

# *Putting the Strategic Research Agenda into practice*

**TO REACH Funding a structured approach to European health services and systems research**

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# European Platform for learning and collaboration

- Bringing together interested actors from funding, research, policy and practice to work together in addressing strategic challenges;
- Providing information-sharing mechanisms regarding research and innovations in this area, in particular to address the relative lack of mechanisms to identify and share service and policy innovations in health systems;
- Supporting the strengthening of capacity throughout the European Union, so that every European health system has the capacity necessary to evaluate and support research in service and policy innovation in their own health system;
- Developing shared conceptual frameworks for research in this area to improve the value of research in each system, and supporting the potential for learning from each other.
- Distinguishing between an applied work stream focusing on specific topic areas that need improvement, and a more fundamental work stream to assess how improvements fit best with national circumstances.



# Possible strands of the future Programme

- A research strand targeted to those priority areas where joint learning has greatest added value and ensuring the knowledge transfer to best support decision making at service and system level.
- An information platform strand, to provide two-way learning between initiatives and ensuring complementarity to existing efforts at national and European level. There is need to organise a sustainable infrastructure to access data for health systems research



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- A **capacity building strand**, enhancing R&D expertise on cross-national implementation research. This will provide opportunities for Europe to enhance its competitive position by providing integrative and balanced models if they are properly designed, experimented and implemented at affordable costs. It also requires leadership and coordination to maximise value of research investment by helping avoid failed implementation
- A **foresight strand**, creating a mechanism for horizon scanning and identifying emergency issues as part of a wider strategy to ensuring that there is systematic prioritisation of research areas that face greatest changes and highest need, both now and in the decades to come .

# Brainstorming on the architecture of the future Programme – EJP Cofund



# Our stakeholders



**April  
2019**

- 11/04 Workshop to present the TO REACH SRA and engage with countries' representatives
- Follow up with country on priorities and commitment on TO REACH (Shadow Programme Committee made of MS representatives)

**May 2019**

- Open consultation process to collect inputs on the SRA
- 2-3 May: Meeting of the Shadow Programme Committee to discuss future Partnerships (including TO REACH)
- Synergies with existing initiatives for the scoping of our future action/programme

**June/July  
2019**

- Closing of the SRA consultation process
- Meeting in Brussels to discuss inputs from stakeholders and refinement of the SRA
- Workshop for the scoping of the future Programme on health systems
- End of June meeting of the Shadow Programme Committee to discuss Partnerships

**Fall 2019**

- [European Research and Innovation Days](#) (24-25-26 September 2019)
- Presidency event in Brussels (14/11 or the week of 3 and 4 December) on TO REACH and Future Programme

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