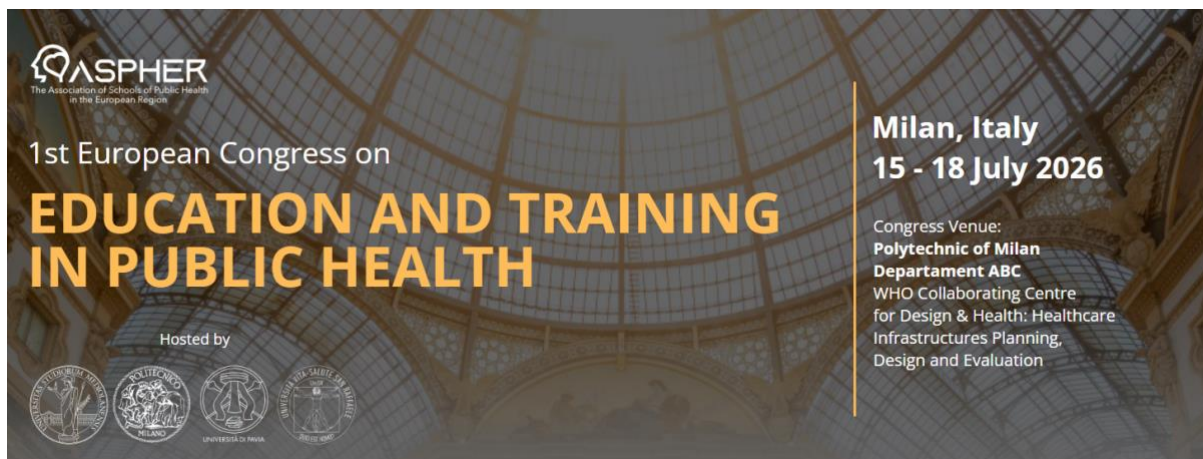




Thursday 16 July | 13:30-15:00

Plenary II: Education and Training in Vaccinology: A European Perspective

Chair – ***C. Signorelli***

Vaccinology is a cornerstone of public health and a key competency for the European health workforce. Strengthening education and training in this field is essential to ensure effective immunization programmes, reduce preventable diseases across the life course, and respond to emerging challenges such as population ageing, health inequalities, and vaccine hesitancy. At European level, strategies and guidance from WHO Europe, ECDC, and the European Union highlight the importance of well-trained health professionals to sustain vaccine confidence, improve coverage, and ensure equitable access to vaccination. These priorities are reflected in competency frameworks, lifelong learning approaches, and the integration of immunization into broader public health and health system strengthening strategies. This session explores how vaccinology is taught across Europe, with a focus on competency-based education for different professional profiles and settings. It also considers the role of national policy frameworks, including the Italian National Immunization Prevention Plan (PNPV) 2023–2025, which explicitly recognizes education and training as key levers to promote a shared vaccination culture among health and social care professionals and to support immunization across the life course.

Vaccinology Education in Europe: Strategies, Competency Frameworks, and Training Models – ***P. Bonanni***

From Knowledge to Trust: Educating Health Professionals to Address Vaccine Hesitancy – ***A. Pereira***

HPV Vaccination in Adolescents: Educational Challenges and Opportunities in Europe – ***C. Rizzo***

Vaccination Across the Adult Life Course: Educational Priorities for Public Health Practice – ***N. Davidovitch***

Educating Health Professionals on Seasonal Influenza Vaccination: Training Challenges and Best Practices – ***F. Pregliasco***

Educating Clinical Physicians to Protect Frail and Older Adults: Immunization Training for Zoster and Pneumococcal Vaccines – ***A. Odone***

The scientific method, the cornerstone of education: Clinical Trials and Robust Effectiveness Data – ***M. Bangert***