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Background

Although sound data and health information are at the basis of evidence-based policy-making and research, still no single EU-wide public health monitoring system or health information system exists. The current system is defined by diversity of health services and health information structures in Europe, fragmentation of databases and registries, health information inequality, and lack of sustainable policy-relevant health information research and activities.

Aims

BRIDGE Health aims to propose a structure for an integrated and sustainable EU health information system to support research and evidence-based policy for the EU and Member States.

Results

HIREP-ERIC

A European Research Infrastructure Consortium on Health Information for Research and Evidence-based Policy (HIREP-ERIC):

- legal entity created under EU law
- Member State driven
- Network of networks to link national experts and research facilities

Mission

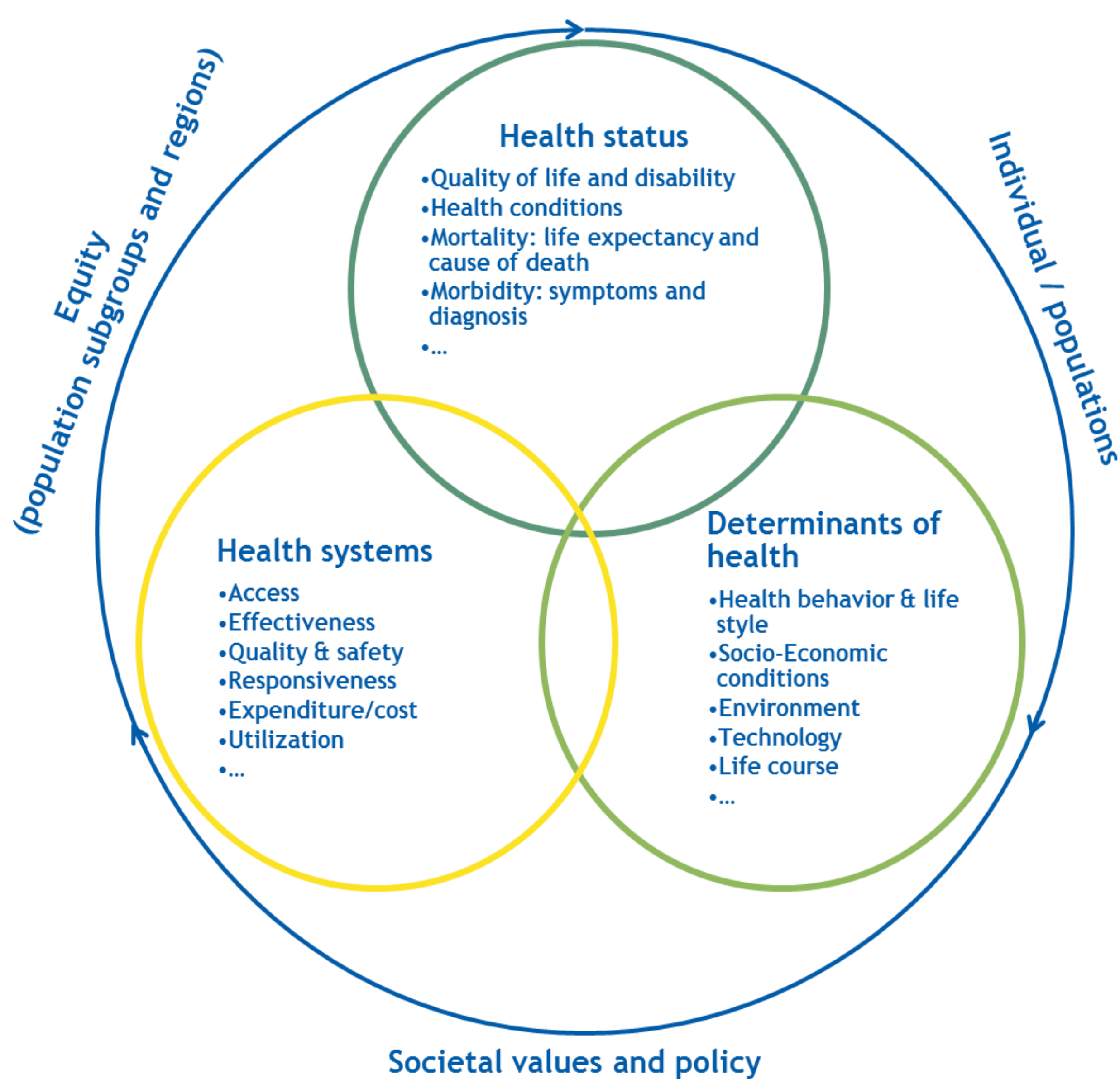
HIREP-ERIC enhances people's health and health system performance in the EU by data integration and analytics, research, knowledge generation and dissemination that support multi-level actions.

