

## **Public Health Training**

## Announcements Winter 2022



# ECDC Fellowship Programme Celebrating EPIET and EUPHEM fellows of Cohort 2020

We are happy to announce that **Cohort 2020** graduated in September after fulfilling 2 intense years of inservice field epidemiology training as EPIET and EUPHEM fellows in public health institutes and laboratories across the EU/EEA.

In the challenging context of the pandemic, fellows adapted immediately and effectively contributed to tasks required in the COVID-19 response work in the EU and beyond. Fellows have been involved in a broad range of activities, such as strengthening COVID-19 surveillance, contact tracing, diagnostics, sero-epidemiology and vaccine effectiveness studies, among others.

The highlights of their projects and learning experience are captured in their portfolios. Read more

# <u>Annual meeting of Focal Points for Public Health Training and ECDC Fellowship Training Site Forum (hybrid)</u>

On 21 and 22 November, ECDC hosted the National Focal Points for Public Health Training and ECDC Fellowship Training Site Forum. The event took place at ECDC premises and online.

#### The meeting aimed at:

• Presenting the highlights of the 2022 training and 2023 work plan.

- Providing updates from the Public Health Functions Unit, Fellowship Cohort Representatives and key partners (e.g., European Commission, WHO, EAN, ASPHER and TEPHINET).
- Updating on the progress on the implementation of ECDC Fellowship (EPIET/EUPHEM) roadmap, including discussing details of the curricular updates and international assignments.
- Discussing support and induction of supervisors and propose an update of the Terms of Reference (Training Site Forum).
- Discussing further the concept note for WG on the topic "Adaptation and translation of self-paced training material".
- Presenting the upcoming train-the-trainer course on vaccine acceptance (December 2022) and the current plans to re-launch professional exchanges in 2023.

## MediPIET Programme (EU Initiative on Health Security)

# Annual meeting of National ECDC Correspondents in the European Neighbourhood Policy partner countries and MediPIET National Focal Points (hybrid)

From 21 – 22 November, ECDC hosted the Annual meeting of the National ECDC Correspondents in the European Neighbourhood Policy partner countries and the MediPIET National Focal Points in Stockholm, Sweden.

The meeting provided an opportunity for participants to look back at the activities of the regional cooperation under the EU Initiative on Health Security (EU-HSI) and to discuss the outcomes and achievements obtained in 2022 and planned activities for 2023.

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#### ESCAIDE: MediPIET side session on the role of national Field Epidemiology Training Programmes

During the annual European Scientific Conference on Applied Infectious Disease Epidemiology (ESCAIDE), MediPIET programme organised a side session on the role of national Field Epidemiology Training Programmes (FETPs) on 24 November.

The session focused on how national FETPs are strengthening countries' capacities for infectious disease prevention and response. The session featured speakers from both EU and non-EU countries who shared their experience in setting up and running national FETPs, including the impact these programmes have and the relationship with regional programmes, such as MediPIET or the ECDC Fellowship.

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#### MediPIET joins TEPHINET as full member

On 15 November, the TEPHINET Advisory Board officially approved the Mediterranean and Black Sea Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training (MediPIET) as full member of TEPHINET network.

## **ECDC Fellowship Programme and MediPIET Modules**

#### Recent modules

From 7 to 11 November 2022 ECDC organised a <u>training module on Time Series Analysis</u> in Bilthoven, Netherlands and on 5 to 9 December 2022 the module on Outbreak Investigation in Berlin, Germany.

#### **Intro Course 2022 Inject Days**

From 8 – 10 November, Cohort 5 fellows participated in the "Intro Course 2022 Inject Days" on operational research and how to turn real-life public scenarios into feasible research proposals.

**Upcoming modules for EPIET, EUPHEM and MediPIET** 

Dates	31 January – 3 February 2023	13 – 17 February 2023	Dates to be confirmed	16-17 March 2023
Activity name	Qualitative inject days	Vaccinology (virtual)	CBRN	Biorisk and Quality Management (virtual)
Cohort	Cohort 2020, Cohort 2021 and MediPIET Cohort 4 and Cohort 5	Cohort 2021 (1 day vaccinology inject for MediPIET Cohort 4 and Cohort 5 on 13 <sup>th</sup> February)	MediPIET Cohort 4 and Cohort 5	Cohort 2022

## <u>Continuous Professional Development – delivered instructor</u> led-courses

In the period of October-December following instructor led-courses were delivered:

#### A cross-sectoral biorisk awareness and mitigation training - Valencia, Spain

Dates: 4-6 October 2022 (2,5 days), 65 participants from 19 countries.

Audience: Health emergency services (HES)/Public Health (PH), Law Enforcement (e.g. police, border control, custom, etc., selected by EUROPOL); Civil Protection (e.g. firefighters, etc., selected by ECDC and EUROPOL with the support of DG ECHO).

