

# The Barcelona Course in Health Financing

Special Theme: Universal Coverage



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

We are pleased to announce the second Barcelona Course in Health Financing to be held from May 14 to 18, 2012. This week-long intensive training program is offered by the Barcelona Office for Health Systems Strengthening of the WHO Regional Office for Europe, Division of Health Systems and Public Health. We invite you and your colleagues to participate in this exclusive training event.

## C o u r s e   c o n t e n t

The course reviews effective policy instruments to improve health system performance through better health financing policy. The special theme of the course is moving towards and sustaining universal coverage with a highlight on how to counter the impact of economic downturns. The course is built around the following modules:

- Designing a benefit package - equity, affordability and transparency
- Raising revenues - thinking outside the box
- Pooling health revenues - the cost of fragmentation
- Purchasing - getting more health for the money
- Coordinating reform - aligning policy instruments with policy objectives

## T r a i n e r s   &   f a c i l i t a t o r s

### Core training team

- Tamás Evetovits, Senior Health Financing Specialist, WHO
- Melitta Jakab, Senior Health Financing Policy Analyst, WHO
- Matthew Jowett, Senior Health Financing Specialist, WHO
- Hans Kluge, Director, Division of Health Systems and Public Health, WHO
- Joseph Kutzin, Head of Health Financing Policy Team, WHO HQ
- Nora Markova, Health Expenditure and Financing Analyst, WHO
- Alejandra G. Rossetti, Senior Health Policy Analyst, WHO

### Invited speakers

- Michael Borowitz, Senior Health Economist, OECD
- Panos Kanavos, Reader in International Health Policy, LSE



## K e y n o t e   s p e a k e r s

- Guillem López i Casanovas, Professor, Pompeu Fabra University
- William Hsiao, Professor, Harvard University
- Hanno Pevkur, Minister, Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia
- Sarah Thomson, Deputy Director, LSE Health



## T a r g e t   g r o u p s



The course is designed for policy makers in the health sector, policy makers in government in charge of social policy, senior managers of service provider organizations, and experts involved in health system reform. This course is an advanced course and candidates are expected to have participated in generic health system training programs and have extensive work experience. The course will be delivered in English.

## C o s t

There is no tuition fee for this course. Course materials, coffee breaks and lunch during the days of the training, plus a dinner reception will be covered by WHO. Participants (or their funding agency) will be responsible to cover the costs of travel, accommodation and subsistence while in Barcelona. Special rates have been arranged at hotels close to the venue.

## D e a d l i n e

To secure a place applicants must submit a completed application form and return it no later than 28 March, 2012. A course committee will make decisions regarding participant selection based on relevance of course material to applicants' work functions, evidence of previous training on health system strengthening, and English language abilities. Space will be limited.

## V i s a

If appropriate, applicants are responsible for obtaining a visa. Formal invitation and visa support letter from WHO will be provided. Please note that obtaining a visa may require several weeks; early application is advised.

## V e n u e



The course will be held in Casa de Convalescència, a splendid example of late modernist architecture. Originally, the building was designed for and used as a hospital facility. Since 1969, it belongs to the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and has been the host of many high profile academic events.

## C o n t a c t

Should you require any further information, please contact us by email or telephone!

Please email your application to Ms. Mercè Blasco (Email: [blascom@euro.who.int](mailto:blascom@euro.who.int); Fax: + 34 93 2418271; Tel: + 34 93 24182 70)

