



2nd Scenario Building Workshop

EU-LAC collaboration on health research

Healthcare and Social Services Research

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*Paving the way towards an EU-LAC shared strategy on
Healthcare and Social Services Research*

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Working paper contents



- Facts and reflections on the state of the art
- Boundaries and scope of the HSSR working party
- Goals proposal

Caveats



- First approach:
 - work in progress drafted to feed and be fed with further debate
- It is not a systematic review; thus, still partial evidence
- EU state of the art
 - Basically, taken from a large consultation process carried in Europe recently.
- LAC state of the art:
 - Basically, taken from a recent bibliometric analysis and some major research initiatives

Some hotspots from EU



- Evidence of an **irregular research capacity** within the EU.
- **Different implication** of the National Governments **in funding** Health Services and Systems Research in EU –i.e., as large as 10-fold difference between England and France.
- With very few exceptions, countries **do not appear to have a comprehensive national strategy** on Health Services and Systems Research.

Some hotspots from LAC



- Quite **uneven production** ranging from Costa Rica, Uruguay and Ecuador (from 33.5 to 19.3 per 100,000 inhabitants) to Peru and Mexico (2.4 to 1.7 per 100,000 inhabitants).
- The analysis of the number of HSR articles by author's country of residence in both PAHO/WHO publication and Medline database indicates a **strong participation of articles that come from developed countries and/or central economies (95%)**.

Some joint conclusions



- Some gaps -**uneven research capacity, uneven production,** maybe (pending analysis) **more effort on healthcare** than on social care research, **small linkage and exchange efforts** (unshared policy and research agendas, although maybe LAC is doing better).
- **Still not possible to identify the current knowledge needs** from this first rough analysis. If a proposal for going forward is to be useful it will **have to broaden the evidential base** in an effort to **identify the needs and perspectives of policy makers and related decision makers.**

Looking for common understanding of what HSSR working party will do:



- EU-LAC HSSR working party will be interested in **Health and Social Systems and Services, as determinants of health and welfare.**
- Topics of particular relevance within EU-LAC HSSR will be **Equitable Access to health and social care, integration between Health and Social care, and Performance Assessment**, with emphasis both, on quality and cost.
- The considerable variety of Health and Social Systems in the EU-LAC region will require an **effort of contextualization both, in the analyses and the eventual, recommendations.**

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- The relevance of stakeholders involvement in the implementation of research results, will require an **effort on understanding the linkage and exchange processes both, in the analyses and the eventual, recommendations.**
- Obvious **overlaps** between EU-LAC HSSR working party and others will require **continuous interaction.**

Goals



... along the upcoming months, EU-LAC HSSR aims at:

- 1) Eliciting the EU-LAC knowledge needs*, stemming from the current and projected priorities of the health and social care systems under study, and the foreseen reforms
- 2) Giving priority to those knowledge needs which can be tackled with research
- 3) Analysing whether the current capacity is able to deal with the research requirements
- 4) Outlining an action plan detailing the future HSSR agenda