

Evidence-Based Research Network.  
Steering Group Meeting  
Wednesday 11 November 17:00 – 18:00 (CET)

**Members present:** Hans Lund, Mona Nassser, Peg Ford, Hanna Nykvist, Karen Robinson

## Agenda

1. **Publication status** – 3 papers are really moving ahead.
  - **Paper #1** – people are working hard going through all the hits, but even though the inclusion criteria were difficult to follow we have a good discussion. We do not have it approved by Cochrane so the inclusion criteria might end up being different or we will have to pull out a piece of the review and be more narrow in our scope. If we want to continue being broader it is not an issue but we might end up with more than one paper i.e. we could have another paper with what is not included in the Cochrane Review.
  - **Paper #2** – the Bergen Statement. We have not heard back from BMJ yet – the paper is still in the review process. We will wait and see what changes the reviewers suggest and then we could add some discussion from Sicily. Also, the patient aspect is not included so we might consider adding that.
  - **Paper #4** – two sets of data are used to inform it. First we are comparing how funding agencies are performing (already done) and then we are doing a follow-up interview.
  - Klara is in charge of Paper #5 (editors), Majbritt for Paper #6 (educators) and Peg for a paper on the implications for patients. Karen and Mona will also participate and maybe someone from QUE. Paper #9 (enough-is-enough) is also in progress.
  - The DIGEST group had a meeting in the UK about text mining as a part of the automation process. They are also preparing a paper to present ‘the Vienna principles for automation’. Karen is first author.
2. **The Bergen meeting** – Hanna will send out a Doodle with possible dates
3. **Organisational partnerships** – Hanna and Hans has written a partnership policy that Hanna will email to everyone for comments. The letter to potential funders should be phrased differently. There is quite an effort to identify all research groups concerned with systematic reviews. Peter Tugwell asked us to contact them and initiate a partnership/collaboration. Other suggestions:
  - Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative
  - CUE
  - Center for Open Science
4. **EBRNetwork Blog** – Hans asked Sarah Kroman and she will be the editor of the blog. Klara will assist. Suggested topics:
  - Patient perspectives
  - Researcher perspectives
  - Funds perspectives
  - Ethic committees
  - EBR in developing countries
5. **How to involve patients** – we could have an EBR session at the CUE conference. We need to discuss who are the relevant patient stakeholders e.g. patients taking part in committees, research etc.