



PANEL SESSION 2 – Monday June 8, 2026 | 5.45pm – 6.45pm

[PN09 – A Roadmap For Value Frameworks In Transitioning Economies: Opportunity Cost Vs. Political Reality](#)

Contributors: Alexander Kostyuk, Jeffrey S. Hoch, Louis Garrison, Zoltán Kaló

Summary: This panel introduces a unified Net Benefit Framework and Generalized CEA (GCEA) to develop context-specific valuation strategies in Middle-Income Countries (MICs). Featuring leading global experts, the session moves from theoretical foundations to analytical rigor and institutional barriers in CEE/CA. The debate applies the framework to the policy challenges of Kazakhstan, providing actionable policy insights.

[PN10 – From Evidence To Sustainability: Incorporating Environmental Factors Into Health Technology Assessment Across Different Settings](#)

Contributors: Melissa Pegg, Soledad Isern de Val, Sabrina Grigolo, Robyn Manuel

Summary: This panel will present ongoing initiatives that incorporate environmental sustainability considerations into health technology assessment (HTA). It will present novel frameworks, methodological approaches, and tools. An open discussion will cover existing facilitators and barriers to adopting a broader scope of HTA, including the shift toward a One Health HTA. Panelists and the audience will discuss opportunities for strengthening international collaboration.

[PN11 – From Evidence To System Shaping: Adaptive HTA, Methodological Guardrails And Capacity-Building From South–South Collaboration](#)

Contributors: Adrian Gheorghe, Manju Segar, Andres Pichon-Riviere, Cassandra Nemzoff

Summary: Adaptive Health Technology Assessment (HTA) offers a pragmatic path for countries to apply evidence while building capacity for full assessments. This panel explores methodological and institutional lessons from an India–Argentina collaboration, illustrating how adaptive HTA can shape decision processes, strengthen institutions, and inform governance in resource-constrained settings through South–South cooperation and shared system-learning.



PN12 – Mapping Health Technology Assessment Training Needs In Low- and Middle-Income Countries: Challenges And Opportunities

Contributors: Lamis Ali, Trudy Leong, Annapoorna Prakash, Ana Carolina Nonato

Summary: Health Technology Assessment (HTA)-specific degrees and advanced training pathways are scarce in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Studies identify limited training opportunities and a shortage of adequately trained personnel as key barriers to HTA institutionalization. This panel will outline top training needs, discuss access barriers and implementation challenges, and explore opportunities for training programs tailored to the needs of LMICs.

PN13 – Navigating Health Technology Assessment In Small Countries: Challenges, Innovations, And Collaborative Pathways

Contributors: Eva Turk, Katarina Beravs Bervar, Terje Peetso, Sylvana Magrin Sammut

Summary: The panel features brief presentations from small-country representatives, highlighting HTA challenges and innovative practices. A moderated discussion will follow, exploring joint assessments, data sharing, and regional collaboration. Panelists will reflect on policy implications and sustainable HTA integration. Audience engagement will be encouraged to enrich the dialogue and identify practical next steps for strengthening HTA in resource-constrained settings.

PN14 – Seven Urgent Actions To Elevate Patient Involvement For Relevant And Sustainable Health Technology Assessment

Contributors: Anke-Peggy Holtorf, Karen Facey, Ann Single

Summary: The adoption of patient involvement practices in various HTA contexts has gained momentum. Despite progress, remaining barriers include resource constraints, competing priorities, staff turnover, leadership attitudes, and broader policy trends. This panel highlights seven key areas requiring urgent attention for strengthening relevance and sustainability of HTA, which relate to goal setting, involvement breadth and depth, capacity building, and reporting.



[PN15 – System Shaping With Patients: Building Cost-Effectiveness Evidence For Lp\(a\) Screening With FH Europe](#)

Contributors: Zanfina Ademi

Summary: Lipoprotein(a) is a genetic driver of cardiovascular disease yet remains underdetected and unmanaged. With FH Europe, we produced the first cost-effectiveness analysis of Lp(a) testing across 11 high-income countries. Patient leadership shaped questions, comparators, outcomes, and translation, including the European Parliament. Our open source model supports adaptation across health systems, including low- and middle-income countries, enabling implementation as therapies emerge.

[PN16 – The Role Of HTA In Driving The Digital Health Transition In Europe. The Case Of The EDiHTA Project](#)

Contributors: Dario Sacchini, Marco Marchetti, Rosa Maria Vivanco-Hidalgo, Teresa Barcina-Lacosta

Summary: This session explores how lifecycle assessment of Digital Health Technologies (DHTs) can strengthen HTA's impact on decision-making and system transformation in Europe both on research and regulatory context. Drawing on experiences from EDiHTA, AQuAS, AGENAS (National HTA and EU HTAR) and MedTech Europe, the discussion will focus on embedding evidence across the lifecycle of digital innovations to achieve real-world outcomes.