



Administrative Guide
EPIET/EUPHEM
EAP Fellows
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INTRODUCTION

The European Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training (EPIET) and the European Public Health Microbiology (EUPHEM) Training Programme are fellowship programmes, which provide training and practical experience in intervention epidemiology and Public Health Microbiology at associated Training Sites: the national and regional centres for surveillance and control of communicable diseases in the European Union (EU) and Norway as well as in international organisations. The programme is funded by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and by institutes hosting or sending an EPIET and/or a EUPHEM fellow.

Purpose of this document

This guide aims to give a general overview of the administrative rules, routines and forms that you can encounter during your fellowship. It is in no way intended to be exhaustive nor complete. For more details on specific matters please contact the related unit in ECDC and/ or the Fellowship Programme Office (FPO).

All forms in the Appendix section are subject to change. Please always use the latest version sent out directly from the responsible unit in ECDC.

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EU directives and internal procedures

All activities and administration in ECDC, hence for the fellowship programmes, are governed by the EU directives, the mandate of the Centre and the internal procedures of ECDC.

EPIET Curricular Process Guide/Scientific Guide

For information on the scientific content of the EPIET programme (Introductory course, modules, supervision, reports, diploma, objectives etc), please read the "EPIET curricular process guide". For the corresponding information regarding the EUPHEM programme please consult the "Scientific Guide".

PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

EPIET Training Site Forum / EUPHEM Forum

The EPIET Training Site Forum (ETSF) and EUPHEM Forum (EF) are comprised of representatives from the different Training Sites. The Forums define the criteria to be used for the implementation of the programme such as learning objectives, course curricula, criteria for candidate selection, field assignments, criteria for trainers and supervisor selection, evaluation schemes and codes of conduct.

Fellowship Programme Office

The Fellowship Programme Office (FPO) is located at the European Centre for Disease prevention and Control (ECDC) and is responsible for the administration of the EPIET and EUPHEM Cohorts. All operational tasks are carried out by the Programme Office in cooperation with different units within ECDC.

It is staffed by four Fellowship Faculty Coordination Specialists. The programme is governed by the rules and regulations of ECDC. The day-to-day coordination of the fellowship programme is done by FPO.

Coordinator team

To assist the Heads of EPIET and EUPHEM with carrying out the scientific objectives of the programme, there are additional EPIET/EUPHEM coordinators linked to EPIET/EUPHEM and ECDC within framework partnership agreements at other National Public Health institutes.

GENERAL

Annual leave/Exceptional leave/Public holidays

Fellows should keep the same hours of work; have the same public holidays and entitlement to annual/special leave as the other staff of their Training Site. Holidays cannot be taken during training activities where the fellow is obliged to participate, such as the Introductory Course, modules and ESCAIDE.

Sickness

In case of sickness that affects travel arrangements, fellows must notify FPO immediately.

Module Attendance

The fellowship programmes are based on learning through service. Fellows are expected to participate in EPIET training modules and courses and may attend occasional international assignments.

It is compulsory to fully attend the modules. Exceptions can be granted in case of maternity leave, acute sickness, severe family problems or involvement in acute outbreak investigations requiring the presence of the fellow. In these cases, prior approval from the coordinators organising the module and the Head of EPIET or EUPHEM needs to be obtained and the FPO needs to be informed.

Diploma

Fellows who have completed the minimum required fellowship period of 23 months and achieved the objectives will receive the EPIET/EUPHEM diploma after the fellowship. On rare occasions, the head of the programme may approve that a fellow leaves the Training Site before completing the full term. Fellows who leave the Training Site more than 4 weeks before the term, or do not comply with the training objectives will not receive a diploma.

STARTING YOUR FELLOWSHIP

Country-specific information

The EPIET Alumni Network's (EAN) website contains country-specific information compiled by current and previous fellows. Current cohorts are requested to add and update this information so that new fellows have a source of useful tips. <http://epietalumni.net/activities/countries-guide/> For questions, contact eanboard@gmail.com.

New contact information

To do:



All fellows are responsible for sending their new complete contact details (full address, e-mail address, telephone numbers), including the complete contact details of their supervisor(s) and administrative support, to the FPO to ensure that they receive all information. Complete contact details should be immediately sent to FPO upon arrival at the Training Site. If technical reasons do now allow for this, then the latest deadline that FPO should receive complete contact details is November 1.

