

EPA COURSE TITLE	Practical training for evaluation of suicidal risk
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COURSE CO-DIRECTORS	Sarchiapone Marco, Italy Wasserman Danuta, Sweden
COURSE LEVEL	Basic
EDUCATIONAL INTENTIONS/ COURSE OUTCOMES	a) to approximate suicide risk through psychiatric interviews b) to approximate suicide risk through validated psychometrics scales c) to understand strengths and weaknesses different types of assessment tools d) to combine information derived through different assessment tools
COURSE DESCRIPTION	<p>Suicidal behaviour is the most common psychiatric emergency. A large proportion of suicidal behaviour can be prevented through early the recognition and treatment of suicidality. Recognition of suicidality requires an understanding of different risk factors, but also knowledge of methods with which the presence or absence of such risk factors can be acquired from the patient.</p> <p>The first part of this course focuses on theoretical issues such as a) the relevant risk factors and warning signs for suicidality; b) the clinical interview with psychiatric patients; c) validated psychometric instruments for the measurement of suicide risk; d) strengths and weaknesses of interviews and questionnaires; e) guidance on combining information from these different sources. The second part of the course is dedicated to role-play and script-based clinical interviews and reflective discussion. Justification of two co-directors: Dr. Hadlaczky's extensive experience in education regarding psychometrics and clinical decision-making is a necessary component of this course, as is Dr. Carli contribution on biological risk-factors, clinical interviews, and his wide experience on medical teaching through role-play and problem based learning. The course is organized by the EPA Section on Suicidology and Suicide Prevention.</p>
PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE	The course is directed to MDs or clinical psychologists practicing in the field of mental health. Although no such degree is a prerequisite, the course is not specifically designed for other professionals.
COURSE METHODS AND MATERIAL	Small group discussions Case studies Role play Vignette
TARGET AUDIENCE	Particularly Early Career Psychiatrists