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FLAGSHIP COURSE ON HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING FOCUS ON NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES

9-13 May, 2016, Barcelona, Spain



C o u r s e a n n o u n c e m e n t

We are pleased to announce the 12th Flagship Course on Health Systems Strengthening to be held in Barcelona, Spain from 9 to 13 May 2016. This five-day training program is offered by the WHO Regional Office for Europe. The course will be hosted by the WHO Barcelona Office for Health Systems Strengthening. The course is open to both English and Russian speaking participants with all presentations simultaneously translated from English to Russian and all course materials available in both languages.

C o r e t r a i n e r s

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In addition to the core trainers, invited experts will share good practices from Europe



C o u r s e c o n t e n t

This week-long intensive and interactive course takes a systematic approach to health system strengthening in order to better address the growing burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). Integrating theory and practice, the course tackles a number of key topics such as:

- ▶ assessing **health system performance** including progress on NCD outcomes towards the 2025 targets including equity dimensions;
- ▶ systematically **diagnosing determinants of health system performance**;
- ▶ reviewing regional trends in the coverage of core NCD interventions and services with a focus on options to **scale up individual health services** for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and cancer;
- ▶ tackling **health system challenges** through effective policies such as making priority setting more explicit in line with health system goals, empowering the population to become front-line workers in managing their chronic conditions, strengthening the models of care for early detection and proactive management of NCDs, ensuring better continuity and coordination across providers, and aligning incentives with desired service delivery solutions, etc.;
- ▶ learning from good practice experiences in Europe through two “**Good Practice Roundtables**”;
- ▶ carrying out an **own country exercise**.

T a r g e t g r o u p s

The course is open to all 53 Member States of the WHO European Region. The target group of the course is government officials at national and regional levels from ministries of health and health insurance funds, from ministries of economies and finance, representatives of academic institutions, representatives of international organizations and NGO's, and health service providers in the public and private sectors. The course will be delivered in English with simultaneous translation to Russian.

T u i t i o n f e e

Tuition fee for the course is **EURO 300**. This fee includes tuition, course materials, internet access, lunches and coffee-breaks. Participants (or their funding agency) will be responsible to cover the costs of travel, accommodation and subsistence while in Barcelona. Hotels will be arranged close to the venue.

D e a d l i n e

Those who are interested must submit a completed application form by **17 March 2016**. Space is limited. Acceptance decisions will be communicated by **22 March 2016**. Accepted applicants will be asked to confirm their participation and show proof of payment of the registration fee to secure a place in the course.

V i s a

Accepted applicants are responsible for obtaining a visa, if one is needed. WHO will provide formal invitations and visa support letters. Please note that obtaining a visa may take several weeks; early application is advised.

V e n u e



The course will be held in one of the buildings of the complex of the Hospital de Sant Pau, one of the most outstanding examples of Modernist architecture in Barcelona. Besides being a point of reference in terms of the heritage and culture of Barcelona, the extent of the historical complex's impact stretches not only to Europe but also to the rest of the world. Owing to the uniqueness of its construction and its artistic beauty, the whole hospital complex was declared Historical Artistic Monument in 1978 and World Cultural Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1997.

A p p l i c a t i o n

To secure a place, applicants are invited to submit a completed online application form available at the course website

https://extranet.who.int/datacol/survey.asp?survey_id=3396

Please use **Flagship2016** as user name and password

C o n t a c t

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