



EPP eHealth

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Ashley Stewart, EPP eHealth

Ashley is a consultant with Optimat. She has both academic and commercial experience; researching and conducting a number of ICT projects. Recent projects include preparing the Next Generation Computing Roadmap for the European Commission identifying the opportunities for Europe and what research is needed to make Europe a leading economy. Ashley has also been involved in a number of European Commission innovation procurement projects including EPP eHealth, TRANSFORM, EcoQUIP, RES Hospitals and LCB Healthcare.

Angus Hunter, EPP eHealth

Angus is the Managing Director of Optimat and has more than 25 years of strategy consultancy experience in the policy areas of innovation and sustainability. This followed a diverse career in industry and economic development. He has nearly 10 years' experience of innovation procurement initially helping JERA to deliver parts of the UK Forward Commitment Procurement (FCP) programme. Since 2009, he has played a leading role in variety of European innovation procurement and demand-side innovation projects (LCB-Healthcare, EcoQUIP, RES-Hospitals, TRANSFORM, Energy4Health, EPPeHealth, CEPPI).

Gaynor Whyles, JERA Consulting (EcoQUIP Project)

Gaynor is Director of JERA Consulting, a UK based consultancy specialising in innovation. She has been working in the field of innovation procurement since 2005, initially as an independent consultant for the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) where she was responsible for developing Forward Commitment Procurement (FCP) concept into a practical tool for innovation procurement. Over the last 10 years Gaynor has led a number of pioneering innovation procurement projects, demonstration projects and initiatives in the public and private sector, written several case based publications and published papers on innovation procurement with co-authors in the Netherlands and Poland. A graduate of Imperial College, University of London, in a previous life she worked for the UK Research Councils in the UK and Brussels.

Suzan Ikävalko, INSPIRE Project

Suzan has an M.Sc. in International Business Administration and Economics from University of Lund, Sweden.

She is a senior associate at Nordic Healthcare Group (www.nhg.fi, NHG). Joined NHG 2013, having previously worked in the Helsinki Region development company Culminatium Innovation with Innovative procurement and Health & Wellbeing Cluster programmes.

Leader of various EU & Nordic & national projects and consultancy assignments within PCP, PPI and eHealth.

EU Commission external expert (policy support, Horizon 2020 proposal and project evaluations).

Member of the Executive Board of Helsinki Region University Hospital.

Chairman of the Board of three HUS Business enterprises delivering medical care support services to specialist and primary care health services in the Helsinki and Uusimaa Region: HUS Pharmacy, HUSLAB, HUS Medical Imaging (Clinical engineering/Med-tech, Radiology/ Medical Imaging and Physiology, Neuro Physiology).

Chairman of the City of Helsinki Health Commission responsible for all primary care services 2004–2008.

Laura Sánchez Alonso, EPP eHealth

Laura is a procurement consultant at BravoSolution (Spain). She holds a mining engineering degree and postgraduate specialization studies in project strategic planning, and occupational health and safety. Ms. Sánchez is responsible of the European Projects Department inside BravoSolution. She has more than 6 years of experience in the management, planning, execution and coordination of national and European research and development public funded projects. She has been the Project Coordinator of 2 funded FP7 projects. Currently, she coordinates the EPP-eHealth project that aims to identify the health care sector common eHealth unmet needs. Additional recent projects include defining and launching a European Pre-Commercial Procurement tender to identify innovative ICT solutions to support chronic patients in the self-management of their pain.

Peter Defranceschi, ICLEI

Peter Defranceschi has been working for over ten years for ICLEI, an international organisation of local governments committed to integrated sustainable development. He is heading the ICLEI Office in Brussels representing urban sustainability issues vis-à-vis the European institutions and other strategic stakeholders.

Since he joined ICLEI, Peter has been working on International and European projects related to sustainable public procurement, climate change (mitigation and adaptation), biodiversity, water, mobility, and in particular food. He has given over 50 trainings on sustainable public procurement. Over the past years, his focus has been on energy-efficient public procurement supporting European procurers in reducing energy, costs and CO₂ emissions through GPP.

In Brussels, he organises a series of informal meetings on urban sustainability called Breakfast at Sustainability's hosted by EU-liaison Offices of national, regional and local governments in Brussels.