



**Evidence-informed Policy Network (EVIPNet)
Europe Virtual Meeting for countries from Eastern Europe
and Central Asia on Using Research Evidence for
Policy-making: Evidence Briefs for Policy**

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Provisional Programme

Webinar 1

Tuesday, 6 October 2020

14:00 – 14:15	Welcome and opening <i>Ministry of Health of Uzbekistan</i> <i>WHO Country Office in Uzbekistan</i> <i>EVIPNet Europe Secretariat</i>
14:15 – 14:35	Session 1: Introduction to evidence-informed policy-making (EIP) and EVIPNet Europe in the context of European Programme of Work <i>Marge Reinap, WHO Secretariat</i>
14:35 – 15:05	Session 2: Understanding health policy-making process and role of evidence, also in the context of COVID-19 <i>Fadi El-Jardali, WHO Secretariat</i>
15:05 – 15:25	Session 3: Knowledge generation and knowledge translation as a spectrum: evidence on establishing and/or strengthening national health research system using a systems approach <i>Tyrone Reden Sy, WHO Secretariat</i>
15:25 – 15:55	Session 4: Learning from success stories of EVIPNet Europe Member Countries: development of evidence briefs for policy (EBP) in Slovenia and Hungary <i>Polonca Truden Dobrin, National Institute of Public Health, Slovenia</i> <i>Balazs Babarczy, National Public Health Center, Hungary</i>
15:55 – 16:25	Session 5: How to engage researchers as stakeholders to knowledge translation and EIP in your countries (discussion) <i>WHO Secretariat</i>
16:25 – 16:55	Session 6: What is needed to support countries in EE&CA to establish KTPs in their countries (discussion) <i>WHO Secretariat</i>

End of Webinar 1

Practical webinars on developing evidence briefs for policy (EBPs)

Webinar 2	Framing the Problem for EBPs: A Science and a Craft
Objective:	→ To describe the key features of an evidence brief for policy → To identify a list of guiding questions to consider when framing a problem → To recognize the different arrangement(s) for clarifying the underlying factors of the problem → To frame a problem statement for selected priority topic(s)- Hands on work
Thursday, 8 October 2020	
13:30 – 13:35	Introduction and outlook on Webinar 2 WHO Secretariat
13:35 – 14:20	Session 7: Preparing the EBPs (clarifying and framing the problem) <i>Fadi El-Jardali, WHO Secretariat</i>
14:20 – 15:20	Group or individual work with a support from the Secretariat
15:20 – 16:10	Feedback in plenary
16:10 – 16:30	Closure and next steps
End of Webinar 2	

Webinar 3	Harnessing the Best Available Research Evidence for EBPs: What, Where and How?
Objective:	→ To understand the ABCs of searching the literature → To recognize what type of evidence to search for when preparing EBP → To identify key databases to search for research evidence (with a focus on systematic reviews) → To appraise the quality of included systematic reviews → To document the search strategy
Wednesday, 14 October 2020	
13:30 – 13:35	Introduction and outlook on Webinar 3 <i>WHO Secretariat</i>
13:35 – 14:20	Session 8: Accessing research evidence including systematic reviews <i>Fadi El-Jardali, WHO Secretariat</i>
14:20 – 15:20	Group or individual work with a support from the Secretariat
15:20 – 16:10	Feedback in plenary
16:10 – 16:30	Closure and next steps
End of Webinar 3	

Webinar 4	Framing Viable Policy Options to Address a Problem: A Step by Step Guide
Objective:	→ To identify a list of questions to consider when identifying options to address a problem → To understand how research evidence can help to respond to these questions → To become familiar with key variables to consider when developing (and expanding on) each policy option → To identify 3-4 policy options to address the problem (and its causes) clarified earlier and prepare evidence table about an option you're considering- hands on work
Wednesday, 21 October 2020	
13:30 – 13:35	Introduction and outlook on Webinar 4 <i>WHO Secretariat</i>
13:35 – 14:20	Session 9: Framing policy options <i>Fadi El-Jardali, WHO Secretariat</i>
14:20 – 15:20	Group or individual work with a support from the Secretariat
15:20 – 16:10	Feedback in plenary
16:10 – 16:30	Closure and next steps
End of Webinar 4	

Webinar 5	Closing the loop: From Policy Options to Implementation Considerations
Objective:	→ To identify the level(s) where there are potential barriers to (and counterstrategies for) the successful implementation of a policy option → To recognize the appropriate types of research evidence to inform implementation considerations → To search for evidence on implementation considerations- hands on work
Wednesday, 28 October 2020	
13:30 – 13:35	Introduction and Outlook on Webinar 5 <i>WHO Secretariat</i>
13:35 – 14:20	Session 10: Identifying Key Implementation Considerations <i>Fadi El-Jardali, WHO Secretariat</i>
14:20 – 15:20	Group or individual work with a support from the Secretariat
15:20 – 16:10	Feedback in plenary
16:10 – 16:30	Closure and next steps
End of Webinar 5	

Webinar 6	Post-EBP uptake phase: Policy Dialogues
Objective:	→ To understand the key functions and features of a policy dialogue → To define the steps involved in organizing a policy dialogue → To identify the types of stakeholders who can participate in a policy dialogue → To become familiarized with key dialogue facilitation tips → To map potential stakeholders to participate in a policy dialogue- Hands on work
Wednesday, 4 November 2020	
13:30 – 13:35	Introduction and Outlook on Webinar 6 <i>WHO Secretariat</i>
13:35 – 14:20	Session 11: Approaches to knowledge uptake (organizing a policy dialogue) <i>Fadi El-Jardali, WHO Secretariat</i>
14:20 – 15:20	Group or individual work with a support from the Secretariat
15:20 – 16:10	Feedback in plenary
16:10 – 16:30	Wrap-up and closing