

2nd Florence International Training Course
17-22 november 2013 – Florence, Italy

IMPACT OF THE ECONOMIC CRISIS ON THE DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND RESPONSE STRATEGIES IN EUROPE.



Course announcement

We are pleased to announce the 2nd Florence International Training Course – the “FIT” Course to be held from 17-22 november 2013. This 6-day intensive training programme is organized by the Tuscany Region **in collaboration with the WHO European Office for Investment for Health and Development in Venice**. We invite you to participate in this exclusive training event.

Objectives of the Course

The Course aims to provide evidence on the impact of the economic crisis on health and well-being, and discuss ways in which health, social and economic policies at large can address this challenge at supra-national, national, sub-national (regional) and local level. The ultimate goal is to share strategies to minimize the negative effects of the crisis on health through improving equity, solidarity and resilience, and strengthening governance for health.

Course content

The Course is built around 5 modules: 1.impact of the economic downturn on health across Europe (vulnerable groups, health systems, chronic and infectious diseases, injuries and mental health); 2.policies at supra-national and national level (public health and health promotion interventions, fiscal policies, labour market policies and social safety nets, policies for migrants' health); 3.what works at subnational level (concrete examples from a number of regions across the European Region); 4.programmes at local level (effective interventions implemented in different European municipalities); 5.whole-of-government and whole-of society approaches in difficult economic times.

In each module, participants and trainers will be engaged in interactive discussions. The focus will be on how innovative tools and effective policies increase capacity to protect the weakest people in society. Promising practices to ensure access to health services, sustain health systems, and strengthen public health preventive services in times of global economic crisis will be presented. These principles and values are in the heart of the WHO European policy – Health 2020. The Course is also tightly linked to the WHO Regions for Health Network and the WHO Healthy Cities Network.

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Target groups

This course is intended for a maximum of 30 professionals aged ≤ 40 years (policy makers, government officials, public health experts, researchers, representatives of patient organizations and other NGOs, technical experts, etc) with an interest in addressing the implications of the economic crisis on health, and promoting equity and well-being. Participants should possess at least some knowledge of public health and preferably come from one of the 53 Member States of the WHO European Region. Priority will be given to professionals working in the Regions for Health Network, Healthy Cities Network and WHO Country Offices and Collaborating Centers. Five additional places will be reserved for candidates from the Tuscany Region.

Trainers and keynote speakers

The FIT Course 2013 is run by top level WHO staff and consultants, experts from WHO Collaborating Centers, representatives of the Regions for Health Network and the Healthy Cities Network, academics, and senior government officials. Keynote speakers include **Sir Harry Burns**, Chief Medical Officer for Scotland; **Margaret Whitehead**, University of Liverpool; **David Stuckler**, Oxford University; **Erio Ziglio**, WHO Regional Office for Europe; **Lennart Levi**, Karolinska Institute.

Venue

The Course is hosted by the Tuscany Region and will take place at Villa La Quiete, a Medicean villa situated on the hills overlooking Florence. Villa La Quiete owes its name to the 1632 fresco "La Quiete che domina i venti" (Still calms down the winds).

Certificate of attendance and course accreditation

A certificate of attendance will be awarded to all participants who successfully complete the Course and participate fully in all seminars. European as well as Italian Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits have been requested.

Course fee

The Course fee is 1,500 Euros and includes tuition, accommodation (B&B), coffee breaks, luncheons, welcome reception, farewell dinner, social events, and a resource pack including key readings.

Deadline

To secure a place, applicants are invited to submit a completed online application form available in the Course website www.formas.toscana.it as of 1 July 2013 and return it no later than 30 August 2013. Please note that if appropriate, applicants are responsible for obtaining a visa. Invitation and visa support letter will be provided by the organizers.

Bursaries

Ten bursaries of 1,500 Euros each will be granted by the Tuscany Region. Further information will be available in the Course website.



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