The EUnetHTA perspective

Rescuing the HTA database – future options and challenges

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The European network for Health Technology Assessment (EUnetHTA)

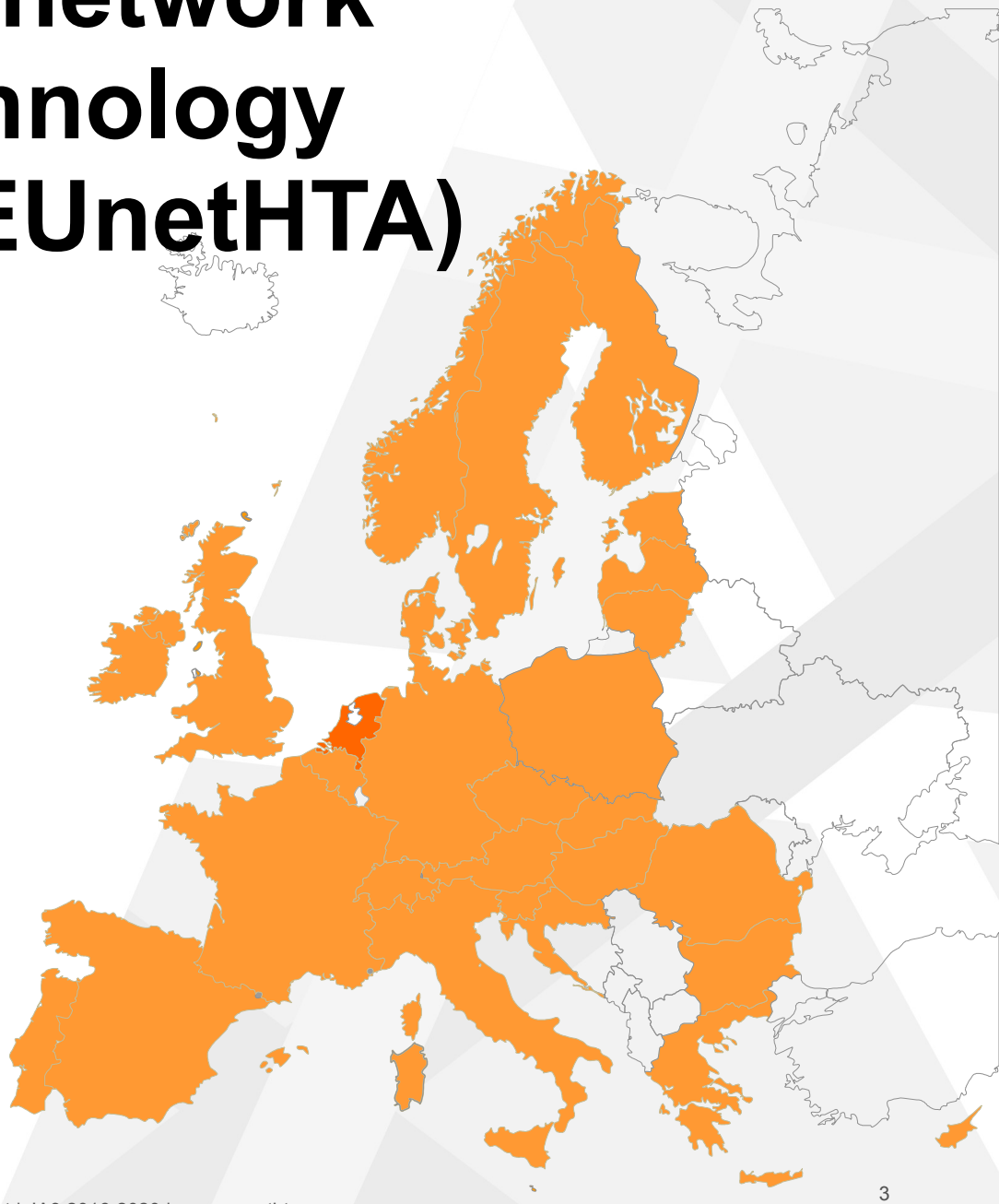
Network:
81 partners consisting of national, regional and non-for-profit agencies that produce or contribute to HTA

