

Annual report 2024

EUPHA Public Health Economics section (EUPHA-ECO)

Goals for 2024

- To plan a calendar of sessions for capacity building and sharing expertise/experiences based on the feedback from the annual meeting;
- To create and disseminate new Working Group(s), starting with a pilot on “Mental Health Economics”
- To plan an EUPHA Public Health Economics conference for 2025
- To increase the number of section members;
- To organise more sessions at the EPH conference (i.e. workshops and pre-conferences)
- To continue sharing with the members a newsletter that will include interesting updates from the scientific research in public health economics, as well as job openings in the field.

Capacity building

The EUPHA-ECO section was represented by João Vasco Santos in the “Sailing to Lisbon 2024” Webinar on Health Inequalities. Entitled “From Economics to Equity: navigating the complexities of their interplay”, the session aimed at explaining and making the economic case for health equity, including how it can be integrated into economic policies and tools needed to support policymakers and civil society in tackling inequalities. The full webinar record is available [at this link](#).

In a cross-sectional collaboration, EUPHA-ECO also contributed to the “EUPHA-HSRM Spring School - Translational Health Services Research Methods for Public Health Professionals” exploring and sharing recent methods on Health Economics applicable to Public Health, being represented by Shehzad Ali.

Working Group on “Mental Health Economics”

In 2024 the Working Group on “Mental Health Economics” was created, chaired by Filipa Sampaio, Shehzad Ali and João Vasco Santos, aiming to foster collaboration and collectively advance mental health economics. The group has 53 participants, and four meetings were held during the year, including presentations of projects, working papers, and policy discussions.

EUPHA-ECO section members

Between November 2023 and November 2024, the number of section members increased from 2842 to 3098.

EPH conference 2024

In 2024, the EUPHA-ECO section expanded its presence at the EPH conference. Two pre-conferences were planned in collaboration with other EUPHA sections, as well as international and national partners. This year the section has organised and participated in four scientific sessions, three round tables and one skills-building seminar, as described below. One of the scientific sessions was fully organised by EUPHA-ECO members for which the section helped to meet and create a joint collaborative work.

Additionally, this was the first year of the EPH conference in which Public Health Economics was listed as a potential submission topic and tracked throughout the conference, which was a big achievement for members' work.

Pre-conferences

Nr	Time (CET)	Organiser and participants	Activity
1	12th Nov 9:00-12:30	EUPHA-ECO, OECD, Portuguese Health Economics Association (APES) RIVM, ISPUP/FMUP, ENSP, OECD	Economic evaluation of public health interventions: a step-by-step approach
2	12th Nov 13:30-17:00	EUPHA-ECO, EUPHA-EPI, EUPHA-CHR, EUPHAnxt	Boosting research impact: essential manuscript writing skills for emerging public health scientists

Scientific sessions

Nr	Time (CET)	Organiser	Activity
1	13th Nov 09:00-10:00	EUPHA-ECO, EUPHA-DH, EUPHA-HA, Pavia University SPH	Public Health data in support of healthy ageing policies
2	13th Nov 10:30-11:30	EUPHA-ECO	Economics of Mental Health in the interplay between health systems and public health
3	13th Nov 10:30-11:30	EUPHA-ECO, EUPHA-HIA, EUPHA-EPI, EUPHA-PHPP, EUPHA-ENV, EUPHA-FS, EC JRC; EC DG SANTE	Improving health impact assessment in the context of EU policy cycle
4	14th Nov 09:00-10:00	EUPHA-ECO, EUPHA-HIA, EUPHA-FS, EUPHA-PHPP, RIVM, Bath University	Economic evaluation of health impacts for better decision choices

Round tables

Nr	Time (CET)	Organiser	Activity
1	13th Nov 15:15-16:15	EUPHA-ECO, EBoDN, OECD	Towards a research agenda for burden of disease studies
2	13th Nov 16:45-17:45	EUPHA-ECO, EUPHA-HTA, EUPHA-PHG, EUPHA-ETH, EUPHA-HSR	Advancing genomic diagnostics for rare genetic diseases: a focus on non-clinical domains of HTA
3	15th Nov 14:00-15:00	EUPHA-ECO, EUPHA-PHPP, WHO, Ecorys	Fiscal measures for building

			resilient European health systems
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Skills building seminar

Nr	Time (CET)	Organiser	Activity
1	14th Nov 16:45-17:45	EUPHA-ECO, EUPHA-PHMR, BEST-COST	Methods for measuring the true cost of pollution

Join the Network meeting - EUPHA Public Health Economics

Nr	Time (CET)	Organiser	Activity
1	13th Nov 12:55-13:55	EUPHA-ECO	JtN meeting

General communications with section members

The section communicated with section members via the newsletter. Section members were encouraged to share their work in the field, which would be posted in the newsletter, as well as possible job openings within their institutions. They were also encouraged to participate in the section through working groups. The EUPHA-ECO JtN meeting was also a moment of exchange and communication between all the members.

EUPHA Public Health Economics conference - 2025

Within the EUPHA Operating Grant, the section planned to organise a conference specific on Public Health Economics. This is being planned to be happening in June 2025.