

Invitation to participate in the PHIRI course 'Public Health Foresight Studies', Spring 2021

A better understanding of possible future developments is essential for policy makers to anticipate and possibly influence these trends. The COVID-19 outbreak makes it clear that Public Health Foresight Studies (PHFS) may be more necessary than ever to get an understanding of possible (health) impacts of the crisis. Within the [PHIRI project](#), we therefore offer a course for all Member States to develop foresight capacity and to receive assistance in developing future scenarios. The objective of this course is to provide participants with tools and opportunities for discussion by levelling all (interested) EU countries to a similar degree of knowledge. We build on the foresight experience of all Member States and learn from existing foresight initiatives.

The full course consists of an introduction module and more advanced, in-depth modules. The introduction module covers three elements:

- Purpose & Methodology (why and how?)
- Process & Participation (how and with whom?)
- Product and communication (what and for whom?)

The introduction module can be attended on three dates in March and April 2021. Participants will learn about the various steps and the necessary skills, expertise and data in doing a foresight study. The advanced modules will take place afterwards, and are offered to participants that have joined the introduction module.

Participants

This course is organized for representatives of all EU Member States working on Public Health, including researchers, policy makers and policy analysts. It is encouraged to have more than one participant from a Member State joining the course.

Lecturers/Organizers

The introduction module is given by lecturers from the Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), the Nova University Lisbon (UNL) and Sciensano.

Time and dates

Introduction module

Thursday March 25th, 10:00 to 14:30

Thursday April 15th, 10:00 to 14:30

Thursday April 22nd, 10:00 to 14:30

The final 30 minutes of the sessions are used as an open space for Q&A and chat with the lecturers.

Advanced modules

These will take place in May, June and September 2021. Exact dates still need to be set. More detailed information on the advanced modules will be available in April 2021.

Number of participants

Each session of the introduction module has availability for a maximum of 40 participants.

Registration form and deadline:

Registration closes on March 11th, 2021. Please register through this [registration form](#).

Location: Online, to be communicated

Contact: PHIRI.NL@rivm.nl

Some reading materials

<https://www.rivm.nl/en/foresight-studies>

<https://www.oecd.org/strategic-foresight/>

Updated information on the course can be found on the PHIRI website: <https://www.phiri.eu/wp9>.