Project Coordinator:
Dutch National Health Care Institute (ZIN)

Funded by:

European Commission

2006-2008: Project
2010-2012: Joint Action 1
2012-2015: Joint Action 2
2016-2020: Joint Action 3



EUnetHTA objectives

To produce high quality HTA joint assessments

To favor uptake and implementation of joint HTA work at the national, regional and local level and therefore reduce duplication of efforts and enhance efficiency

To build a sustainable network

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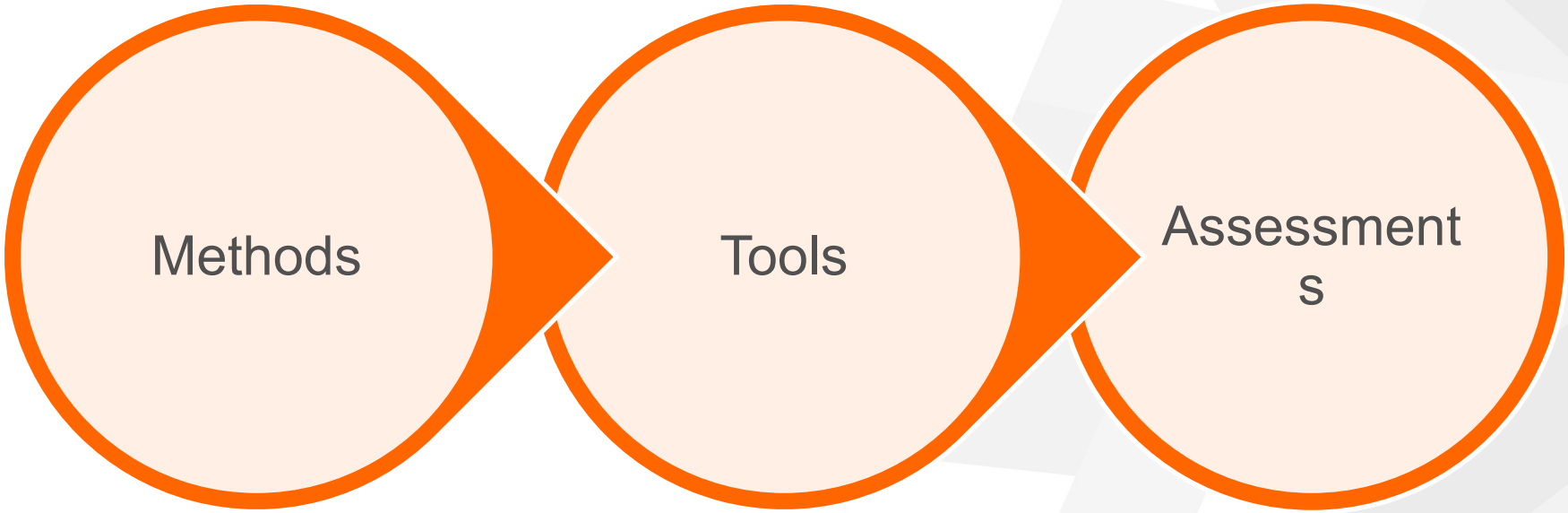
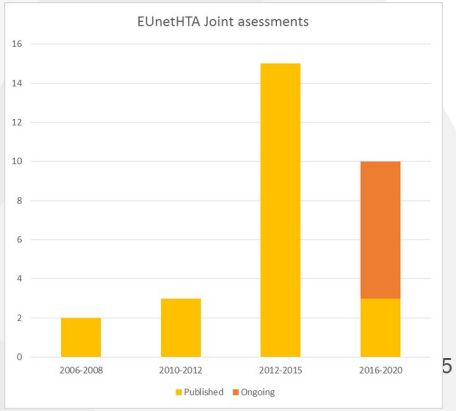
EUnetHTA Outputs



- 1 Procedure manual
- 14 Methodological guidelines
- 1 Concept paper

- EUnetHTA Evidence Submission Templates
- HTA Adaptation toolkit
- HTA Core Model®
- POP database
- EVIDENT database

