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## ASSET: A WAY AHEAD?

TELL ME FINAL CONFERENCE

Bridging Theory and Practice for Effective Communications during Infectious Disease Crises

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ASSET Action plan on Science in Society related issues in Epidemics and Total pandemics



# What is ASSET made of? (1)

Key-numbers:

- a «life» of **48** months (2014-2017)
- 14 Partners involved
- 11 Countries covered by the Consortium





#### Who ASSET People are and where they are from

- 1. FORSKNINGINSTITUTT-FFI
- 2. THE INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SOCIETY-TIEMS
- 3. FORSVARETS FONDEN TEKNOLOGIRADET- DBT
- 4. EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH-EIWH
- 5. VITAMIB
- 6. LYONBIOPOLE
- 7. INTERNATIONAL PREVENTION RESEARCH INSTITUT- IPRI
- 8. DATAMINING INTERNATIONAL- DMI
- 9. UNIVERSITATEA DE MEDICINA SI FARMACIE'CAROL DAVILA'DIN BUCURESTI-UMFDB
- 10. ZADIG SRL
- 11. ISTITUTO SUPERIORE DI SANITÀ-ISS
- 12. NATIONAL CENTER OF INFECTIOUS AND PARASITIC DISEASES-NCIPD
- 13. INSTITUTE OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH- PROLEPSIS
- 14. UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA-HU



TIEMS is a transnational organization: partners from US and India are involved, too

TELL ME and ASSET share 4 Partners in common (HU, ISS: Sc.C, VITAMIB: Ad.C, ZADIG)





## What is ASSET about? (2)

# Key-words:

- Action plan on SiS related issues in Epidemics and Total pandemics
- a Project of MMLAP (Mobilisation and Mutual Learning Action Plans)
- Programme [SiS Science in Society, FP7
  RRI Responsible Research and Innovation, H2020]





# The fundamental concepts (1)

#### **MMLAP**

## Mobilisation and Mutual Learning Action Plans

#### Connecting

- local to global issues
- researchers to benefit from links to civil society between different stakeholders from academia, policymakers, civil society and the private sector
- general public to access data

#### Communicating

- doing more for communication at national level
- e.g. communicating with policy makers to share developments in research agendas and progresses in investigation

#### Democratising

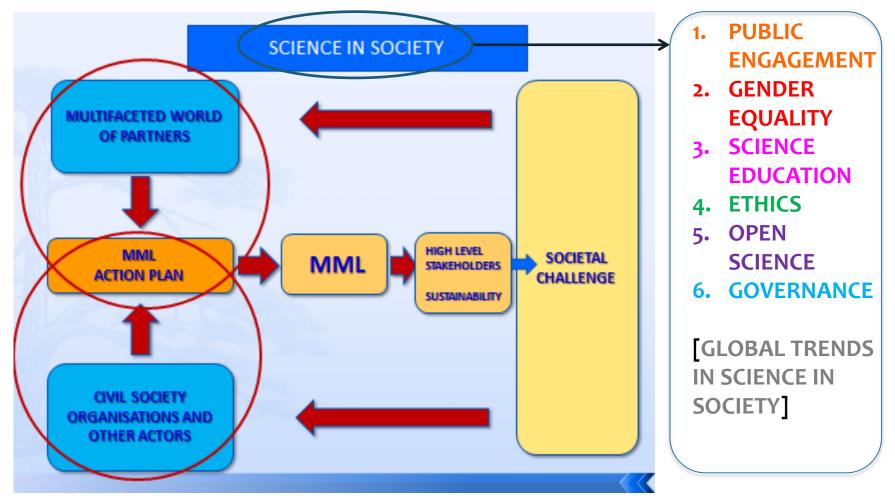
- allowing different categories of stakeholders, and particularly marginalised social groups, to have a voice in decision-making processes
- "fully embedding CSOs in research processes"

#### MMLAP: future development, 17-18 April 2012





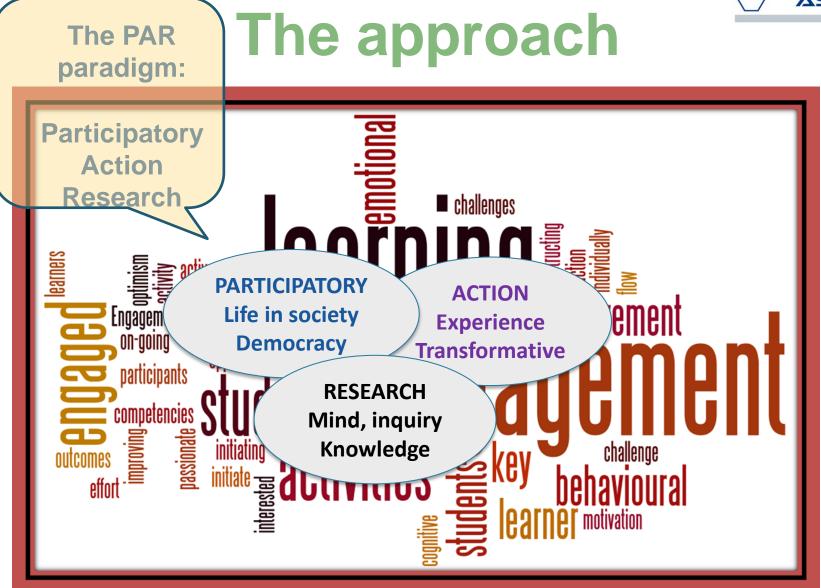
### The fundamental concepts (2)





