



WHO CC for Health Policy, Governance and Leadership in Europe

European Academy for Healthcare Leaders

The WHO Collaborating Centre on Health Policy, Governance and Leadership in Europe (WHO CC) has been designated to support WHO Europe in reinforcing the leadership concept in the health sector. In fact, the WHO CC has among its aims to provide high level training on leadership and governance in WHO European healthcare systems.

The WHO CC “European Academy for Healthcare Leaders” program is aimed at building connections among institutions, private and public companies, universities and citizens to introduce healthcare leadership skills and provide practical tools to be applied throughout the European Member Countries. In addition, the other relevant mission of the Academy is to collect the best European practices in order to develop a common and transferrable leadership framework in Europe. Moreover, the Academy is aimed at creating a strong network among key opinion leaders with the intention to increase the level of dissemination of the leadership concept at country level.

The first training of the “European Academy for Healthcare Leaders” was addressed to the WHO Europe National Counterparts for a total of 19 participants from 16 countries. It was held in Rome from 15 to 17 November 2018, and was the first high level training organized by the above mentioned WHO CC. The realization of this event was possible thanks to the support of the WHO office for European Region and the University institutions involved. 19 Participants from the following countries attended: Andorra, Austria, Bulgaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Italy (2), Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Slovakia (2), Sweden (2), Russia.

During the three-days course, lectures in plenary and 4 workshops were held by Italian and foreign speakers. The workshops were focused on: developing leadership skills, improving quality and sustainability in healthcare



systems, managing change and engaging key players, developing a methodology to define the planning and the priorities of new healthcare systems.

At the end of the three-days course an evaluation questionnaire was administered to participants, according to whom expectations were met. Indeed, on average, participants affirmed to have been satisfied or very satisfied with regards to the contents, the venue, the length of the event and the speakers' professionalism.

The event had a great success but revealed a great need of passionate leaders who could change healthcare in the countries involved. Moreover, the need of a strategy to consolidate leadership skills in experienced professionals but also training young generations of leaders in healthcare were expressed in order to improve decision-making processes.

Since the great success of the 1st edition, and the participation of professionals from 16 countries out of 53 (WHO Europe member States), our WHO CC decided to replicate the contents through a second edition of the “European Academy for Healthcare Leaders”. This edition will be along the lines and the same topics addressed in the previous Academy 2018. This choice has been motivated by the aim to facilitate the involvement of a higher number of the WHO Europe national counterparts who did not participate to the first edition.

The main objectives of the “European Academy for Healthcare leaders” – 2nd edition are:

- to develop leadership skills among healthcare professionals or policy makers;
- to support strategy skills in WHO European countries;
- to promote collaboration among different stakeholders in order to improve healthcare systems.

The Academy 2nd edition will be carried out through frontal lectures by Professors and experts in Leadership and Health Governance and workshops in which participants will be asked to put in practice their leadership skills. Workshops will deal with the following general topics:

- How to create a successful leader in a changing health landscape;
- Managing change through digital health tools;
- The toolbox for ensuring healthcare systems sustainability facing the new health challenges;
- To develop a methodology to improve the concept of value in healthcare and set priorities of the new healthcare systems.



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This event will be realized in coordination with the WHO office for European Region and the University institutions involved in the Academy Faculty. VIHTALIS.r.l. will provide the organizational support of the second edition.

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