

Climate-related education for the healthcare industry in Ukraine

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In the frameworks of the European educational project Erasmus+ ClimEd (Multilevel Local, Nation- and Regionwide Education and Training in Climate Services, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation), further climate-related education is provided for professionals in the healthcare industry, as one of the climate-associated industries in Ukraine.

A trans-disciplinary approach in developing distance and blended advanced training courses for medical doctors constitutes knowledge transfer in basics of Climatology and Economics of Climate Change at the pre-course and post-course stages. The main course includes modules on climate-associated pathology in Pulmonology, Cardiology, Neurology, Infectious Diseases and Epidemiology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Psychiatry. In view of the climate change an increase in occurrence of floods, wildfires, droughts and other natural disasters alongside extreme weather events is observed thus crucially setting down a requirement for development of a module on emergency primary healthcare.

All the modules are to be developed and taught by high-level professionals, who hold at least a PhD degree. It is under the ClimEd project that blended courses on climate change and climate adaptation are to be designed and delivered for the target audiences of decision-makers in the healthcare industry and the wider public. This will bring in stabilization to the industry-specific aspects of nationwide economy through introduction of the aggregate of all settings, the online, onsite, and hybrid, to be applied in the educational process to ensure maximum efficiency in accordance with the stakeholders' needs.