

## ROUD TABLE ONE: Mapping legal frameworks for HIA institutionalisation in Europe

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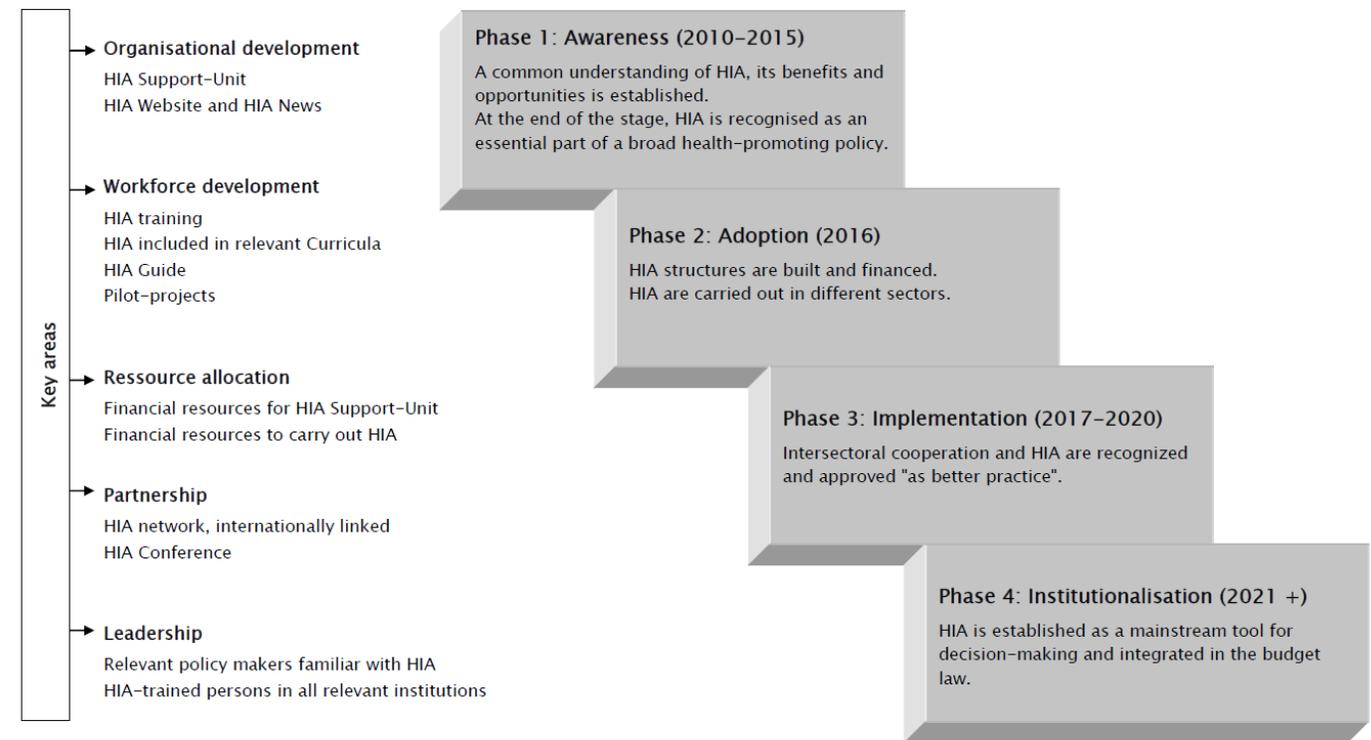
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## HIA in Austria

- Development of **concept for implementing HIA** in Austria had been commissioned by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Health in 2009
- Research and analysis of theory, international (implementation) experiences and initial position in Austria was conducted
- Concept was developed by following the Capacity-Building-Model (organizational development, development of human resources, resource assignment, leadership, partnership) + was extended by four implementation phases (awareness, adoption, implementation, institutionalization)

### Phases for HIA in Austria and corresponding timeframes



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- Establishment of **HIA Support Unit** at Austrian National Public Health Institute
- Establishment of an **HIA network** of interested Public Health experts, HIA users and interested civil servants from national + state level
- Establishment of an **intersectoral HIA steering committee**
- **Capacity Building Events** like Train-the-Trainer Workshops, HIA summer school and HIA conferences took place
- **(Pilot) HIAs were conducted** from different institutions (voluntary)
- In **2018** we had to **end the systematic HIA implementation** (Ministry shifted their resources) without reaching a legal obligation for HIA

BUT:

- **HIA experiences** were gained and stayed in Public Health Community
- **Standalone HIAs** have been commissioned after 2018 - at the Public Health Institute, e.g.:
  - HIA on 1<sup>st</sup> lockdown and social distancing to contain the COVID-19 pandemic in Austria (2020)
  - HIA on a modified risk assessment on sexual behaviour for the admission to donate blood in Austria (2021)
- International Collaborations allow new opportunities, e. g. **EU Joint Action Prevent NCD task 9.5 “Review and redesign/strengthen the use of Health (in) impact assessments”**