



sSPHERE

Small States Public Health Education
for Resilience & Equity

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ASPHER Working Group Initiative

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Geographical focus: European countries $\leq 5+$ million population

Strategic alignment: ASPHER | WHO Europe Small Countries Initiative | EU Cohesion & Enlargement

1 Why sSPHERE?

sSPHERE has the potential to amplify the unique strengths of Schools of Public Health (SPH) from small nations within Europe's academic landscape through dedicated, mutually beneficial collaboration.

3 Objectives

Overall: Strengthening equity, resilience, and excellence in public health education and research in Schools of Public Health in small countries, through collaboration.

Specific:

- Map and connect Schools of Public Health in small states
- Adopt and share best practices
- Develop joint education and mobility programmes
- Catalyse EU research and project partnerships
- Enhance international visibility
- Shape ASPHER/WHO Europe policy

2 Vision

sSPHERE establishes a structured, ASPHER-affiliated platform uniting Schools of Public Health from small European countries. It translates WHO Europe Small Countries Initiative principles into public health academia.

Core principle: Collective strength for resilience, equity, and visibility.

4 Why Become a Partner?

Joining sSPHERE raises the quality, capabilities and global positioning of your institution, expands access to EU funding, builds academic partnerships and increases the strength and resilience of public health education by reducing isolation and adopting best practices in small countries.

TOGETHER, WE TRANSFORM CHALLENGES
INTO COLLECTIVE STRENGTH.