



**Advanced Course on Health Information
and Evidence for Policy-making
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Scope and purpose

The production and dissemination of health statistics is a core WHO activity mandated to WHO by its Member States in its Constitution. WHO programmes compile and disseminate a broad range of statistics that play a key role in health planning, advocacy for health issues, and monitoring and evaluation of health programmes. In exercising this mandate, the WHO Europe's Division of Information, Evidence, Research and Innovation (DIR) strengthens the capacity of the WHO Members States in the European region by organizing and conducting various capacity building events. This includes the Autumn School on Health Information and Evidence for Policy-making, its flagship course aimed to enhance Member States capacity to collect, analyse, report and use evidence for policy-making.

The Advanced Course on Health Information is a regular follow up to the Autumn School, and provides more in-depth training on the subjects of the Autumn School.

The aim of the workshop is to further strengthen capacity of the technical specialists in the area of data quality assessment, use of WHO standards and tools to collect, organize and analyse data and transform it into actionable health information. The workshop will build on the basis laid in the Autumn School and cover theoretical and practical aspects of the following areas:

- Strengthening eHealth and eHealth strategy development
- Interpretation and prioritization of differing data sources in the Health Information System
- Measuring well-being and qualitative methods
- Knowledge translation and research - Developing issue briefs based on health information and research: bridging the know-do-gap
- Communicating health information effectively

The learning methods of the workshop will include a mixture of lectures, exercises and group work. The exercises will be based as much as possible on national data, as well as challenges and questions brought in by the participants from their personal work environment.

Participant profile

In line with the above, this workshop is primarily aimed at technical experts in the area of health information and statistics, and should include the previous participants of the Autumn School on "Health Information and Evidence for Policy-making" – those public health experts who are engaged in data analysis and reporting of health information to the Ministry of Health.