Understanding accelerators and overcoming barriers to IPC guideline development or adaptation

Explaining the when, how and why of using the country roadmap approach
Evidence based guidelines should be developed and implemented for the purposes of reducing HAI and AMR (WHO, 2016)*

The WHO Regional Office for Europe is committed to the successful implementation of the core components of infection prevention and control (IPC) programmes, one of which is evidence based guidelines.

Inaction is not an option. That is why a WHO Europe roadmap exists to outline the journey to IPC guideline development or adaptation, and importantly to present known barriers and accelerators.
In summary, the journey (or roadmap) includes addressing proposed actions that are based on country experiences and are outlined within 5 steps that will lead to IPC guideline publication.
WHEN TO USE THE ROADMAP TO DEVELOP OR ADAPT AN IPC GUIDELINE

- when reviewing incidence data and addressing improvement
- when addressing IPC programme priorities/planning
- during review of out-of-date guidelines
- in outbreak situations
- due to local demand, i.e. pressure from professionals/patients
- at times when guideline submission proposals are due (e.g. annually to secure budget)
- to adopt a global guideline for application at local level
Guideline kick off meeting

To discuss the steps to be taken during a kick off meeting, arranged with a wide range of people to plan the new guideline – with the roadmap printed and on the table.
Guideline meeting request

To present the outline when requested to meet the lead for guideline development – with a printed copy to give them and to talk to.
To remind the team of their roles and responsibilities related to the guideline steps during IPC team meetings – on the screen (or printed).
On-going guideline development meetings

As a constant recap on all the steps in the guideline development process during meetings – on the computer screen.
At the desk

Regularly during the working day of IPC focal points when planning next steps on how to effectively intervene in guideline development meetings – likely on the computer screen.
WHY USE THE ROADMAP

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THE NEED AND OPPORTUNITIES

--- Capitalize on circumstances for the timeliness and need for guideline development/adaptation to ensure the right support and impact. (see pp. 23-24)

--- Invest time in the possibility to adapt existing guidelines. (see p. 26)

PEOPLE

--- Explore the right people for your guideline group. Read up on who is critical to this. (see pp. 24-25)

--- Explore the perceived lack of benefit and conflicts of interest.

CONVENING

--- Secure all the right expertise to launch your guideline group, will the balance of expertise "feel right" in meetings?

--- SHORTCUT – If the right people have been convened and resources are in place, this implies a supportive culture for the journey and it might be possible to issue.

ACTION PLAN 1.0 at this stage can go straight to step 2 (i.e. if you get these first steps right you can move faster in your process).

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Accelerators and barriers within each of the 5 steps are based on country experiences and specifically guide the IPC guideline development/adaptation journey. Further reading at the end of the roadmap is available where indicated.
WHY USE THE ROADMAP

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THE CULTURE
- Understand the prevailing type of culture. This might strongly influence the guideline development/adaptation process.

RESOURCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE
- Explore what is needed to develop/adapt a new guideline and make it available. There may be a need to create a business case.

FORMAT
- Think who will use the guideline and how it will be supported. It might be a different than you first think.

ISSUE ACTION PLAN 1.0

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KEY MESSAGE
- Get the start of the journey right – it will take you further faster!
- The approach to adapting and adopting should follow a similar journey to the guideline development process to ensure relevance, validity and accuracy of evidence; be prepared for this.
In summary, following the journey outlined in the 5 steps will:

- provide you with key milestones to meet, and importantly accelerators and barriers to help you progress guideline development/adaptation;
- outline how you can follow a cyclical approach to IPC guideline publication as part of an IPC programme of work;
- provide you with further reading information to help you ultimately achieve success – *publication of a current, relevant IPC guideline.*