



# Public Health Training

## Announcements

Summer 2023

### Summer School 2023

First time since 2019, ECDC organised face to face edition of the Summer School, on 23-25 May in Stockholm, Sweden. The topic of the course was 'Preventing infectious diseases by informing policy: the role of advocacy, and social and behavioural sciences'.

Participants were trained about the importance of social and behavioural science units and discussed challenges and opportunities when establishing effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of behavioural interventions. Moreover, they shared experiences on advocacy skills and techniques, listened to short presentations about translating science into policy and attended a panel where policy makers discussed challenges and lessons learned, as well as their approach to advocacy.

After the course, 47 participants from 36 countries, including EU/EEA and #MediPIET participants from Western Balkans and European Neighbourhood Policy partner countries, as well as representatives from AfricaCDC will be able to cascade the knowledge further to develop advocacy work in their country and institution.

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### ECDC Fellowship Programme and MediPIET Modules

#### Selection

The Training Site Market took place 20-24 of March 2023, and as a result, the ECDC Fellowship has successfully selected 9 EPIET and 8 EUPHEM fellows that will form part of the Cohort 2023, EU-Track.

#### Recent modules

##### **CBRN module, 13 -17 March 2023, Petrovac, Montenegro**

ECDC organised the MediPIET Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Awareness module designed to explain the principles and processes for preparedness and response to threats to human health caused by CBRN-agents.

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##### **One Health and vector-borne diseases module, 2-4, 15-17 May 2023**

ECDC organised in May an online training module for Cohort 4 MediPIET fellows that focused on One Health approaches in the MediPIET partner countries.

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##### **Biorisk and Quality Management, 16-17 March 2023**

Biorisk and Quality Management (BQM) virtual module is a part of the EUPHEM path curriculum and was mandatory for EUPHEM fellows of Cohort 2022 (7 participated). Similarly, as last year, also this year the BQM module was offered as an optional training to EPIET path fellows of Cohort 2021 (4 participated).

The main objective of the module was to provide training on two related topics: 1) Quality management in biomedical and public health laboratories according to ISO 15189 norm and 2) Biorisk

management in biomedical laboratories, in order to build capacity in the EU/EEA Member States for quality and biorisk management.

### **Vaccinology Inject Day, 29 March 2023**

ECDC organised a [vaccinology course](#) for Cohort 4 and 5 MediPIET fellows aimed at improving their skills in vaccination programmes and preventable disease epidemiology. The inspiring lectures & exchange of country experiences will serve to improve fellows' upcoming work in vaccination programmes and preventable disease epidemiology.

### **Management, Leadership and Communication in Public Health (MLCPH), 8-12 May 2023, Stockholm, Sweden**

Cohort 2021 fellows (EPIET/EUPHEM) participated in the hybrid 'Management, Leadership and Communication in Public Health' at ECDC. During this module the Fellows presented to the Director of ECDC their take on what skills and personal characteristics they considered to be most important for a public health leader to be successful in times of crisis. It was organised by ECDC and RKI and hosted by Gesundheitsamt Stadt Frankfurt am Main.

The training was designed to explain the principles of multivariable and multilevel analysis and provide fellows with the basic definitions and concepts for different types of univariable and multivariable regression models, including linear, logistic and conditional logistic, Poisson, negative binomial, and Cox regression.

After completing this training, participants should be able to use multivariable statistical methods to investigate outbreaks and to perform applied research, including assessing public health findings to inform policy decisions and communication.

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## **Upcoming modules for EPIET, EUPHEM and MediPIET**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>19 -23 June 2023</b>	<b>28 August – 1 September 2023</b>
<b>Module</b>	<b>Rapid Assessment and Survey Methods (RAS) Stockholm, Sweden</b>	<b>Project Review (PRM) Lisbon, Portugal</b>
<b>Cohort</b>	<b>Cohort 2022, MediPIET Cohort 5</b>	<b>Cohort 2021, Cohort 2022, MediPIET Cohort 4 and Cohort 5</b>

## **MediPIET Programme (EU Initiative on Health Security)**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March the **3<sup>rd</sup> Steering Committee Meeting** of the EU Initiative on Health Security took place in Brussels with representatives from ECDC, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI) and several EU Delegations.

### **MediPIET Training Site visits**

On 10<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May, ECDC conducted a virtual **MediPIET training site appraisal of Egyptian Ministry of Health and Population**.

In early June, ECDC is conducting **MediPIET training site review visits** to training sites in Albania and Kosovo<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

## Continuous professional development

Quarterly updated ECDC Virtual Academy course listing is available [here](#).

