

A New Chapter for FEAM: The Strategic Plan and Our Collective Future

At our recent two-day in-person meeting in London, FEAM members gathered to approve a new strategic plan that will guide our work in the coming years. This plan represents a significant step forward, providing a clear framework to address the evolving challenges in the health sector while advancing our mission to shape science and policy in Europe and beyond.

The development of this plan was highly collaborative, and I am deeply appreciative of the contributions made by all those who participated, whether in person or online. I also acknowledge the **Board** for their indispensable guidance throughout this process, and the **UK Academy of Medical Sciences** for hosting us and providing an insightful afternoon presentation that fostered valuable discussions on the future of science and policy.

This strategy underscores FEAM's commitment to enhancing our position as a leading voice in health policy and research, with a focus on **policy influence**, **research excellence**, and **evidence-based policy**. The importance of research and collaboration across borders cannot be overstated, as these efforts will be crucial in shaping policies that have a profound impact on healthcare outcomes worldwide.

A key element of our plan is the **empowerment of our members**. By providing greater opportunities for engagement and knowledge sharing, we aim to ensure that our network is equipped to contribute meaningfully to the future of health and science. This is more important than ever, as we respond to the evolving global landscape.

We extend our gratitude to everyone who helped shape this strategic process, particularly those who joined us in London and those who participated remotely. Your input has been invaluable in ensuring that the plan accurately reflects our community's needs and aspirations.

Looking ahead, we are excited to implement the strategic plan and confident it will set the foundation for FEAM's continued growth and success. The journey ahead will require ongoing collaboration, but with our collective effort, we are well-positioned to make significant strides toward achieving our goals.

Together, we are entering an exciting new chapter for FEAM, and with the support of our members, we will continue to lead the way in shaping the future of health policy and science.

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