

Pre-conference to the 16th European Public Health Conference

Competences and training needs for better implementation of Health Impact Assessment (HIA)

Wednesday 8th November 2023, 12:30-17:00 hours

Convention Centre Dublin, Ireland.



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Introduction

Policies, plans, and projects in all sectors can have both positive and negative impacts on population health.

Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is a tool that allows policymakers and project developers to assess and manage the consequences of their proposals on the health and equity of the affected population. Several surveys conducted nationally and across Europe identified barriers that hinder a broader and

more extensive practical application of HIA. One of these limitations refers to a lack of HIA training, experience, certification, and competency frameworks. Respondents from those surveys also mentioned a history of unsatisfactory experiences involving intersectoral collaboration with health professionals, decision makers and other public sector stakeholders. Agencies, such as national and regional Public Health Institutes (PHIs), and Academia can play a critical role in overcoming these limitations.

Objectives:

- Share practical experiences of HIA, as well as of HIA training and capacity building programs from different countries and institutions
- Extract learning ideas on competencies, attitudes and values necessary for conducting a successful HIA fit for purpose.
- Share ideas of core elements to define training curricula on HIA.

Agenda:

- Presentation of practical HIA experiences, explaining the type of skills and competences required for conducting such experiences

- Presentation of several HIA training approaches, focused on type of audience, format, definition of learning objectives and competencies, and results (students satisfaction, utility for conducting HIA afterwards).
- Establishing small working groups and sharing experiences and ideas about the competencies and abilities needed for conducting HIA, from either previous presentations or personal experiences, adding what other elements would be necessary.

PROGRAM

12:30-13:10	Networking buffet lunch
13:15-13:35	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION Piedad Martín-Olmedo & Odile Mekel <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Welcome to participants- Presentation of objectives and program of the session- Short introduction to HIA: concepts and overall methodology
13:35 – 14:15	HIA COMPETENCES ANALYSIS FROM PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Liz Green (10 minutes)- Astrid Knoblauch (10 minutes)- Martin Birley (10 minutes)- Joanna Purdy (10 minutes)
14:15-15:00	Networking: mapping ideas on HIA competences with participants. Facilitators: Monica O’Mullane, Odile Mekel
15:00-15:25 h	Coffee break (<i>flexible while working</i>)
15:30 – 16:00 h	HIA TRAINING NEEDS ANALYSIS Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mirko Winkler (10 minutes)- Ben Cave & Francesca Villiani (10 minutes)- Luciana Costa (10 minutes)
16:00-16:45	Networking: mapping ideas on HIA training needs Facilitators: Margaret Douglas, Piedad Martin-Olmedo
16:45 -17:00 h	CONCLUSIONS

Registration

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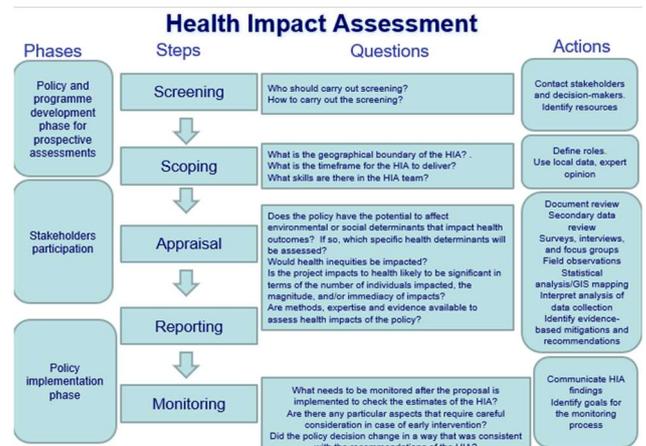


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Organizing team

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