



WP7 Quality Principles and Criteria

Charta on Quality Principles and Criteria in HIV Prevention in Europe

Associated Partners: SHC, AHW, NIHD, SKUC, KEELPNO, SMU, HSE and collaborating partner FHNWS contribute actively to core activities. Some collaborating partners will serve on the Scientific Reference Panel. All partners provide data for and feedback on draft quality principles and criteria. The WP leader is supported by subcontractors providing international HIV expertise and English document editing.

Tasks:

- Data collection and analysis of QA/QI application results (from WP 6)
- Identification and documentation of quality principles and criteria
- Produce an agreed Charter for Quality in HIV Prevention
- Scientific advice to the JA
- Scientific publications

Outcomes:

- Guidance to effective HIV prevention interventions based on a charter of agreed quality principles and criteria
- Recognition of QA/QI for effective HIV prevention in policy and strategy: EU and MS levels
- Increased commitment to integrate QA/QI at all levels
- Increased number of HIV prevention organisations and personnel experienced in applying QA/QI tools

WP7 develops general quality principles and criteria from the application of QA/QI tools in demonstration pilots, refines them in light of relevant literature and consults with partners to produce an agreed 'Charter for Quality in HIV Prevention', to be submitted to and adopted by MS and civil society through the HIV Think Tank and Civil Society Forum.

WP7 will collect data using desk review, survey instruments developed in consultation with WP6 participants and through focus groups conducted in combination with the four regional WP5 follow-up training workshops. WP7 will also liaise with WP6 to include their findings on political, structural, financial and social enablers and barriers to quality prevention. This work and other significant results will also form the basis for scientific publications led by this WP. The WP will make relevant scientific evidence and information available to partners through regular research updates at meetings and through networking communications.

It will develop and maintain links to and exchange with relevant European initiatives (e.g. research initiatives such as ECDC's behavioural and second generation surveillance toolkit, EMCDDA QA/QI activities, EMIS and intervention projects such as COBATEST, SIALON, Everywhere, H-Cube, Sunflower, IMPACT) and will pursue emerging synergies. The WP will convene a Scientific Reference Panel (SRP) that reviews current research on and the practice of HIV prevention in relation to the Joint Action's focus on quality.

Quality principles and criteria underpinning the Charter will emerge from the practical application of QA/QI tools. Partners will contribute to, endorse and recommend the Charter for adoption by the HIV Think Tank and Civil Society Forum.

Agreed quality principles and criteria for HIV prevention developed from the analysis of the results of practical applications of the QA/QI tools. Includes the rationales and recommendations for future practical application in the field.

Key Activities:

- 1) Design data collection instruments and liaise with WP6 to collect data;
- 2) analyse the results of demonstration pilots for emerging themes;
- 3) identify and document quality principles and criteria for HIV prevention;
- 4) draft, consult on and finalise the Charter for Quality in HIV Prevention;
- 5) convene the SRP;
- 6) provide scientific advice to the project;
- 7) liaise with research and review projects;
- 8) identify and present regular updates from scientific and grey literature; and
- 9) lead the writing and publication of scientific articles on project results.

Milestones:

Month 4: Terms of Reference, membership list for Scientific Reference Panel (SRP)

Month 8: Draft data collection, analysis and consultation plan

Month 10: Final data collection, analysis and consultation plan

Month 26: Data collection completed

Month 33: Scientific article(s) submitted for publication

Process indicators:

- At least 1 meeting is organised to develop a Charter for Quality in HIV Prevention by M24;
- At least 2 consultations take place to agree on the charter by M26

Output indicator:

- “Charter for Quality in HIV Prevention” available on the project website by M30

Outcome indicator:

- 100% of partners endorse and recommend the Charter by M35