



Mind the gap! Working together to set research priorities

AGENDA

28th May, 9:30 – 13:30

**BIP, room Zinneke
Rue Royale /Koningsstraat 2-4, 1000 Brussels**

An invitation to step aside for a moment from the well-trodden tracks of traditional research agendas and take a new and open-minded look at the opportunities and priorities that exist in biomedical and health research: **dialogue works!**

9:00 Welcome

9:30 Introduction by the King Baudouin Foundation

9:40 What do you want researchers to address? Involving patients and clinicians in setting priorities for research.

Key note lectures

Katherine Cowan, Consultant at James Lind Alliance, UK

There is a mismatch between patient/clinician priorities and what gets researched. Why is this a problem? What is the process set up by the James Lind Alliance to address this issue? What are the challenges and opportunities of this process?

Steph Garfield-Birkbeck Assistant Director, National Institute for Health Research, Evaluation, Trials and Studies Coordinating Centre

What is the funders' perspective on multi-stakeholder dialogue for priority setting? What does the NIHR expect from priority setting partnerships? What's their experience? What are the challenges and opportunities for research funders?

Q & A

10:20 3_{pilots} X 4_{phases}

Peter Raeymaekers, Science Writer

The three KBF pilots were essentially exercises in the co-production of knowledge between stakeholders and experts. This shared knowledge forms the basis of broadly supported priorities for future research. What's the process? Who are the obvious stakeholders to be involved? What is the most appropriate way to involve them? How to make sure that the process remains inclusive so that all relevant voices are heard and their opinions are considered? How to build a comprehensive research agenda and how to prioritize this agenda?



10:40 Coffee Break

11:00 Interactive tour of the three Belgian pilot-projects:

Get inspired by sharing experiences drawn from three pilot projects, which were very different in their content, field of research, methodological approach and results:

- Working together to set research priorities for NASH with an optimal contribution of biobanks
Sofie Bekaert, Manager Translational Program VIB and Peter Stärkel, Professor UClouvain, Chef de Clinique Saint-Luc, Hepato-gastroenterology
- Working together to set research priorities for Tuberous Sclerosis Complex
Anna Jansen, Paediatric neurologist, UZ Brussel, Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Eva Schoeters, be-TSC and RaDiOrg (Rare Diseases Belgium)
- Working together to set research priorities around returning to work after a long-term work incapacity
Saskia Decuman, Head of the Centre of Expertise on Work Disability at RIZIV/INAMI

12:00 3pilots X 4phases = 12lessons learned

Experiences from the three KBF pilot projects learn that, in order to meet expectations, careful planning of a stakeholder dialogue and prioritization activity is important. During the planning of the dialogue, many of the issues in all phases should be considered and decided upon. On the other hand, flexibility is key to the process. What are the lessons learned? What are the take away messages from the pilots?

Sofie Bekaert, Peter Stärkel, Anna Jansen, Eva Schoeters, Saskia Decuman & Peter Raeymaekers

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12:25 Conclusion by the King Baudouin Foundation

12:30 Lunch

*Presentations in English,
Simultaneous interpretation French/Dutch*

