Questions from members:

1. How do you think HSG can contribute to translating cutting-edge HPSR knowledge at the national policy level?

HSG can play a pivotal role in translating cutting-edge Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR) knowledge into national policies by fostering strong partnerships between researchers, policymakers, and practitioners.

One way is using my experience as Co-chair at the EV4GH has equipped me with the skills to facilitate these collaborations. By organizing targeted workshops, webinars, and policy dialogues, HSG can bridge the gap between research and policy, ensuring that the latest evidence informs decision-making processes at the national level. Additionally, creating platforms for continuous knowledge exchange and offering capacity-building programs can empower policymakers with the necessary tools to implement evidence-based policies effectively.

A second way is to engage with WHO regional and country offices to bring closer specific expertise and knowledge packed in simple policymaking actions to be translated at the national level and engage in extensive dialogues with main stakeholders: ministries of health, WHO, local civil society and patient communities in the relevant field of action.

2. How will you ensure that health policy and systems research remain central to HSG vs it being another global health society?

To ensure that HPSR remains central to HSG, I would advocate for a focused agenda that prioritize HPSR in all organizational activities. My role as a technical officer at SEEHN has underscored the importance of maintaining a clear and consistent focus. I would propose the development of specialized interest groups within HSG dedicated to various aspects of HPSR, fostering a community of practice that continually emphasizes the importance of health systems research. Additionally, by highlighting and disseminating success stories where HPSR has directly influenced policy changes, we can underscore its significance and maintain its centrality within HSG.

3. What organizational experience will you bring to the role of HSG Board member and why is that valuable?

My organizational experience as Co-chair at EV4GH and technical officer at SEEHN (nine member states in the South Eastern Europe) has provided me with a robust understanding of both governance and strategic planning in health systems. These roles have involved coordinating multi-stakeholder initiatives, managing international collaborations, and driving policy-oriented research projects. This experience is invaluable for the HSG Board as it ensures that I can contribute to effective decision-making, strategic direction, and the operational management of the society. My ability to navigate complex organizational dynamics and foster collaborative environments will be particularly beneficial in driving HSG's mission forward.

4. How would you mobilize further funding for health policy and systems research?

To mobilize further funding for HPSR, I would leverage my extensive network of international health organizations, government agencies, and philanthropic foundations. By showcasing the impact of

HPSR on health outcomes and policy effectiveness, we can make a compelling case for increased investment. As for example the BMGH that in 2022 contributed to the EV4GH, yet this venture is committed to the HSG as the overarching structure building structural sustainability to the HSR2024 to be held in Nagasaki.
I would also advocate for the creation of a dedicated HPSR funding consortium within HSG, bringing together diverse funding bodies to support collaborative research initiatives. Additionally, exploring innovative funding mechanisms such as public-private partnerships and crowdfunding campaigns could provide new avenues for financial support.

5. What are the 2-3 key priorities for HSG in terms of engaging and supporting its members?

Firstly, enhancing member engagement through regular, interactive platforms such as webinars, forums, and virtual conferences is crucial. This ensures continuous knowledge exchange and professional development. Secondly, providing robust mentorship and training programs to support early-career researchers and professionals in HPSR will foster the next generation of leaders in the field. Lastly, advocating for and facilitating opportunities for members to participate in international **research collaborations and policy dialogues** will ensure that HSG members are at the forefront of global health discussions and advancements.

6. What is your plan to contribute to increasing the commitment of HSG toward environmental sustainability?

To increase HSG's commitment to environmental sustainability, I would advocate for the integration of sustainability principles into all organizational activities and events. This includes promoting virtual meetings to reduce carbon footprints, encouraging the use of sustainable materials and practices in all in-person events, and incorporating environmental impact assessments into project planning and execution. Additionally, by highlighting the intersection of health and environmental sustainability in our research agenda, we can ensure that HSG members are actively contributing to this critical global issue.

7. What are your perspectives on the proposed Pandemic "Agreement" and the proposed Framework Convention on Global Health?

The proposed Pandemic "Agreement" and the Framework Convention on Global Health represent significant steps towards a more coordinated and effective global health response framework. These initiatives emphasize the importance of global solidarity, equitable access to health resources, and the need for robust health systems that can withstand future health crises.
I support these proposals as they align with the core principles of health policy and systems research, which advocate for evidence-based, equitable, and resilient health systems. By endorsing these agreements, HSG can play a crucial role in shaping a more prepared and responsive global health landscape.