A system that aims to identify, filter and prioritize new and emerging health technologies, or new uses of existing interventions; to assess or predict their impact on health, health services and/or society; and to disseminate information.

**Note 1:** 'Filter' is a process to remove technologies that are not relevant to the early awareness and alert system from the list of technologies originating from the identification process.

**Note 2:** 'Prioritize' is a process to determine the significance of, or order for dealing with, filtered technologies according to their relative importance to the aims of the early awareness and alert system.

**Note 3:** Synonyms include early warning system; horizon scanning system; EAA system