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ASSET: A WAY AHEAD?



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Bridging Theory and Practice for Effective Communications during Infectious Disease Crises

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What is ASSET made of? (1)

Key-numbers:

- a «life» of 48 months (2014-2017)
- 14 Partners involved
- 11 Countries covered by the Consortium









Who ASSET People are and where they are from

- 1. FORSKNINGINSTITUTT-
- 2. THE INTERNATIONAL **EMERGENCY** MANAGEMENT SOCIETY-**TIEMS**
- FORSVARETS FONDEN **TEKNOLOGIRADET- DBT**
- 4. EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH-**EIWH**
- **VITAMIB**
- LYONBIOPOLE
- INTERNATIONAL PREVENTION RESEARCH **INSTITUT- IPRI**
- DATAMINING **INTERNATIONAL-DMI**
- UNIVERSITATEA DE **MEDICINA SI** FARMACIE'CAROL DAVILA'DIN BUCURESTI-**UMFDB**
- 10. ZADIG SRL
- 11. ISTITUTO SUPERIORE DI SANITÀ-ISS
- 12. NATIONAL CENTER OF **INFECTIOUS AND** PARASITIC DISEASES-**NCIPD**
- 13. INSTITUTE OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE **ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH- PROLEPSIS**
- 14. UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA-HU



TIEMS is a transnational organization: partners from US and India are involved, too

TELL ME and **ASSET** share 4 Partners in common (HU, ISS: Sc.C. **VITAMIB:** Ad.C, ZADIG)









What is ASSET about? (2)

Key-words:

- Action plan on SiS related issues in Epidemics and Total pandemics
- a Project of MMLAP (Mobilisation and Mutual Learning Action Plans)
- Programme [SiS Science in Society, FP7
 - RRI Responsible Research and Innovation, H2020]









The fundamental concepts (1)

MMLAP

Mobilisation and Mutual Learning Action Plans

- Connecting
 - local to global issues
 - researchers to benefit from links to civil society between different stakeholders from academia, policymakers, civil society and the private sector
 - general public to access data

Communicating

- doing more for communication at national level
- e.g. communicating with policy makers to share developments in research agendas and progresses in investigation

Democratising

- allowing different categories of stakeholders, and particularly marginalised social groups, to have a voice in decision-making processes
- "fully embedding CSOs in research processes"



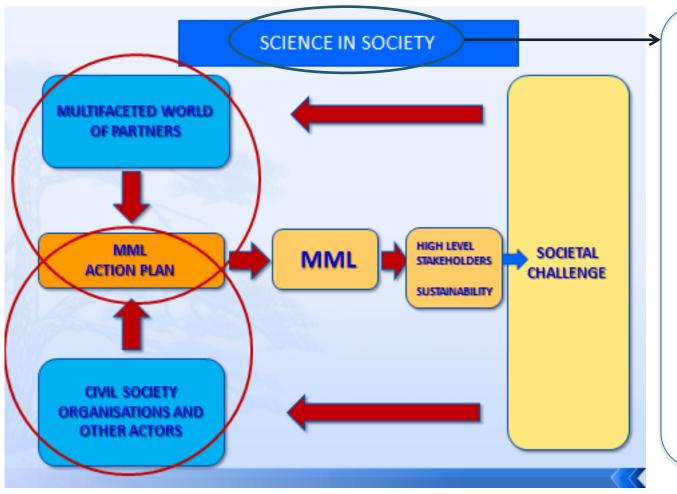
MMLAP: future development, 17-18 April 2012







The fundamental concepts (2)



- 1. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
- 2. GENDER EQUALITY
- 3. SCIENCE EDUCATION
- 4. ETHICS
- 5. OPEN SCIENCE
- 6. GOVERNANCE

[GLOBAL TRENDS IN SCIENCE IN SOCIETY]





The PAR paradigm:

The approach











The objectives

- Build a common approach and create a common language to be used in a cooperative multi-actor and multidisciplinary action
- Review existing studies on pandemics, their wider societal implications, research and innovation, governance mechanisms
- Carry out a public consultation on pandemic preparedness and governance
- Mobilise relevant stakeholders and actors and promoting mutual learning mechanisms
- Contribute to restoring trust among scientists, researchers, policy makers and the general public









