**Midwifery Assessment Tool for Education (MATE)**

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| **MATE is an evidence-based guide for countries wishing to strengthen/develop midwifery education.**  MATE has been created and piloted with support of midwifery colleagues in Europe.  MATE is a self-assessment tool designed to inform discussions in country at early planning stages, and belongs to the midwives /leaders who use it. It asks midwives, leaders and women using maternity services to consider:   * Where they are now? * Where they would like to be? * What they need to do to get there? * It also provides links to useful resources   **Developing MATE:**   * **Jan 2017 – July 2017**   Expert group consultation: Lithuania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria   * **2018: Pilot in Eastern Europe**   InCzech Republic and Lithuania. We asked: Is MATE fit for purpose? Is it relevant, understandable and useful?   * **2018-19: Field-test in Eastern Europe**   To ensure that the process of using MATE is understandable and effective.    Piloting MATE in Kaunas, Lithuania | **Sample pages from MATE:**      **Participant feedback from the pilot stage was very positive. Participants told us:**   * ***‘It can help to think and to do real steps for development of midwifery’*** * ***‘It is relevant in my country, but there are many countries whose system is struggling a lot more than us. I'm sure this tool can help them make it better’***   Following field-testing, the tool will be translated and published on WHO website.  For further information please contact:  [**WHOCCmid@cardiff.ac.uk**](mailto:WHOCCmid@cardiff.ac.uk) |