### **Webinar: Stigma: what you as a healthcare provider can do to address it, 14 June 2023, 15:00-16:00 CEST – new course!**

The overall aim of this online webinar organised by ECDC, [European Clinical AIDS Society \(EACS\)](#) and the [Centre of Excellence for Health, Immunity and Infections \(CHIP\)](#) is to increase general practitioner and nurse knowledge and awareness of what stigma is, how it impacts patient health in the areas of HIV, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections, and how it can be addressed in general practice.

[Read more \(including link to register\)](#)

### **Webinar: Improving testing for HIV and related co-infections in general practice – recording available!**

On 21<sup>st</sup> March ECDC, European Clinical AIDS Society (EACS) and the Centre of Excellence for Health, Immunity and Infections (CHIP) organised the webinar to increase general practitioner and nurse knowledge and awareness of integrated testing, including indicator guided testing, why this is important, and what can be done to increase testing for HIV and related co-infections in practice.

[Read more](#)

[Access to recording](#)

### **Instructional quiz on point prevalence survey (PPS) of healthcare-associated infections and antimicrobial use – new resource!**

In this self-paced instructional quiz ECDC aims to support EU Member States to elevate the quality of the data collected in Point Prevalence Surveys. Better quality data caters for targeted mitigation measures for healthcare-associated infections.

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### **Upcoming pilot for vaccine acceptance e-learning**

This self-paced e-learning course is for frontline health workers, and it introduces the concept of vaccine acceptance, the main themes of behaviour change related to vaccine acceptance and presents communication as a supportive tool to help persons to take important decisions for their health.

**After the pilot the course will be available for public enrolment.**

#### **How to design simulation exercises:**

- **Functional exercise**

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- **Table-top exercise**

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#### **Addressing online vaccination misinformation**

[Enrol here](#)

#### **Understanding Vaccine Acceptance & Strategies to Increase Vaccine Uptake**

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#### **Antimicrobial Stewardship**

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#### **Drivers and modifiers of antibiotic prescribing and infection prevention & control practices in healthcare settings**

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#### **Introduction to Outbreak Investigation**

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#### **Rapid Risk Assessment**

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#### **Introduction to designing in- and after-action reviews**

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#### **Epidemic Intelligence (EI)**

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### e-learning for EpiPulse users

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### PRECEPT – a Framework for Assessing and Grading Evidence in Public Health

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### Essentials of Writing and Reviewing Scientific Abstracts: a field epidemiology focus

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### Influenza Bio-analytics Course

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### Trainings linked to COVID-19

- **Contact tracing in the context of COVID-19 response**  
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- **Micro learning - COVID-19 infection prevention and control**  
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### Migration and Health (24 languages)

- **for Health Professionals**  
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- **for Trainers and Coaches**  
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- **for Social Workers**  
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- **for Law Enforcement Officers**

## ECDC Podcast



### ECDC: On Air, A Podcast on European Epidemiology

Meet our experts from a wide range of fields and listen to them discuss the things that matter. Seven new episodes are available now:

- Episode 32 - Cornelia Adlhoch - Avian Flu: Spilling Over?
- Episode 33 - Andrea Ammon - A Strengthened ECDC Mandate
- Episode 34 - Senia Rosales-Klintz - Yes! We Can End TB!
- Episode 35 - Piotr Kramarz - The Solidarity of Vaccination
- Episode 36 - Bruno Ciancio - End of the COVID-19 pandemic?
- Episode 37 - Diamantis Plachouras - All (Clean) Hands on Deck
- Episode 38 - Orla Condell - A Health Emergency Task Force

To access: [click here](#)

## Career opportunities



### Engagement of remunerated independent external experts – Call for Infectious disease public health training specialist (until 25 February 2026)

[Ref. No. CEI/ECDC/2021/003](#)

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### ECDC Vacancies

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### ECDC Director Vacancy now open

The vacancy notice for our next Director has now been published in the EU Official Journal, marking the beginning of the recruitment process for the most senior role in ECDC.

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## Free online courses by OpenWHO

### Supporting the development of Pandemic Fund proposals - Introductory webinar recordings

World Health Organisation

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## Foresight Approaches in Global Public Health

World Health Organisation

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## More e-learning courses of WHO

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## Events organised by partners

**11th Southeast Asia and Western Pacific Bi-regional TEPHINET Scientific Conference, 12-15 September 2023**

TEPHINET

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**12th TEPHINET Regional Scientific Conference of the Americas, 25 September 2023**

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**16th European Public Health Conference 2023, 25 September 2023**

EUPHA

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## Knowledge Hubs on COVID-19

Provided by [TEPHINET](#)

Provided by [ASPHER](#)

Provided by [IANPHI](#)

Provided by [THE LANCET](#)

Provided by [GOARN \(WHO\)](#)

## Links

**ECDC Virtual Academy (EVA):** EVA is the online learning platform hosting e-learning courses and training materials created by ECDC

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