- 23 published (since 2006)
- 7 ongoing



EUnetHTA Assessments

Core assessments

1. Health problem and current use of technology (CUR)
2. Description and technical characteristics of technology (TEC)
3. Safety (SAF)
4. Clinical effectiveness (EFF)
5. Costs and economic evaluation (ECO)
6. Ethical analysis (ETH)
7. Organisational aspects (ORG)
8. Patients and Social aspects (SOC)
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Rapid Relative Effectiveness Assessments

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1-4 Rapid REA model

6-9 Replaced by checklists

Sources:
https://meka.thl.fi/htacore/model/HTACoreModel3.0.pdf; http://meka.thl.fi/htacore/model/HTACoreModel_ForRapidREAs4.2.pdf

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Description of ongoing projects

Sharing information about planned projects **helps to identify topics that may could result in a EUnetHTA Joint / Collaborative assessment**

Some EUnetHTA partners **may not make their research program public**

EUnetHTA developed its own tool: the Planned and Ongoing Projects database (POP DB)

EUnetHTA and CRD have been in contact to evaluate the **options for interoperability** between EUnetHTA POP DB and HTA DB (public ongoing projects)

Description of reports

Sharing information about published reports (national or EUnetHTA assessments) at international level **is considered as a priority for EUnetHTA**

CRD HTA DB being existing and well established, **EUnetHTA did not planned to develop a database describing published reports** but invited its partners to provide content to the HTA DB

INAHTA initiative

Consortium

- EUnetHTA does not participate as such, but EUnetHTA partners were encouraged to participate in the consortium

Task group

- EUnetHTA participates in the task group
  1. **HTA database should keep the MeSH indexation**
  2. **HTA database should allow to avoid multiple encoding of the same information**

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OPTION 3: INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY PLATFORM

(OAI-PMH COMPLIANT)

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Similar to current functionalities

Option 3 : Expected added value

Automatic dissemination to other grey literature aggregators

Favour immediacy

Reduce burden

Option for the "long term" archiving of HTA reports

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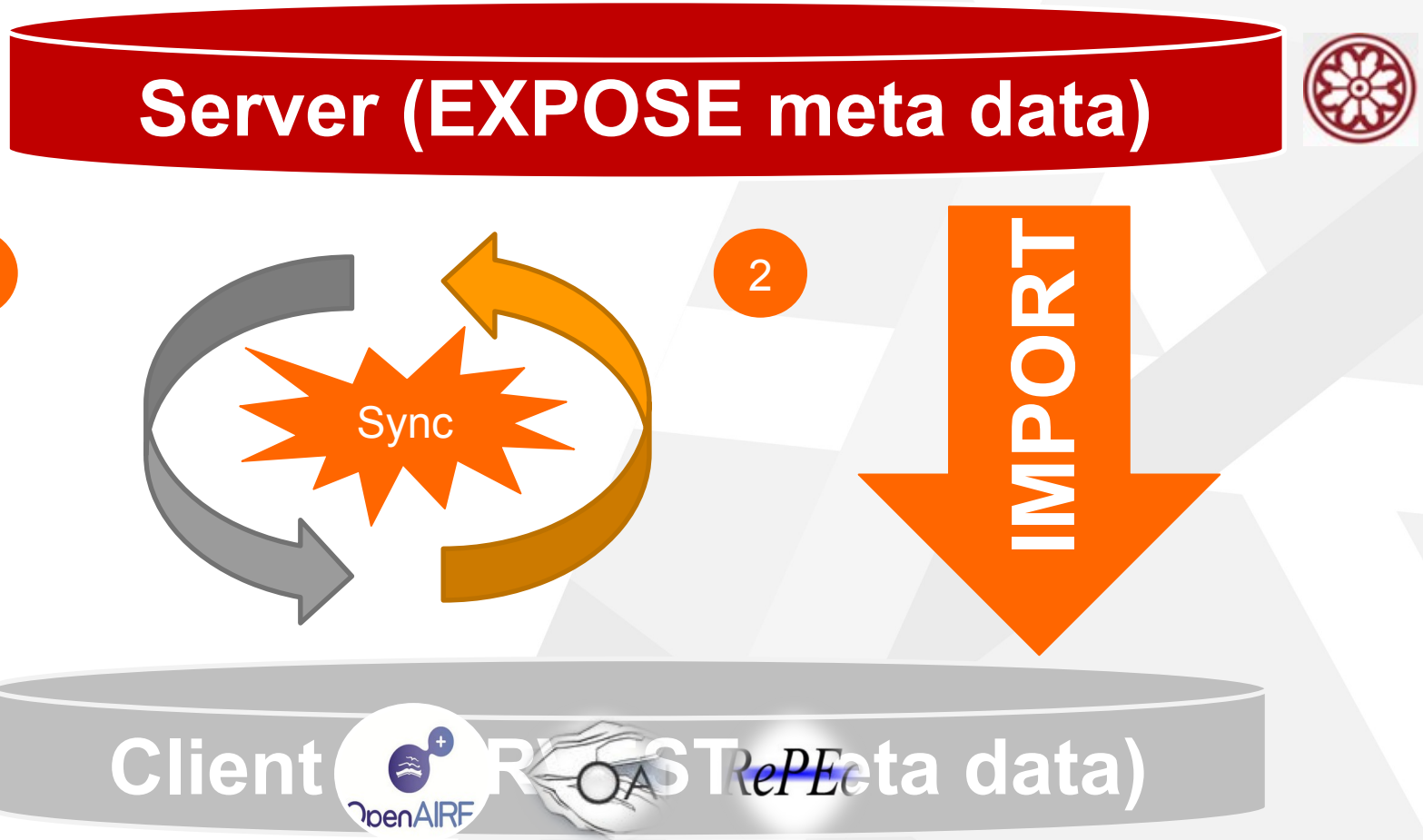

