

THE EUROPEAN SCHOOL ON HEALTH INFORMATION

The globalisation of the world economies and the mobility of people has increased the need for more **global health approaches** requiring sophisticated and sustainable **Health Information (HI) systems** and the development of **new digital health technologies**. These digital health technologies require **skilled professionals** to manage the data and public health information in efficient ways. At the same time, new challenges in public health, such as pandemics, are demanding highly qualified experts to respond to them. However, currently large inequalities exist on availability and training of **qualified Public Health Information professionals** in Europe.

In order to overcome these challenges, the Joint Action on Health Information ([InfAct](#)) developed the 1st [European School on Health Information](#) (ESHI2020), an HI capacity building programme with experts from all across Europe. PHIRI, the [Population Health Information research Infrastructure](#), builds on the success of its predecessor InfAct and it will provide numerous capacity building activities in the form of trainings, courses, webinars and workshops to strengthen the next generation of public health information professionals in Europe.

The European School on Health Information aims to strengthen the public health information workforce in Europe

PHIRI FORESIGHT CAPACITY BUILDING

[This course](#) aims to build capacity in Public Health Foresight across EU Member States by providing the necessary knowledge and tools and to deliver a solid basis for interested participants to plan and carry out their own foresight study in their country.

The course consists of 3 parts:

- General introduction module (March/April 2021)
- Set of advanced modules (May/June/September 2021)
- Finale module supporting participants to start with a foresight study in their own country (October 2021)

PHIRI DEVELOPERS FORUM

The Developers Forum aims to create a community IT expert in the PHIRI data hubs that are in charge of the implementation of the federated research infrastructure that is supporting the PHIRI COVID-19 use cases (start Forum: May 2021).

INFODEMIC MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

[Two workshops](#) (June 2021) aimed to gather and present experiences, lessons learned and good practices on infodemic management during the COVID-19 pandemic in Europe, with 62 participants on the first day and 69 on the second.

HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM (HIS) ASSESSMENTS

PHIRI aims to map the health information system (HIS) that monitors the effects of COVID-19 on population. This will be achieved through [virtual country visits](#) of selected European countries that are part of the PHIRI consortium. Different trainings (June/October 2021) introduced the key concepts and steps to take in order to perform a successful COVID-19 HIS assessment.

CAPACITY BUILDING ON COVID-19 IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Different workshops will be organised in order to address the COVID-19 impact:

- [COVID-19 Burden of Disease Training School](#), (March-April 2022)
- Workshop on digital tools for monitoring and tracking (15th of February 2022)
- Workshop on methodologies to perform systematic reviews (2022)
- Webinar on research methodologies to assess the impact of COVID-19 (2022)

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