

ASPHER 2020
Annual Report on Strategic Objective 3
Setting up a public health profession for public health services in Europe

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Strategic objective 3:

3.1. Shape a public health profession in European countries by developing a European Public Health Reference Framework (EPHRF) and its online repository for individual career as well as services planning.

- The European Public Health Reference Framework (EPHRF) with its Council and its online repository for individual career as well as services planning was established in 2014 and has functioned since then.
- The main work of the Council has in 2019 been related to the development and publication of the 5th Edition of ASPHER's European List of Core Competences for the Public Health Professional, with editors Anders Foldspang (Chair), Christopher A. Birt and Robert Otok.
 - Planning of the 6th Edition of the List is being started.
 - Please see the 2019 Annual Report of the EPHRF Council.
- The Repository collects information from ASPHER members, concerning the core competences and the Essential Public Health Operations (EPHOs) they offer in their educational and training programs.
 - Procedures for individual career and services planning by use of the Repository to be developed.
- A questionnaire-based survey on ASPHER members' programs' competences profiles, at competences list chapter level, and their EPHO profiles is conducted during April-May 2019.
 - Preliminary results will be presented at the Deans' & Directors' Retreat in May 2019 in Erice, Italy, and will form part of the basis for strategic discussions.
- A volume on professionalization – *'Roadmap to professionalising the public health workforce'* – has been produced together with two volumes of tools for professionalization, under the leadership of ASPHER President Kasia Czabanowska and co-authors Jose Martin-Moreno, Selena Grey, Peter Schröder-Bäck, Cedric Slock, Robert Otok, Margrieta Langins. The book will be published by WHO Europe.
 - The book project will be commented by Kasia Czabanowska in her 2018-19 President's report.

3.2. Lead on the work of the WHO Europe's Essential Public Health Operation 7 (EPHO 7) working group established under the framework of the European Action Plan on Strengthening Public Health Capacities

and Services – a key pillar of the overarching regional policy framework, Health 2020, to ensure a sufficient and competent public health workforce in the region.

- Like other working groups under the framework of WHO Europe's European Action Plan, the EPHO 7 Working Group was terminated in 2016.
- Since 2016, ASPHER members have participated in the meetings of WHO Europe's newly established Coalition of Partners, which focuses on the European Action Plan.

3.3. Advocate the public health profession based on the code of conduct (professionalisation).

- The development of the code of conduct to be organized.

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