The legacy with TELL ME

- ASSET will broaden the TELL ME information and/or communication aspect, raising it to the wider socio-political level.
- Since pandemics and other infectious disease (ID) crises impact on mortality/morbidity as well as on socio-economic elements, several issues enter ASSET research: governance of flu pandemics; unsolved scientific questions regarding influenza and pandemics; ethical, legal and societal implications of pandemics; gender issues – vulnerability, vaccines; research and innovation; risk of intentionally caused outbreaks.
- ASSET is supposed to produce practical tools, both for enhancing partnership with policy makers and health professionals and for upholding compliance and resilience in the public, and scientific publications.
- Beside validating the main TELL ME outputs, ASSET could establish international and local infrastructure for communication among stakeholders.









As TELL ME, ASSET is a communication project... communication OUTCOMES are expected!

- What and how can we improve (any) systems capacities to make European citizens (and their representatives) timely informed of the next infectious disease crisis?
- How can we help them to identify trustable and accredited information sources?
- What can we do to ease citizen' access to correct and timely information?
- What can we do to create channels to enable citizens to ask questions and receive timely answers from government officials and accredited sources?
- How can we develop a European Scientific network to promote and support such processes?
- Is it possible to draft a general strategy to pursue, in the coming years, the defined objectives through Horizon 2020?
- What is the role of the European institutions in supporting this process?

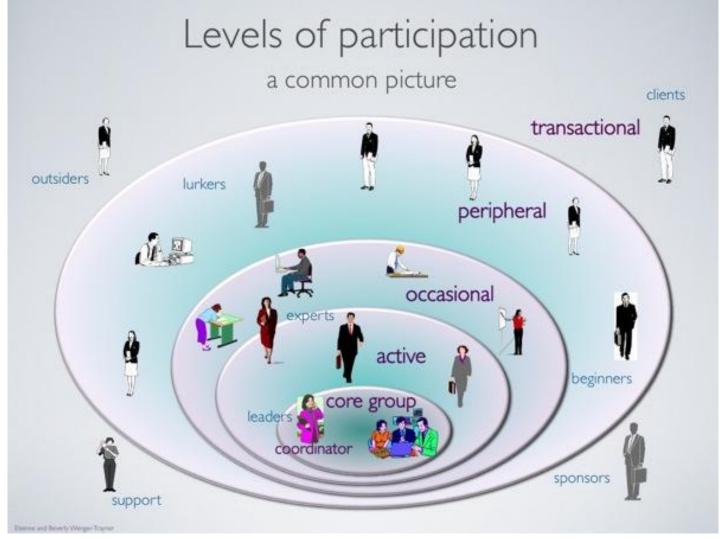








Theory of being a Community of Practice



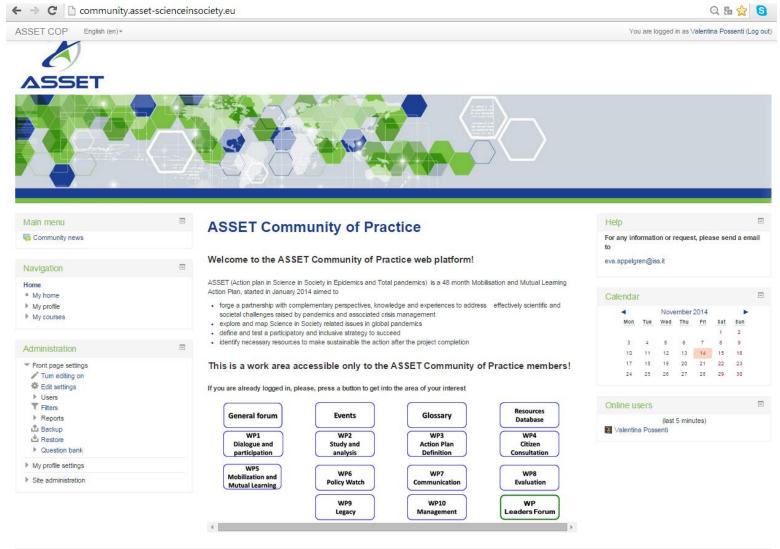




Action plan on Science in Society related issues in Epidemics and Total pandemics



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In a more long-term perspective...



If we really put in practice the ASSET pay-off «Share and move to face nasty bugs», the question mark in the title of this presentation will become an exclamation mark!









Thank you all for attention!

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