



EHFF: Report on the last year's activities (as at 31.01.14)

What we did:

The five elements of the mission of EHFF provide the overarching context for our activities, namely:

- (create a) **Forum** (a network of networks);
- (use the Forum as a resource for) **Knowledge exchange**;
- (promote active employment of) **Future tools**;
- (promote through multistakeholder collaboration) **Holistic transformation**
- (create a virtual intergenerational) **Innovation Community**.

The three areas identified in the 2013 work plan were:

1. *building capacity,*
2. *building the brand*
3. *product development.*

A. Capacity:

1. *Constitution*

With legal help this, together with membership criteria, mission, governance structures and philosophy was agreed by the Board, circulated to the membership and posted on the website. EHFF became a Company Limited by Guarantee with Companies House UK, end of March '13.

2. *Further Non-exec. Member,*

Lucy Scott-Moncrieff CBE, appointed to the Board, late autumn. Patron and one other Non-exec still being sought.

3. *Simple financial accounting*

Arrangements set up including not for profit account with on-line banking.

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4. *Regular EHFF Directors Skype meetings*

Held during the year and in addition two Board meetings; London 19.05.13 and Belval, France 25.08.13 (minutes of these two meetings are on the website).

5. *Active and developing main website*

(thanks to Shawn Day) went public at end of March '13. The site is designed for flexibility and has an associated twitter feed. EHFF is in process of arranging a dedicated Google hangout-on-air forum.

6. *Community (network)*

At Oct.'12 we had a corpus of 19 individuals who were involved in the project. By the end of Jan. '14 there were 45 pictures and CVs representing individuals and organisations from 18 EU countries, Alberta Canada, Sydney and Adelaide Australia and Oregon USA, with steady growth of one or two per month.

7. *Funding*

EHFF applied as a start-up organisation for an operating grant under the SANCO (European Commission DG (Directorate-General) for Health and Consumers) 2013 Work programme. The bid was evaluated as achieving 71/100 points, just missing the score of 75 which would have led to a recommendation for funding that year. The overall evaluation was positive and EHFF will lodge a further bid in 2014.

The income/expenditure account ending 31st Dec. shows total outgoings of £ 11,445 (including £1730 start-up costs from 2012) and income including outstanding invoices of £ 9,069. 2014 will therefore start with a net deficit of £ 2,376.

B. Brand

8. *Promotion*

There have been a number of presentations promoting the EHFF brand since summer 2012, some of which are posted on the website.

EHFF has had a presence at various European Commission meetings related to the projects described below and attended the annual Gastein Health Forum in Oct.13 as well as futures related meetings (Health 2.0 and London Futurists) in London and Utrecht.

9. *Brand enhancement via the website*

There has been continued addition of information about activities as they occur and dissemination of the web URL during the year via targeted promotion

10. *Promoting the brand through project activity*

(detailed in section C, below). EHFF is currently negotiating with SANCO (health systems) to be recognised as an expert NGO member of the Health Policy Forum.

C. Product development

(a) EC projects (n.b. background information on the bulk of these activities can be accessed on the EHFF website):

11. *Setting up the EMPATHiE network*

Having brought together the Network in January '13 (with the support of CBO, Utrecht) in order to bid for the forthcoming SANCO tenders on self-care, EHFF was able to utilise the expertise and collective reputation of the group to successfully lead a bid to provide expertise on patient empowerment to the EIP (European Innovation Partnership) on Active and Healthy Ageing in Feb.'13. The EMPATHiE (Empowering Patients in their Health in Europe) network comprises some 20 organisations; NGOs, academic institutions and consultancies covering at least 10 EU countries. It has been active since then within B3 (integrated care action group).

12. *The successful EMPATHiE bid for the SANCO tender on self-care in chronic diseases*

EHFF played a key role in supporting FAD from Barcelona in leading a consortium involving eight or more partners from the EMPATHiE Network. The project will run for roughly 10 months from Dec. 4 (following a kick-off meeting with SANCO and EAHC representatives in Luxembourg). EHFF is co-chair of the project.

13. *EHFF is a collaborating partner* in WP6 (horizon scanning) for the Joint Action on workforce planning launched in Mar.'13 (EUWFP, see above).

14. *JA on Chronic Diseases (Chrodis-JA)*

EHFF has applied to join CHRODIS-JA, launched at the end of Jan.'14 as a collaborating partner. This request will be followed up in Feb.'14.

b) EHFF projects:

15. *EVY*

EVY has not yet achieved independent funding but is slowly developing. Recent interest in involvement came from Prof. Sakellaris (Inst. of PH, Lisbon) and Dr Peter Patel (GP commissioner) in the UK. EVY may present at the Careum/ENOPE conference in April.'14.

16. *Horizon scanning.*

Again slow progress, but discussions with Mike Jackson re the new Shaping Tomorrow site in September are promising and the contract with CfWI that arises out of the JA on work force planning also provides contact with professional horizon scanners.

17. *Educators Advanced Community of practice.*

Sean Conlon has worked with others to produce an outline for a series of education webinars to take place starting in early 2014 (a prototype was trialled at end Jan.'14).

18. *Strategic planning for the Work plan 2014/5.*

The final phase of 2013 activity involved strategy meetings in Southampton, Brussels and Dublin during December. The main themes were: the opportunity for educational events attracting younger professionals, the positioning of EHFF within the EU policy arena and possibilities for a European Foresight project to be bid for next year, the challenge of harvesting the potential of growing networks and the whole question of communication and exchange, with a subtheme of supporting young innovators.

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