Fellows are responsible for sending any subsequent changes in their contact details to FPO. Fellows must also keep their contact information up-to-date on their Extranet or LMS account.

Cohort representative

Each EPIET/EUPHEM cohort elects a fellow to act as their cohort representative. This usually takes place at the end of the introductory course. The role of the cohort representative is not entirely fixed; rather, it is shaped by whoever takes on the position.

However, fixed responsibilities include: acting as a conduit between ECDC and the fellows on technical and organisational matters affecting the cohort; attending EPIET Training Site Forum meetings/EUPHEM Forum meetings and ensuring that colleagues update the country guides for their Training Site and collating these updated guides for uploading to the EAN website (in liaison with the EAN board) by the time the offer letters are sent for the next cohort.

ENDING YOUR FELLOWSHIP

New contact information

To do:



All fellows are responsible for sending their new complete contact details to the FPO to ensure that they receive all information and in order to stay in contact with the EPIET and EUPHEM networks. Fellows should send updated contact details by September 1 of their second year.

Fellows must also update their contact information on their Extranet or LMS account.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance

All sponsored meeting delegates travelling on behalf of ECDC are covered by an insurance provided by Cigna International Health Services. Insurance coverage includes, for example, medical expenses as well as costs for repatriation in case of personal accident and/or acute illness. See Appendix for a short summary of the insurance benefits as well as instructions in case of a travel incident while on meeting.

You can send queries to travel.insurance@ecdc.europa.eu.

For international assignments on behalf of other organisations (including travel on behalf of your Training Site) these organisations need to arrange for your insurance coverage separately (see section below).

Tip: For emergencies please contact 24H Helpdesk
Assistance Center: Tel: +32 3 253 69 16; clientservice2@cigna.com
Contract Code: 2.004.760 (always mention when contacting the provider)

NB! Always check with the sending organisation BEFORE travelling that you have suitable insurance coverage.

MODULES/MEETINGS/TRAVEL

Introduction

All travel procedures and reimbursement are regulated in the two documents "Rules for Reimbursement of expenses for experts and participants attending ECDC meetings outside or inside Sweden".

Travel terms in ECDC and EPIET/EUPHEM

A "module/meeting" in ECDC is the term for travel made on behalf of ECDC. A travel for EPIET/EUPHEM specifically to support an investigation in the field outside the country of training is called an "International Assignment".

Travel arrangement process

Requests for travel and flight bookings are handled internally within each EAP institute. Contact your institute's administration for details and procedures.

Travel to a module

For each module, one of the logistics officers will be the main responsible officer and take care of the organisation and distribution of information. Please note that you are expected to attend the modules from Monday 9.00 am to Friday 6.00 pm.

Nota Bene! If you cannot stay for the whole length of the module (arrive late or leave early), you need to obtain the approval of the coordinators before arranging your travel.

Travel to a conference

All fellows are supposed to attend ESCAIDE conferences during the fellowship. Organisation will be handled by ECDC and FPO.

For all other conferences, please contact the Head of EPIET or EUPHEM and the FPO to obtain permission before submitting the abstract and making any travel arrangements. Attendance of national or international conferences other than ESCAIDE and TEPHINET need to be funded by the Training Site.

International Assignments – Costs & Insurances

International assignments may be requested by the Training Site, ECDC, or a third party such as World Health Organisation (WHO).

The party that requests the assignment covers all costs (travel, accommodation, per diems and insurances).

In case of missions on behalf of the Training Site or third party, the Training Site or third party will cover all costs.

Insurance (assistance, repatriation, disease, etc) of the fellow, when on mission or international assignments related to tasks assigned by the employer is the responsibility of the employer. The employer shall provide the fellow with a copy of the terms and conditions of this cover.

Travelling for other ECDC units

Please note that when you are invited to participate in a project/meeting and similar by another unit or section within ECDC that is NOT organised by the FPO, you must remember to inform the related administrator/secretary in that unit that you are considered an external participant and paid by that particular unit and not the Training Section. Fellows are responsible for ensuring they are provided with the correct forms.

REIMBURSEMENTS

General note

EAP fellows will only be reimbursed by ECDC on rare occasions, such as attending an international assignment on behalf of ECDC.

Please bear in mind that the processing and payment of reimbursements can only be done when the Reimbursement Application is complete and all requested supporting documentation is included.

