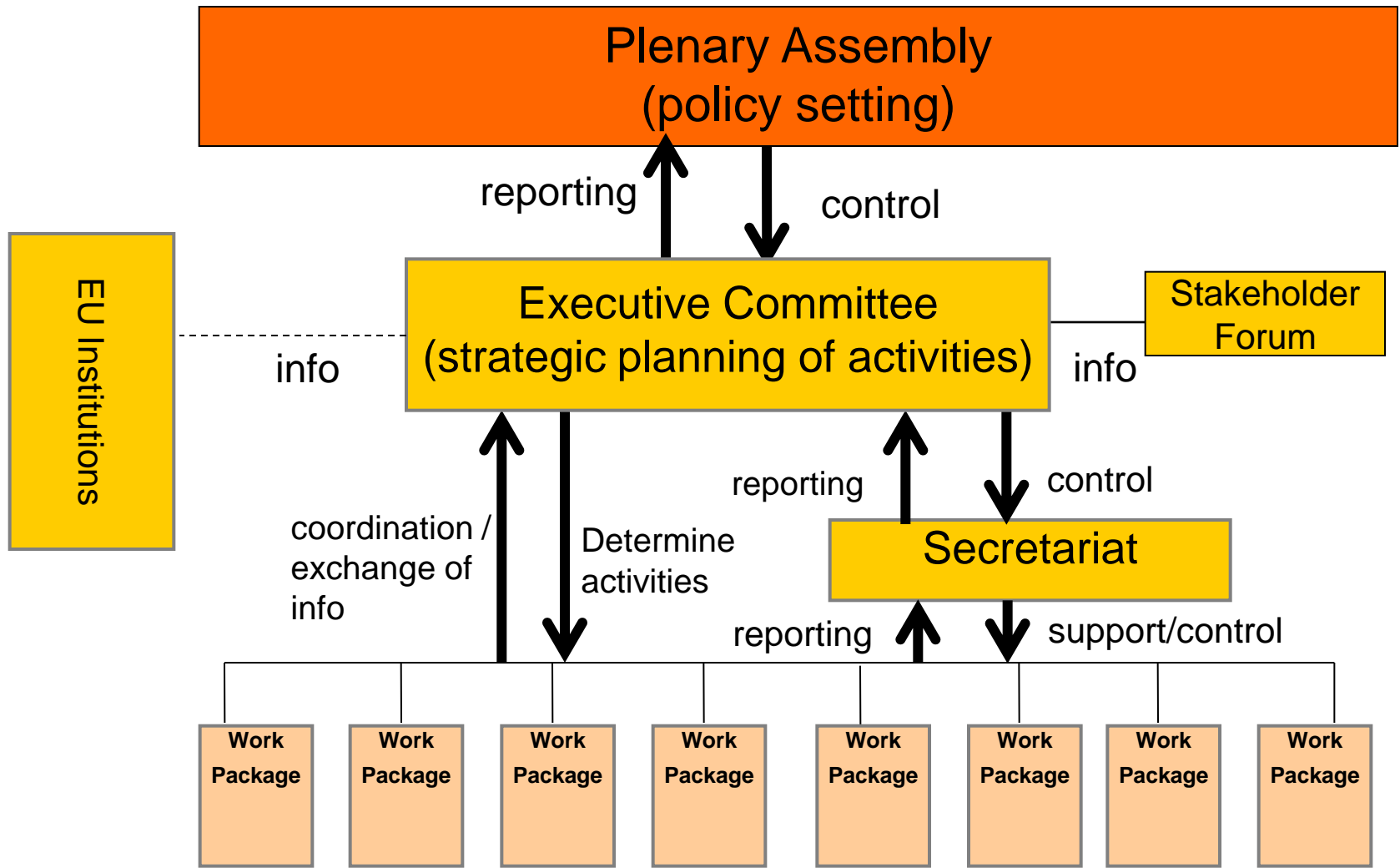
Increase awareness and understanding of the usefulness of the EUnetHTA tools, methods and results among EUnetHTA partners and stakeholders

Develop and test a methodological basis for European cooperation on HTA including guidelines for distinct methodological issues and quality improvement of evidence generation for HTA