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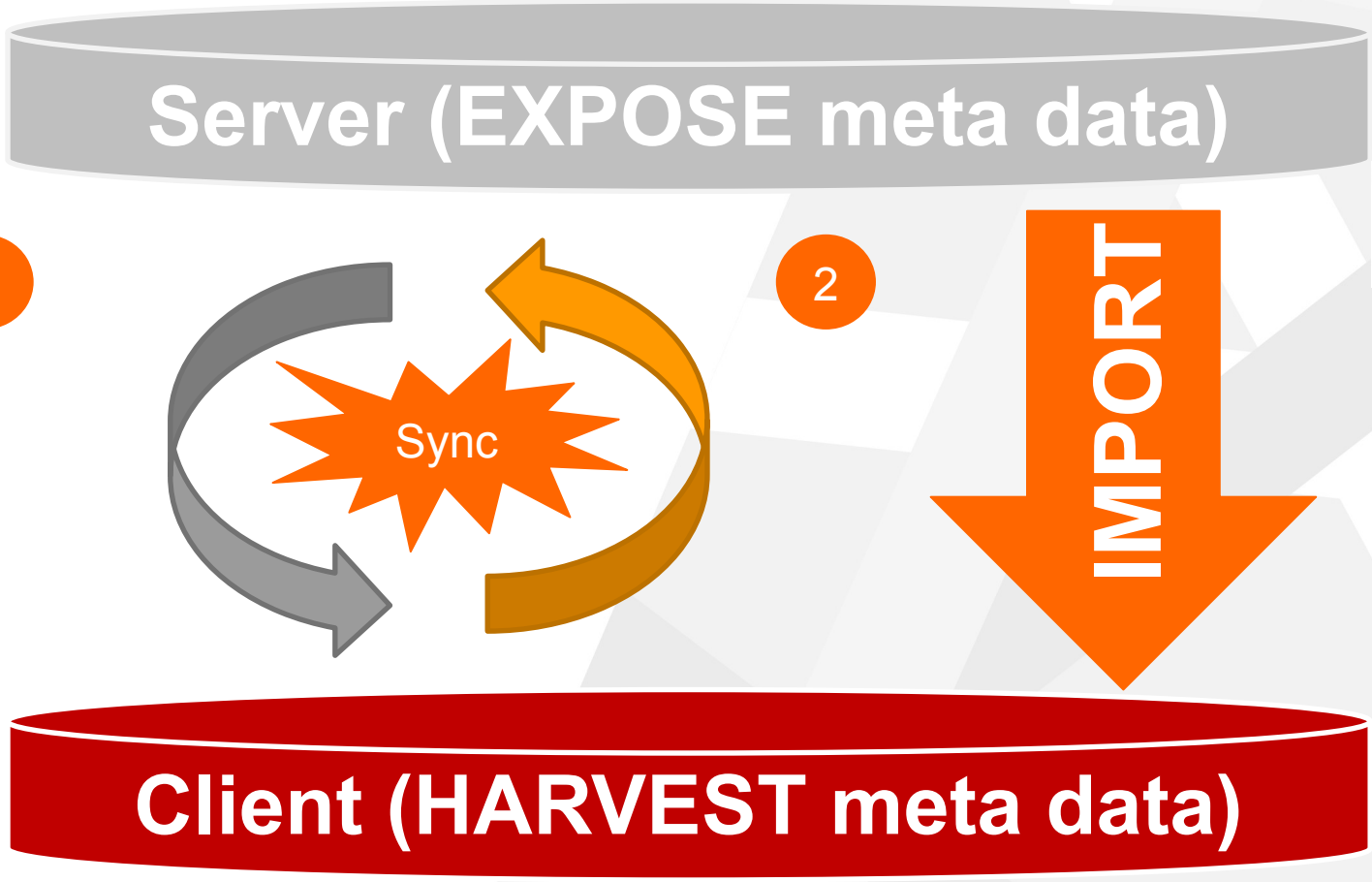


