INTEGRATE-HTA

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Rationale of the project

• Taking into account complexity when assessing healthcare technology
• Development of appropriate methodology
• More diverse knowledge, implications for integration
Sources of complexity

- Multiple components, (non-linear) interdependencies
- Multiple, proximal and distal outcomes
- Context
- Heterogeneity
Consequences of ignoring complexity

- Inaccurate predictions of benefits and costs
- Irrelevance
- Credibility
Developing appropriate methodology

• Logic models
  – How, through what mechanisms, do interventions lead to outcomes, and what context factors are critical?

• Heterogeneity: retrieval and critical appraisal of evidence

• Methods for integrating knowledge

• Different perspectives: scoping
Testing methodology

• Palliative care
• Reinforced models of home-based palliative care
Added value of FP7 Framework

• Budget enables project of a different order
• Avoid fragmentation
• Collaboration: complementary knowledge and skills
Added value of FP7 Framework

- Implementation
- Target users: HTA agencies
- Academic groups have their own networks
- Liaise with other projects, e.g. EUNetHTA