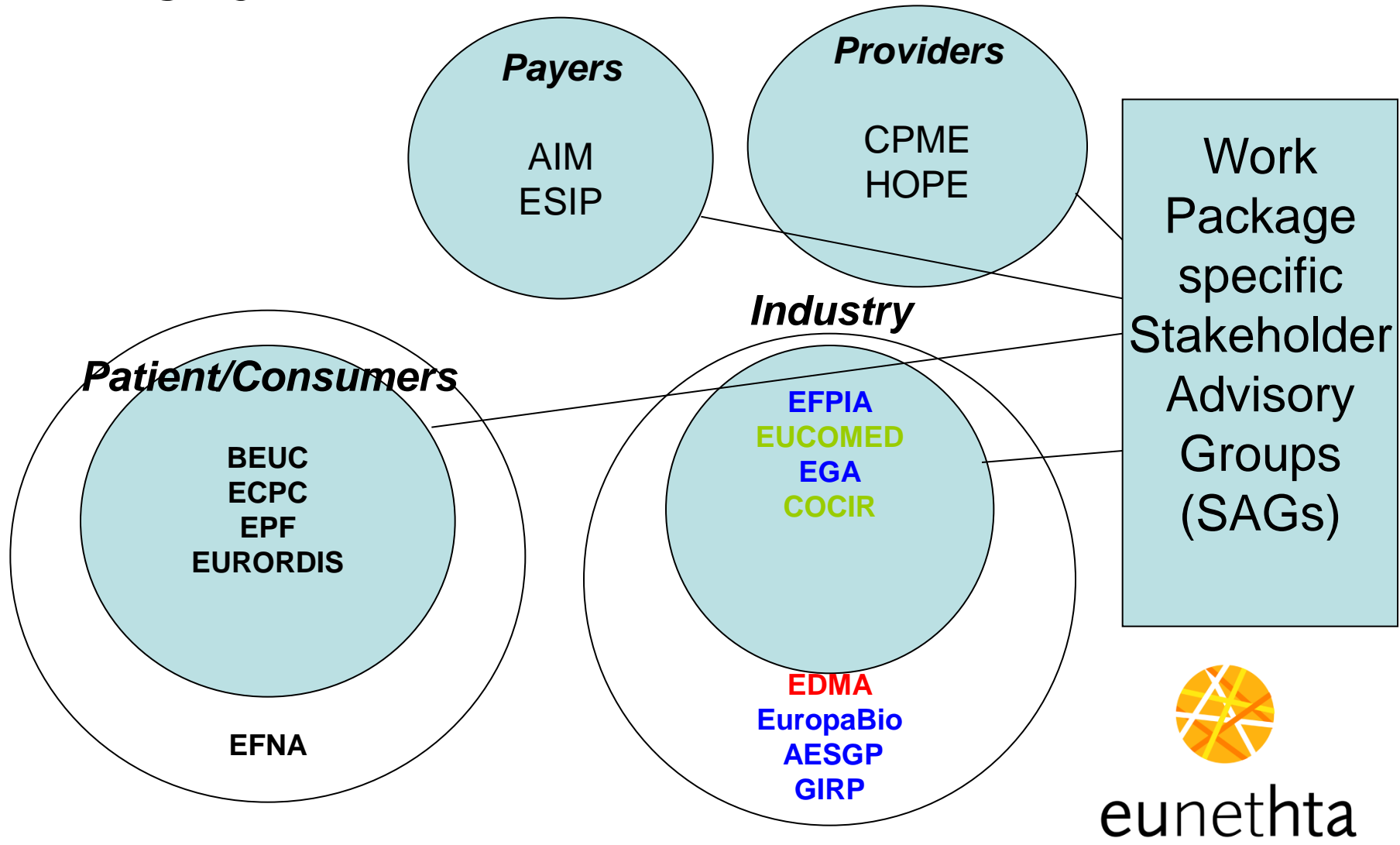
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# Composition of the Stakeholder Forum



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# JA2 Deliverables

- Recommendations on the implementation of a sustainable European network for HTA
- Yearly training courses on EUnetHTA Tools and methodology
- Evaluation of project completion including estimation of efficiency gains and quality improvement
- Full Core HTAs



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# JA2 Deliverables

- Pilot rapid assessments (including on orphan drugs)
- Information Management Infrastructure and Services
- Guidelines and pilots to improve quality and adequacy of initial and additional evidence generation



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# JA2 Deliverables

- Methodological guidelines and templates to support production of core HTA information and rapid assessments (including early dialogue)
- Upgraded and updated application package of HTA Core Model
- Final report on the action



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