

From Sofia to Skopje: Collaborative Insights on HTA Requirements in Republic of Bulgaria and Republic of North Macedonia

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INTRODUCTION

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) is essential for evidence-based healthcare, guiding cost-effective decisions in Bulgaria and North Macedonia’s systems. By prioritizing effective technologies, HTA promotes equitable access, alignment with EU standards, and improved patient outcomes, addressing critical health challenges in the region.

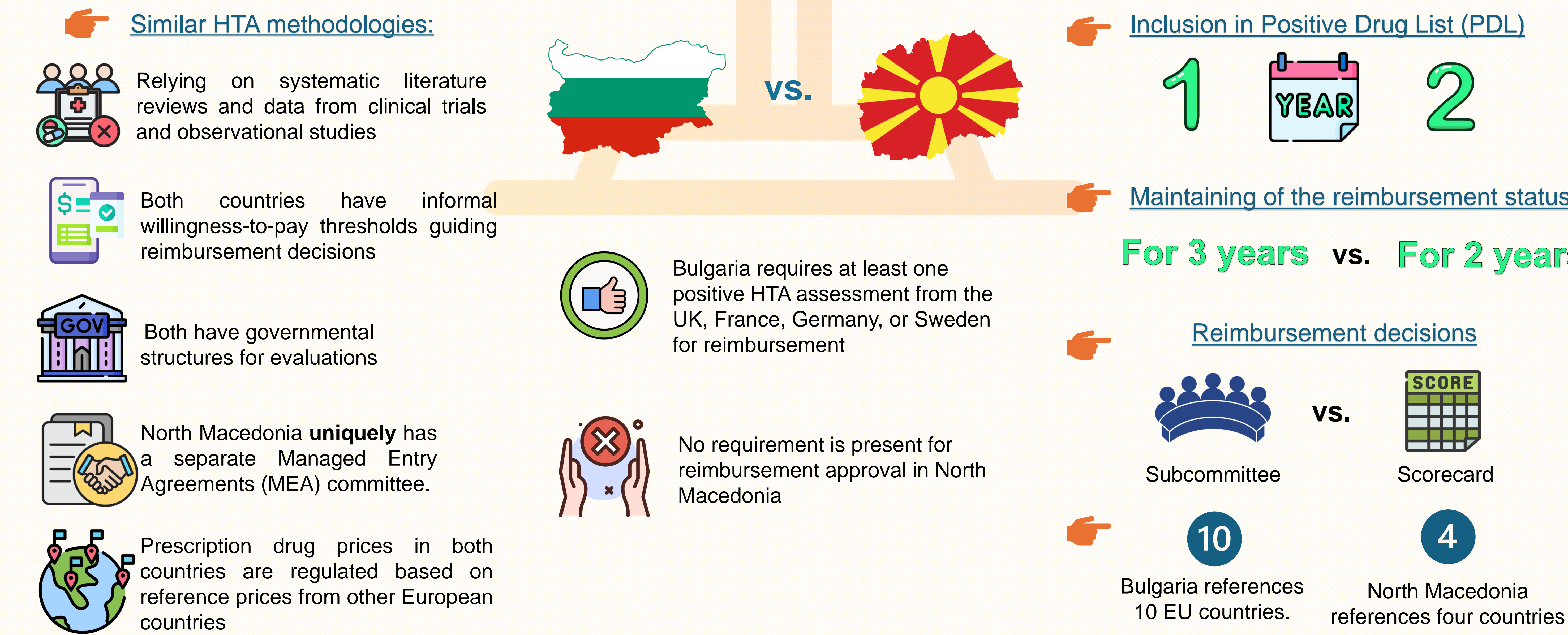
OBJECTIVE

The goal of the project is to compare the Health Technology Assessment (HTA) requirements in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of North Macedonia, shedding light on the similarities and differences in their approaches.

METHODS

A comparative analysis was conducted, examining the HTA frameworks, regulatory structures, and key considerations in Bulgaria and North Macedonia. Relevant official guidelines, regulations, and standards issued by governmental bodies overseeing HTA processes were reviewed.⁽¹⁻²⁾ The results were consulted with key stakeholders, including government officials, healthcare professionals, and legal experts.

RESULTS



CONCLUSIONS

Bulgaria and North Macedonia’s HTA processes show methodological similarities while regulatory differences are present. Recognizing these distinctions is key for effective healthcare resource allocation and evidence-based decision-making. Collaboration has helped adopt best practices, optimizing patient outcomes. This approach should improve Macedonia’s access to cost-effective drug treatments.

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