Vision

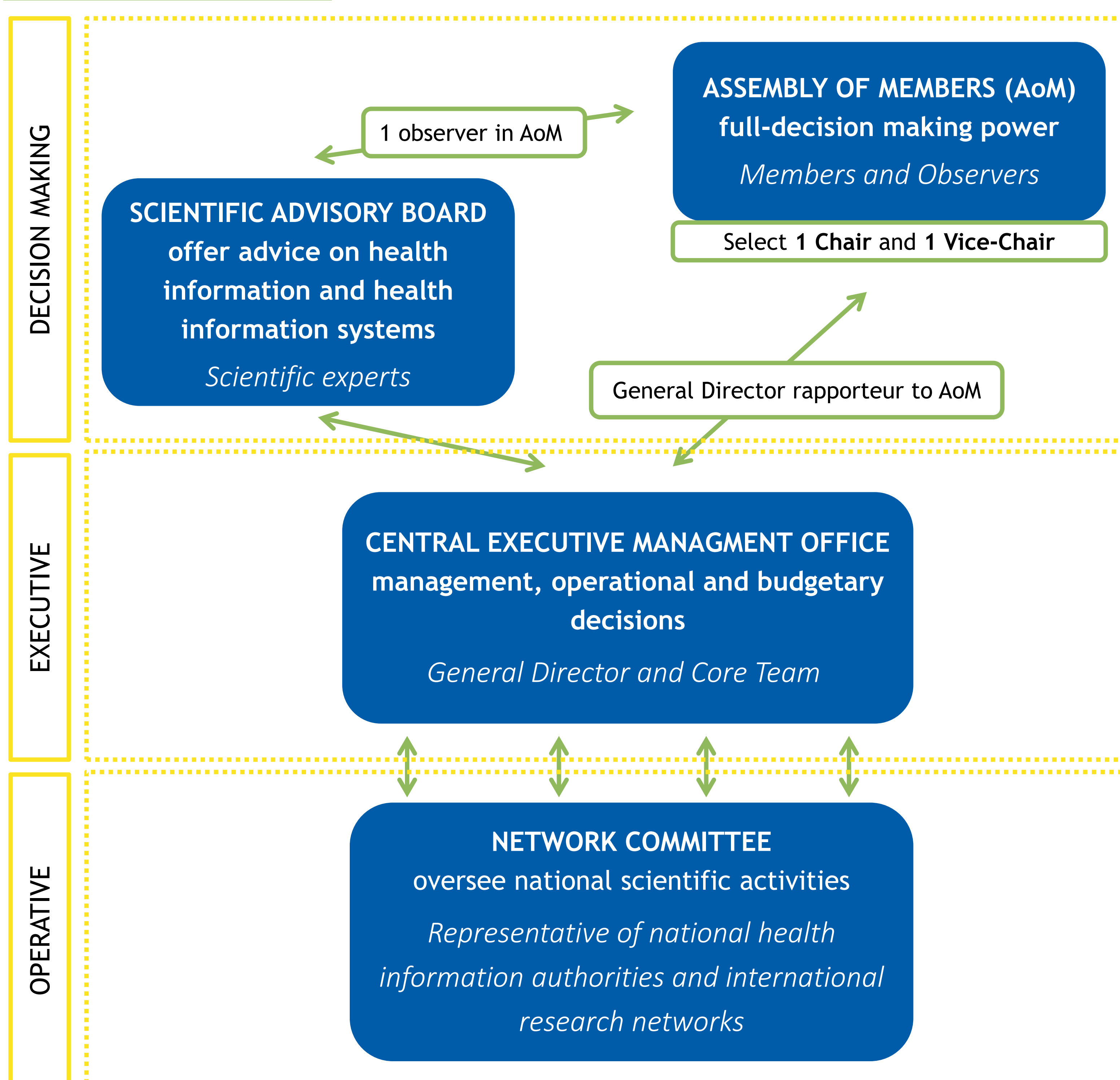
Through research, HIREP-ERIC provides the best available knowledge to improve the well-being and health of EU citizens and populations.

Scope

Support research fields of health system performance and population health including health status and determinants of health.



Governance structure



Activities

1. Advance scientific knowledge
 - Supporting scientific development and health research
 - Provide technical and expert support for comparable indicators
 - Support research methodology developments for data collection, quality assessment, use, analysis, and reporting
 - Develop common standards and best practices
 - Facilitate repository platforms for data, tools and methods
2. Promote capacity building activities and research targeting
3. Inform decision making, practice and policy
 - Support knowledge translation of health research outcomes
 - Support research to policy interaction
4. Dissemination and knowledge transfer
 - Facilitate researchers in accessing data sets, tools and guidelines
 - Identify legal and ethical issues related to data
5. Encourage coordination and harmonisation
6. Define methods for research priority assessments

Recommendations

BRIDGE Health recommends the setting up of an ERIC on health information for research and evidence-based policy as a basis and infrastructure for an integrated, sustainable EU health information system.

