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ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Good Practice Award 2020 for excellence in public health training and education



“Provision of training for first-line health professionals, law enforcement officers and social workers working at local level with migrants and refugees and training of trainers”

The ASPHER Deans' & Directors' Good Practice Award showcases the best master programmes and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses offered by members of the Association. Three main characteristics of the programmes and courses will be assessed: impact, internationalisation, and innovation. The aim of the award is to promote excellence in public health education and training across Europe.

As the main objective under the TRAIN4M&H action, CPD training programmes were developed for four determined target groups: health professionals, social workers, law enforcement officers or professionals with equivalent functions, and coach trainers. For the first three target groups, the training programmes aim directly at individuals who are working at local level with migrants and refugees. The training programme for coach trainers is targeted at experienced trainers who are able to further disseminate training content when the need arises.

All training programmes were conceptualised with a view to develop or reinforce skills, enhance understanding and positive attitudes, and promote a holistic approach in the work with migrants and refugees. Specifically, it aims at providing self-training materials for the targeted population, in national languages. They can be taught separately, or in a multidisciplinary setting combining several target groups.

While the action encompassed an extensive roll-out reaching over 2,000 participants across the 33 countries participating in the EU Health programme, further use of the programmes is also supported by an e-training course. The syllabus and e-training are structured to cover the four target groups based on three sets of elements: main materials (power point files); complementary materials (videos, activity sheets, other resources); and self assessment tools/quizzes.

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