



MUSA FRAMEWORK

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CREATING THE FRAMEWORK



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Developing the midwifery Unit Self-Assessment (MUSA) Framework: A mixed methods study in six European midwifery units

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Self-assessment tool

Pilot studies & stakeholder engagement

MUSA Framework

Co-production is at the heart of
MUSA!



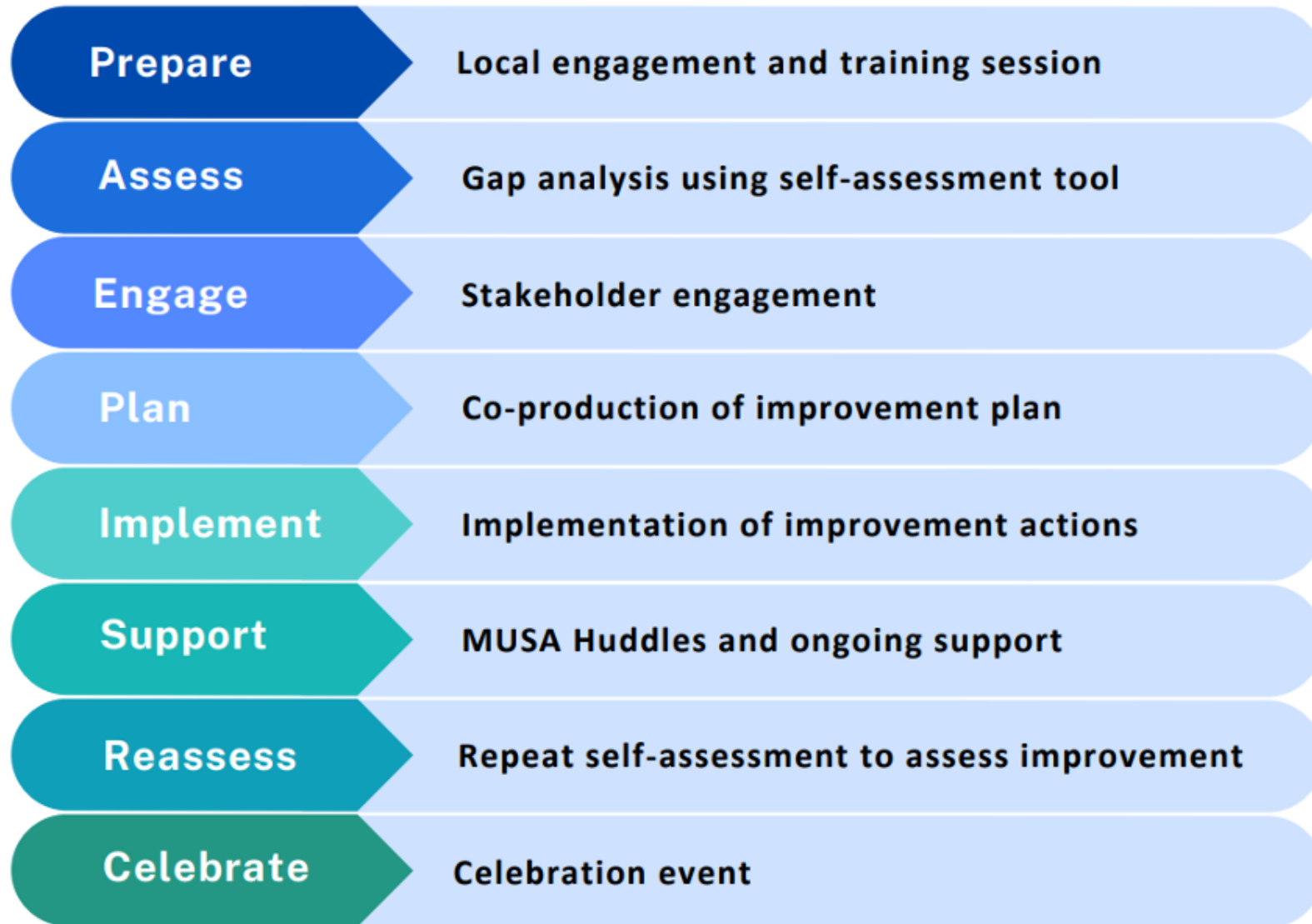
MUSA FRAMEWORK: AIM

Doing the framework involves a benchmarking self-assessment against the Midwifery Unit Standards with the aim of identifying areas of improvement and good practice.

Aims of regional/national projects are to produce a gap analysis of midwifery units, standardise the approach to operational risk assessment, promote the implementation of the MUSA Framework in participating maternity services and support a sustainable process of continuous improvement.



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EMUA Working Group

The EMUA-System project included 35 working group members from the UK, Spain, France, Belgium, Czech Republic, Italy, USA, and the Netherlands.

The members were invited for their expertise in MU policy, practice, or implementation, or for their experience in MU accreditation development.

Two in-person meetings, monthly virtual meetings, online working documents, and multiple Qualtrics surveys were used to develop the first level of European Accreditation for Midwifery Units.

This project ran from December 2023-June 2024



London, February 2024

Spain, June 2024





Bronze

Level 1:

- **Apply for accreditation online**
- **Meet specified Standards**
- **Upload evidence of meeting the essential requirements**
- **Start data collection**
- **One Year accreditation**



Silver

Level 2:

- **Apply after the first year of Bronze accreditation**
- **Includes commissioner visit to MU**
- **Midwife and client interviews**
- **First data report**
- **Accreditation for 3 Years**



Gold

Level 3:


- **Provide evidence of ongoing compliance of meeting standards**
- **Annual revalidation with data report**
- **Commissioner visit every 3 years**
- **Sustainability plan**



Coming Next

Current research project is designed to trial the level one accreditation in well functioning MUs in Europe and the UK for continued co-production.

Future accreditation research and development planned for the rest of
2025 into 2026





THANK YOU!

See you after the break.

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