

'Minutes' of the meeting of WP5 PHGENII – 22.12.2009

Dear all,

Here is a short listing of the subjects that we discussed in our telephone meeting on the 22nd of December. As background information for the meeting the article by Teutsch et al. had been sent, which deals with the methods that the Evaluation of Genomic Applications in Practice and Prevention (EGAPP) working group applies.

This was generally considered as a good starting point for our work. It was reiterated that our task is not to evaluate single technologies, but provided guidance on how to do this. When our guidance is ready it might be piloted by evaluating cases of new technologies to test if there are gaps/flaws.

For the short term, that is, until a next meeting in March, the work in WP5 will build on the methodology described by EGAPP, by means of desk research. Two main activities will be undertaken:

Outline of analytic framework

Hindrik and I will provide the outlines of an analytic framework on a meta-level. The framework will be broader than that of EGAPP, incorporating QA, but also HTA, CTA, HNA and HIA. The framework is to provide methodological guidance for identification and priority setting of relevant future and emerging genome-based technologies, and for the early and iterative (ongoing) evaluation of these technologies.

We will look into the Eunetha core- HTA framework

(<https://fio.stakes.fi/htacore/handbook.html#header>), and see if this can be used as a template for our work.

The framework is projected to guide users in the steps that need to be taken, the methodology and the resources involved to embark on identification and evaluation of genome-based technology. It will primarily disclose and synthesize existing high-quality, most recent guidance (examples are the guidelines for reporting of evidence, such as STREGA).

Adaptation/extension of ACCE criteria

What has been decided is that Jean-Jacques and Elfriede will look into in how far ELSI criteria are considered in ACCE and, if and how this needs to be adapted /extended for our task.

The next meeting of WP5 is on Friday, 12th of March, 11.30 – 13.30 (tentative) at Grand cafe La gare du sud, Eindhoven Central Station - (<http://www.lagaredusud.nl/lagaredusud/index.htm>)

Best wishes,

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