

Putting the Science into Standards: evidence based quality assurance – an example for breast cancer



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What are the challenges?

Standards have been identified by the European Council as a key enabler for innovation and growth.

Regulation 1025 "A strategic vision for European standards" came into force on 1 January 2013.

What are the challenges today?

- The **speeding up** of the standardisation process;
- The need for the development of standards in **new areas**;

Anticipation: a **proposed** approach

- How to speed up the standardisation process?
 - Focussing on the **science** – identifying underpinning developments where there are clear challenges.
 - Involving all **stakeholders** including the standards, industry, research and policy.
 - Focussing on concrete themes where rapid progress is required, e.g. **eco-innovation** (the subject of the 2013 workshop), **power to hydrogen and HCNG** (the subject of the 2014 workshop), **evidence based quality assurance – an example for breast cancer.....**

Objectives

This is not a decision making event – but a discovery event potentially leading to a roadmap for the way forward

Topics to be addressed:

- Would a European approach help in minimising and avoiding duplication?
- What are the benefits of a European approach? Would an outsourcing of evidence be an acceptable and useful solution?
- Could a transparent and inclusive mechanism for the selection of experts in developing guidelines and QA schemes be agreed?
- What could be gained by using standards in this framework?
- Would the cascade model used by the European Commission's Initiative on Breast Cancer be appropriate for other types of cancer / diseases?

Putting the Science into Standards (1)

The Workshop today and tomorrow:

- Brings together experts from across healthcare, standardisation, science, professionals and policy fields
- Will be divided into 4 sessions:
 - Session 1 – European policies in the healthcare area
 - Session 2 – The methodological framework for incorporating evidence in healthcare policies
 - Session 3 – Stakeholders' views, needs and expectations on how to promote the implementation of the quality assurance scheme
 - Session 4 – Innovations, new technologies, future trends and perspectives
 - Conclusions – consensus on a roadmap and agenda for action

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- Each session will:
 - Be moderated
 - Have speakers representing a range of stakeholders
 - Will leave time for discussion
 - Have a rapporteur that will summarise the conclusions
- A report will be produced summarising the conclusions of the Workshop
- The conclusions will be passed to the ESOs and the policy makers for decision



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