HTA DB: Actors and roles

Disseminate reports description

Ensure HTA db brokering

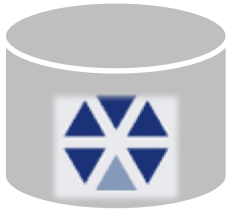
Identify HTA reports

HTA DB feeding: legacy situation

1 Encode (1st)

2 Encode (2nd)

3 Use (Search)



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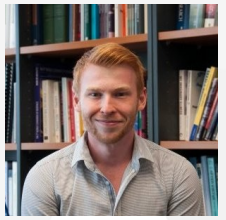
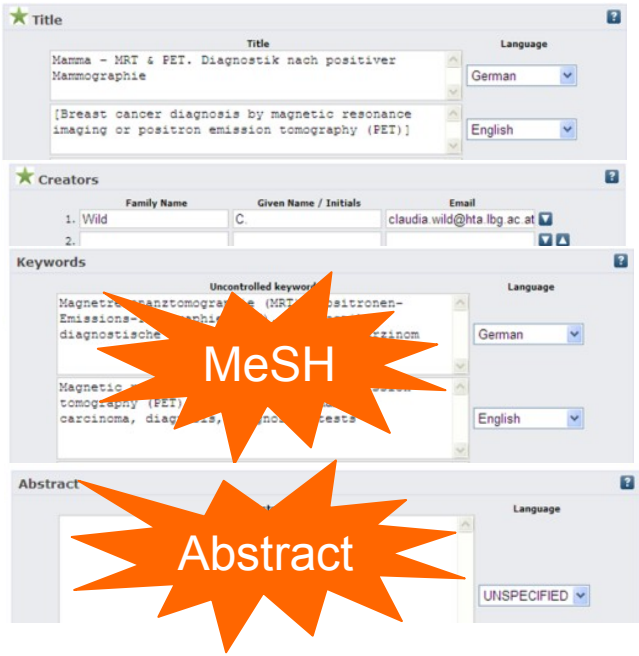
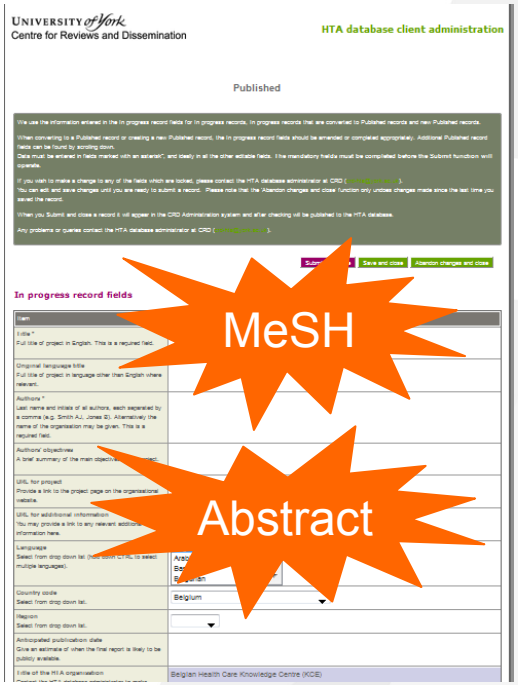