#### Control of multidrug-resistant organisms (MDROs) in healthcare settings – on-line synchronous training

Dates: 8, 10, 15 and 17 November 2022 (4 half-days), 47 participants from 26 countries.

Audience: Healthcare professionals working at national or local level in EU/EEA countries, with current or future responsibility for the prevention and control of HAIs and MDROs.

#### Winter workshop: recovery after a public health emergency - on-line synchronous training

Dates: 29 November, 1 and 6 December 2022 (3 half-days), 28 participants from 22 countries.

Audience: Health professionals who as part of their professional responsibility, are or are likely to be involved in the activities linked to recovery and who commit, as one step towards strengthening the capacity in this area and to cascade knowledge gained from the training in their professional setting.

#### Train of trainers - Vaccine acceptance - Bucharest, Romania

Dates: 7-9 December 2022 (2,5 days), 32 participants from 11 countries.

Audience: trainers involved in postgraduate and clinical training and/or in continuous education of FHWs who have practical responsibilities in relation to the planning, counselling, prescription, and administration of recommended vaccines and who have a role in promoting vaccine acceptance. Trainers should have established backgrounds in clinical, health and care education or coaching.

## Infectious Disease Emergency Preparedness Training Portfolio

New <u>training portfolio</u> page enables to explore the courses related to preparedness including recently released. In that portfolio the Introduction to Infectious Disease Preparedness micro learning is available. <u>Enrol here</u>

## **Available courses**

How to design simulation exercises:

- Functional exercise Enrol here
- Table-top exercise Enrol here

Addressing online vaccination misinformation Enrol here

Understanding Vaccine Acceptance & Strategies to Increase Vaccine Uptake

Enrol here

**Antimicrobial Stewardship** 

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Drivers and modifiers of antibiotic prescribing and infection prevention & control practices in healthcare settings

Enrol here

**Introduction to Outbreak Investigation** 

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**Rapid Risk Assessment** 

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Introduction to designing in- and after-action reviews

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**Epidemic Intelligence (EI)** 

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e-learning for EpiPulse users

**Enrol here** 

**Cross-border Sharing of Public Health Data** 

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PRECEPT – a Framework for Assessing and Grading Evidence in Public Health

**Enrol here** 

Essentials of Writing and Reviewing Scientific Abstracts: a field epidemiology focus

**Enrol here** 

Influenza Bio-analytics Course

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**Trainings linked to COVID-19** 

 E-Learning for front-line managers on COVID-19 response to vulnerable populations (24 languages)

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Contact tracing in the context of COVID-19 response

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 Micro learning - COVID-19 infection prevention and control Enrol here

Migration and Health (24 languages)

for Health Professionals Enrol here

• for Trainers and Coaches Enrol here

 for Social Workers Enrol here

for Law Enforcement Officers

## **ECDC Podcast**



#### **ECDC: On Air, A Podcast on European Epidemiology**

Meet our experts from a wide range of fields and listen to them discuss the things that matter. Three new episodes are available now:

- Episode 26- Cornelia Adlhoch Preparing For the Flu Season
- Episode 27 Laura Espinosa There's Something in the Baltic Sea
- Episode 28- Liselotte Diaz-Högberg The Emptying Medicine Cabinet

To access: click here

## Career opportunities



Engagement of remunerated independent external experts – Call for Infectious disease public health training specialist (until 25 February 2026)

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**ECDC Vacancies** 

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## Free online courses by OpenWHO

Delivering quality health services to refugees and migrants from Ukraine

World Health Organisation

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Buruli ulcer: training of health workers at national and district levels on skin-NTDs

World Health Organisation

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More e-learning courses of WHO Read more

## **Events organised by partners**

The 2nd International Conference on Public Health in Africa (CPHIA 2022), Kigali, Rwanda – 12 – 15 December 2022

ECDC and Africa CDC co-hosted on 12 December an event on "Digitalisation of public health systems for improved health outcomes" during the second international conference on public health in Africa - CPHIA 2022. Andrea Ammon opened this event alongside Africa CDC Director Dr Ahmed Ougwell Ouma, jointly delivering a keynote speech. Colleagues from the <a href="ECDC4AfricaCDC">ECDC4AfricaCDC</a> project also moderated and presented during this session.

Read more about conference.

## **Knowledge Hubs on COVID-19**

Provided by **TEPHINET** 

Provided by ASPHER

Provided by IANPHI

Provided by THE LANCET

Provided by GOARN (WHO)

## <u>Links</u>

**ECDC Virtual Academy (EVA):** EVA is the online learning platform hosting e-learning courses and training materials created by ECDC

To register: click here

**Field Epidemiology Manual Wiki (FEM Wiki):** The content of FEM Wiki was migrated to EVA in PDF format. From now on, you can access the Field Epidemiology Manual <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. EVA hosts a discussion forum if you have any views to share.



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