Model Access Solutions Initiative

OVERVIEW

I.   Extract from the 'PACT Renewed approach strategy" document

PACT and all our partners need to move beyond ensuring that patient access is on the political agenda, to also looking at selected evidence-based, workable solutions that can be showcased, replicated, and scaled throughout Europe. This does not mean doing this ourselves but rather, acting as a catalyst to find mechanisms and partners to identify such solutions, assess them critically, and for PACT to provide an environment, through workshops, whereby they can be promoted, understood and the drivers for transformational change can be agreed, in a multi-stakeholder, multi-disciplinary way.

At a political level, this implies a shift to investing resources not only in projects per se, but also in sound, effective approaches to shared learning, replication, and scaling to ensure maximum value and impact.

The overall goal is to provide Member States and different stakeholders with resources which, will describe models of excellence and best practices in the field of access and tools to facilitate replication and scaling.

To achieve this, the first objective is to establish a definition/outline of access solution models. and secondly to define quality criteria that categorize the various access solution models. Thirdly, a methodology to evaluate models collected against those quality criteria will be developed.

II.   The Model Access Solutions

Fields of Action

- •   PACT prepared, in consultation with its partners, core criteria for identifying viable access solutions that are fit for scaling. They were discussed at a virtual workshop on 5 November 2020, together with an approach to evaluation.

- •   Partners will then be invited to propose examples from their networks to build an online repository and hold dedicated workshops biannually (starting in autumn 2021)

KPIs

- •   Core criteria developed and agreed by partners

- •   10 concrete examples featured on an interactive digital platform with references and links by end 2021

- •   The first CEE workshop will test methodology for subsequent workshops with a focus on concrete learning outcomes and policy mobilisation/ investment for scaling (linking with Semester Recommendations and Cohesion Policy fund opportunities)

- •   A European Parliament Interest Group Meeting could possibly showcase selected examples, with an emphasis on how to ensure roll-out and uptake by relevant players across Europe, and why it is vital to invest in this.

SELECTION CRITERIA

I.   Definition of Model Access Solutions

"Model" access solutions are person-centred, conform to the 5As, have demonstrable impact, and have the potential to be replicated and scaled in Europe.

II.   Criteria to select 'model' access solution

To select 'model' access solution, certain criteria need to be applied. Therefore, based on the "*Criteria to Select Best Practices in Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention and Management in Europe*"[1], criteria have been grouped into exclusion, core, and qualifier criteria.

Criteria to assess the adequacy of an "access model" will be considered as **Exclusion** criteria, in other words, if not fulfilled, other criteria will not be checked and will be dismissed as a proposal. The **Core** criteria will entail the assessment of the effectiveness and efficiency of the model trait, as well as how the model has addressed equity issues. Both criteria will consider whether the proposal was effective; and, finally the **Qualifier** criteria will be used to assess whether the model contains elements that are relevant for its application.

A. The Exclusion criteria will assess the following aspects:
- Relevance
- Evidence and theory based
- Ethical aspects
- Equity

B. The Core criteria will assess the following aspects:
- be patient- centred
- incorporate the 5 elements of Patient Access defined by PACT
  (availability, adequacy, accessibility, affordability, appropriateness)
- be able to showcase impact
- be able to showcase ongoing learning and quality improvement

C. The Qualifier criteria of the model will assess the quality of the intervention in terms of its implementation and transferability. These qualifiers will assess the following aspects:
- Scalability and Transferability
- Sustainability
- Participation
- Innovation
- Intersectoral collaboration

The proposed set of criteria was discussed and agreed upon at a first Workshop on 05 November 2020. The meeting report is available here.

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[1] EC DG SANTE - Criteria to Select Best Practices in Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention and Management in Europe: https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/major_chronic_diseases/docs/sgpp_bestpracticescriteria_en.pdf

I.   Co-creation methodology

The "model' access solutions will be explored further through co-creation methodology. The co-creation processes and sharing of best practices will be at the heart of exploring how the "model" access solutions can be shared, replicated, and scaled. Co-creation follows an approach of involving different perspectives and collaboratively designing tools, materials, processes, activities, or strategies. A variety of targeted and creative methods will follow these guidelines, to support all PACT partners in participating and contributing.

II.   CEE Workshop

The first CEE workshop will test methodology for subsequent workshops with a focus on concrete learning outcomes and policy mobilisation/ investment for scaling (linking with EU Semester Country-specific Recommendations and Cohesion Policy Fund opportunities). The workshop is tentatively scheduled to take place by the end of 2021.

III.   Subsequent Workshops (*biannually*)

The workshops will serve to encourage different stakeholders to share knowledge and insights regarding model access solutions tailored to patients' specific needs, drivers and barriers of a given disease area. The co-creation workshops with all interested stakeholders will provide room for creative ideas for shared leaning, replication, and scaling. The structure of a workshops will be divided into an introduction, brainstorming, and a summary of core ideas.

IV.   Digital Repository

The access models and all related information will be made available on an interactive digital platform (developed and hosted by PACT), together with the outcomes and recommendations of specific workshops.

V.   Political Resonance

Based on the initial work and evidence generation PACT will work with the European Commission and the European Parliament through the Equitable Access Interest Group to encourage appropriate investment in access solutions **and their scalability.** Too many pearls of excellence remain localized, not fulfilling their potential application in other environments, disease areas and geographies. In a climate where the sustainability of health systems is constantly under debate, this must be addressed in a robust and consistent way.