To ensure as speedy a payment as possible, please make sure that the Reimbursement Application form is filled out completely signed in the correct place and has attached any necessary documentation before any documents are sent to ECDC for processing.

IMPORTANT!!! ALWAYS keep a copy (paper or scan) of any document (signed forms, receipts, etc.) sent to ECDC. This copy can be used if the originals become lost.

Modules/Meetings

For meeting reimbursements (Introductory course, modules, ESCAIDE, etc.) EAP fellows should contact their institute's administration for details and procedures.

When travelling on behalf of ECDC, to be eligible to receive the daily subsistence allowance (per diems), meeting participants must be resident 150 km or more from the meeting venue.

The per diem is only paid for the actual meeting days of the module. No per diem is paid for travel days.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Ownership of the results of the works/services developed by the fellow during his/her placement at the Training Site, including industrial and intellectual property rights, and of the reports and other documents relating to it shall be vested in the Training Site.

The Training Site grants the ECDC the right to make free use of these results (notably protocols, questionnaires and articles) for non-commercial and training purposes and provided they do not thereby breach their confidentiality obligations or existing industrial and intellectual property rights.

All communication on output, including early drafts, equally between fellow, supervisors and EPIET/EUPHEM coordinators will always be considered confidential.

SOCIAL MEDIA CODE OF CONDUCT

Social media provide powerful communication tools which are both engaging and have an impact on organizational and professional reputations. As a fellow and health care professional, your professional reputation is reaffirmed daily, and you are responsible for protecting that professional reputation.

Social media networking sites include, but are not limited to: Facebook, LinkedIn, MySpace, Twitter, YouTube, wikis, and blogs. Show respect for yourself, other fellows, colleagues, Training Sites, your fellowship programme, and ECDC by following these broad guidelines.

Posting content

- **Endorsement:** Representation of your personal opinions as being endorsed by EPIET/EUPHEM/ECDC or the Training Site is prohibited. You may not use these organizational names to promote opinions, products, causes, or political candidates. Be sure to include the statement: "This is my personal opinion and not necessarily that of XXX" when necessary.
- **Protect confidential and proprietary information:** Use good judgment about content and respect privacy laws. Do not to include confidential information about individuals or Training Sites.
- **Be professional:** Content should not be threatening, obscene, defamatory, a violation of intellectual property rights or privacy laws, or otherwise injurious or illegal.
- **Respect copyright and fair use:** When using or posting online material that includes direct or paraphrased quotes, thoughts, ideas, photos, or videos, always include citations. Provide a link to the original material if applicable.
- **Keep it legal:** Refrain from using information and conducting activities that may violate local or national laws and regulations.

Best practices

- **Think twice before posting:** Privacy does not exist in social media. Consider what could happen if a post becomes widely known and how that may reflect on both the poster and the subject. If you wouldn't say it at a conference or to a member of the media, consider whether you should post it online. If you are unsure about posting something or responding to a comment, ask your supervisor or frontline coordinator for input.
- **Strive for accuracy:** Get the facts straight before posting them on social media. Review content for grammatical and spelling errors.
- **Be respectful:** Understand that content contributed to a social media site could encourage comments or discussion of opposing ideas. Responses should be considered carefully in light of how they would reflect on the poster and/or organizations. Identify your views as your own.
- **Remember your audience:** Be aware that a presence in the social media world is or easily can be made available to the public at large. This includes current and prospective fellows, alumni, employers, colleagues, and peers. Consider this before publishing to ensure the post will not alienate, harm, or provoke any of these groups.
- **Photos:** Photographs posted on social media sites can easily be copied by visitors. Consider adding a watermark and/or posting images at lower dpi and smaller sizes to protect your intellectual property. Small images are sufficient for viewing on the Web but not suitable for printing. When posting photos in which people other than yourself are recognisable, you need to obtain their consent prior to publication.

APPENDIX

A. General information

The information given and forms displayed in the Appendix section are to be seen as examples and are subject to change. This guide is updated each year, but personnel might move and policies may change. Due to this, **it is each fellow's responsibility to be attentive to information they receive regarding changes and to always use the latest version of each form.**

B. Contact details - FPO, Coordinators & ECDC units/sections.

Fellowship Programme Office (FPO)

Post address

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NB! If you send something via registered mail please make sure that ECDC is the first line in the address. Writing "Attention of XXXX" first will delay the arrival to ECDC considerably.

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