

PRICES-HPH: The network level

On the network level, all 36 HPH network coordinators were invited to complete a questionnaire about their network structure and network activities, about the environment of their network, the involvement of the network in the international HPH network, network history and achievements so far. The questionnaire contained standardized as well as open questions and was structured as follows:

Dimensions of the questionnaire	Number questions	Number items
■ key data about the network (e.g. size, types of members)	9	54
■ network aims, goals and targets	3	7
■ network coordination and management structures	19	112
■ the specific role and functions of the coordinator	12	104
■ office infrastructures and functions	14	88
■ network budget	6	69
■ membership requirements, network involvement, duties and rights of members	12	101
■ health promotion values and orientation of the network	12	174
■ main network activities (e.g. information, support of HPH implementation, R & D)		
○ informing about the network	1	84
○ Networking and exchange	9	77
○ Support for HPH implementation	5	53
○ Research & development	3	8
○ Lobbying and alliance-building	4	27
○ Any other network activities	1	2
■ the national / regional environment of the network (supportive and hindering factors)	5	59
■ network's cooperation in the international HPH network	11	72
■ network history	7	74
■ achievements of the network so far	11	90

Data collection took place from January to June 2009. 28 network coordinators completed a network questionnaire, that is 77%.

The aims of currently ongoing data analysis and interpretation are to

- generate a baseline on structures, activities and achievements on the HPH network level
- identify commonalities and differences between the HPH networks in terms of structures, activities, achievements
- identify success strategies for HPH networking
- support learning and development in the overall HPH network by
 - identifying potentials for improvement in HPH networking
 - collecting feedback from regional / national networks on structures and activities by the International HPH Network

The data interpretation process shall be concluded with a coordinator's workshop alongside the next international conference on Health Promoting Hospitals in Manchester (April 2010).