

# GUIDANCE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF SOCIO-CULTURAL ASPECTS OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGIES

## An approach of integrating social and cultural heterogeneity in HTA

### Purpose of this guidance

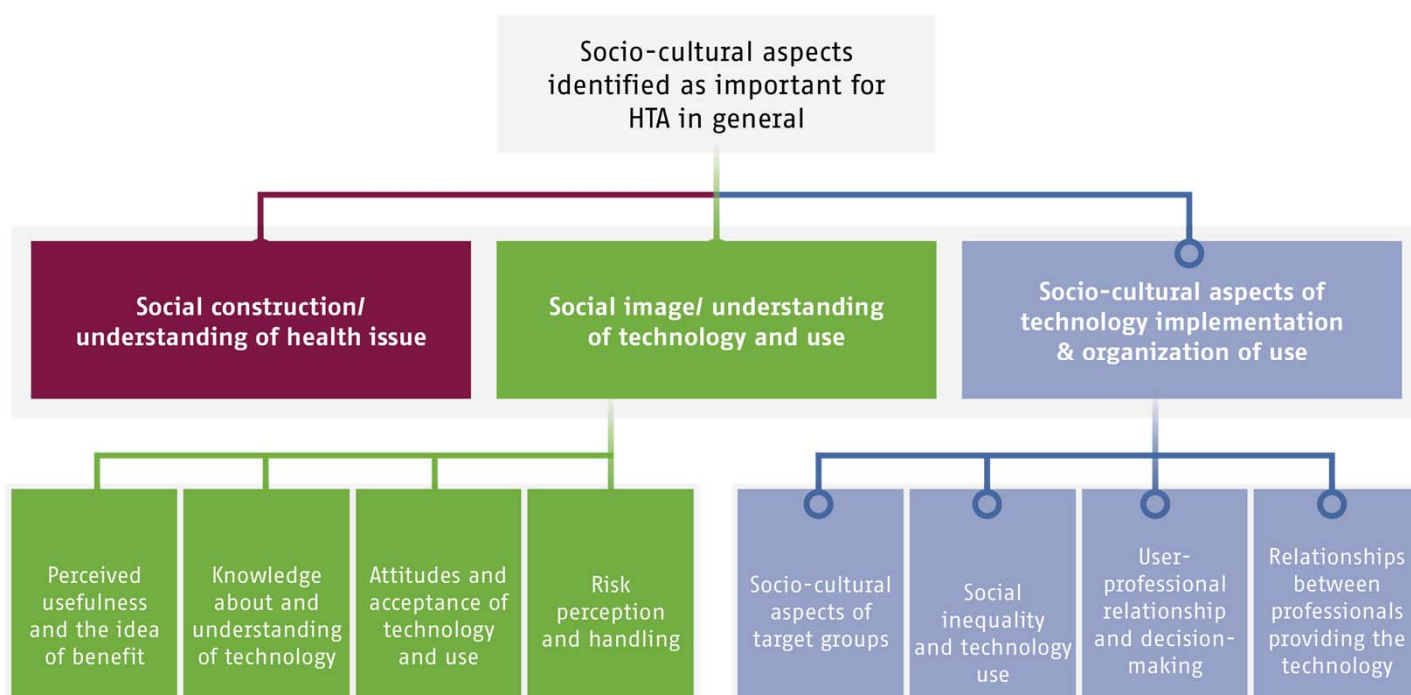
This guidance provides a five-step-process for the assessment of socio-cultural aspects of health technologies. It can be used to

- Identify and prioritize important socio-cultural aspects/ discourses and heterogeneous perspectives related to a health technology,
- Identify and involve various stakeholders and stakeholder groups, to determine research agendas on socio-cultural aspects, and
- Assess socio-cultural aspects linked to a certain technology in a culturally sensitive way.



The guidance for the assessment of socio-cultural aspects in HTA  
<http://www.integrate-ha.eu/downloads/>

Overview of the socio-cultural aspects represented in the socio-cultural framework



### Added value of this guidance

Although part of most HTA-definitions socio-cultural aspects related with health technologies are rarely assessed. This guidance offers

- a process and a framework to identify and assess socio-cultural aspects,
- an overview of methods that can be applied, and
- an option to capture the heterogeneous perspectives of different social groups.
- The guidance can be applied as part of the INTEGRATE-HTA-model (see the guidance on integrated assessment) and as a stand-alone.