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### The objectives

- Build a common approach and create a common language to be used in a cooperative multi-actor and multidisciplinary action
- Review existing studies on pandemics, their wider societal implications, research and innovation, governance mechanisms
- Carry out a **public** consultation on pandemic preparedness and governance
- Mobilise relevant stakeholders and actors and promoting mutual learning mechanisms
- Contribute to restoring **trust** among scientists, researchers, policy makers and the general public



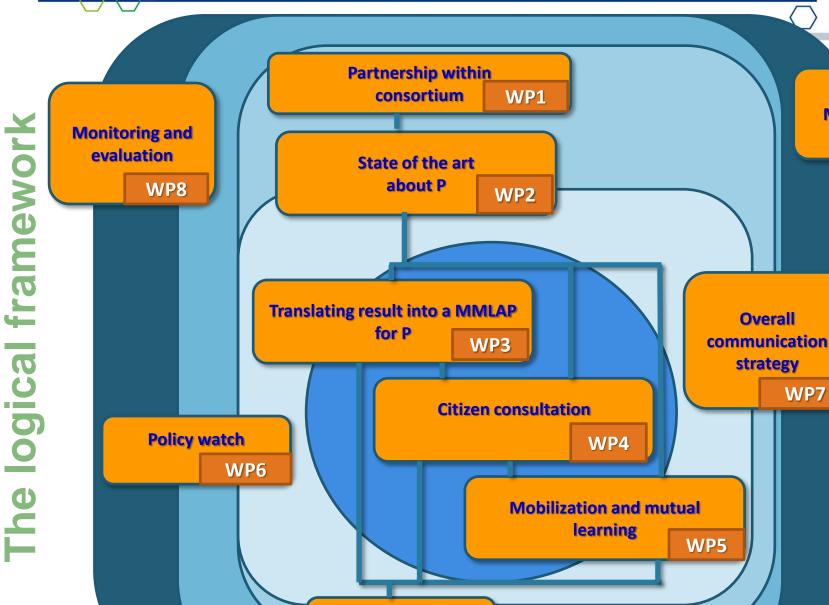
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**WP7** 

Management

**WP10** 



Legacy

WP9

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## The legacy with TELL ME

- ASSET will broaden the TELL ME information and/or communication aspect, raising it to the **wider socio-political level**.
- Since pandemics and other infectious disease (ID) crises impact on mortality/morbidity as well as on socio-economic elements, several issues enter ASSET research: governance of flu pandemics; unsolved scientific questions regarding influenza and pandemics; ethical, legal and societal implications of pandemics; gender issues – vulnerability, vaccines; research and innovation; risk of intentionally caused outbreaks.
- ASSET is supposed to produce practical tools, both for enhancing partnership with policy makers and health professionals and for upholding compliance and resilience in the public, and scientific publications.
- Beside validating the main TELL ME outputs, ASSET could establish international and local infrastructure for communication among stakeholders.





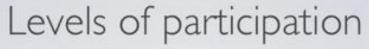
## As TELL ME, ASSET is a communication project... communication OUTCOMES are expected!

- What and how can we improve (any) systems capacities to make European citizens (and their representatives) timely informed of the next infectious disease crisis?
- How can we help them to identify trustable and accredited information sources?
- What can we do to ease citizen' access to correct and timely information?
- What can we do to create channels to enable citizens to ask questions and receive timely answers from government officials and accredited sources?
- How can we develop a European Scientific network to promote and support such processes?
- Is it possible to draft a general strategy to pursue, in the coming years, the defined objectives through Horizon 2020?
- What is the role of the European institutions in supporting this process?

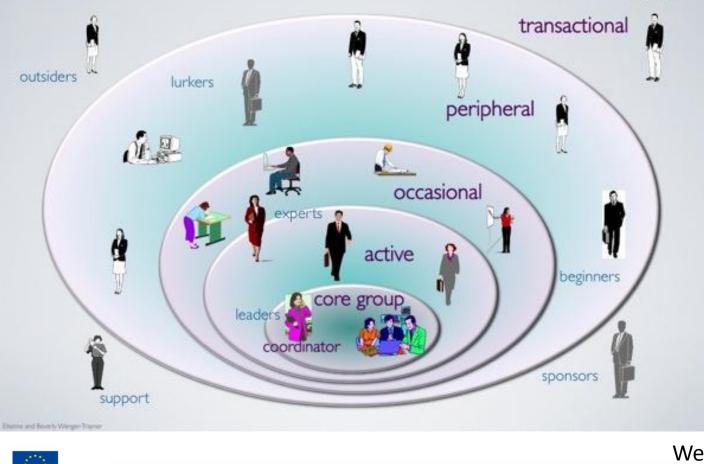




# Theory of being a Community of Practice



a common picture



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#### The ASSET Community of Practice web platform



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#### Welcome to the ASSET Community of Practice web platform!

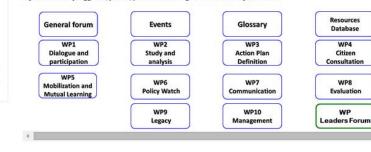
ASSET (Action plan in Science in Society in Epidemics and Total pandemics) is a 48 month Mobilisation and Mutual Learning Action Plan, started in January 2014 aimed to

 forge a partnership with complementary perspectives, knowledge and experiences to address effectively scientific and societal challenges raised by pandemics and associated crisis management

This is a work area accessible only to the ASSET Community of Practice members!

- · explore and map Science in Society related issues in global pandemics
- · define and test a participatory and inclusive strategy to succeed
- · identify necessary resources to make sustainable the action after the project completion

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## In a more long-term perspective...



# If we really put in practice the ASSET pay-off «*Share and move to face nasty bugs*»,

# the question mark in the title of this presentation will become an exclamation mark!







# Thank you all for attention!

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