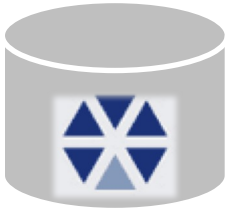


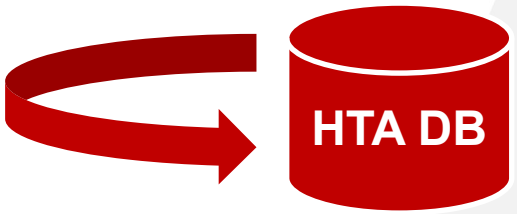
HTA DB feeding: Option 3

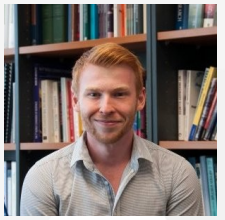
1 Encode (once)

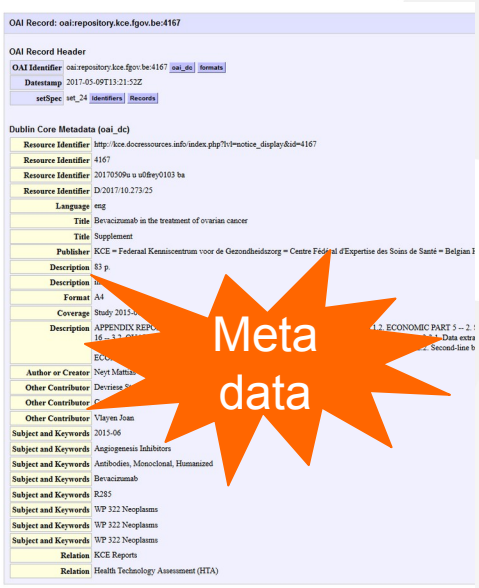
2 Import (automatic)

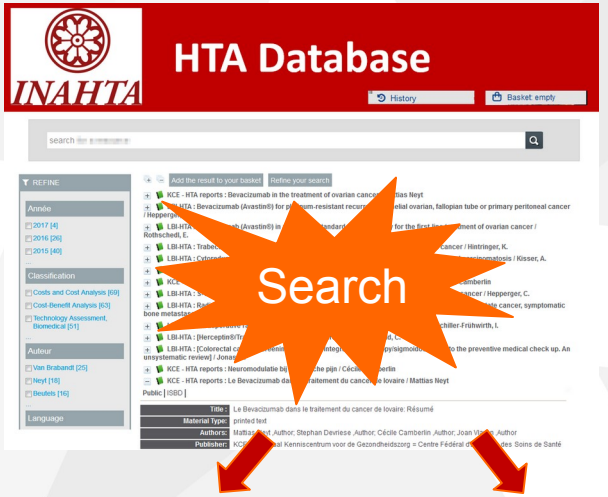
3 Use (Search)











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EUnetHTA plans for the HTA DB

Description of projects

- **If this content type is maintained** at the HTA DB, **contacts will be pursued** to avoid multiple encoding of the same information

Description or reports

- EUnetHTA wish **the HTA DB to include the description of EUnetHTA assessments** to help to reduce the global duplication of efforts and support the global HTA community

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