OVERVIEW:
Under the scope of the Biennial Collaborative Agreement between WHO and the Portuguese Ministry of Health, the National Health Institute, initiated a capacity building training program. The new Public Health Law proposal, which is being discussed at the Portuguese Parliament, proposes mandatory HIAs at the national level. A workshop was held in Lisbon in November 2017, including a Policy Dialogue between Health and other sectors, to start the training programme.

OBJECTIVES:
To build technical expertise and capacity to assess and evaluate policies, plans, programs and projects using HIA methodology.
To develop a HIA toolkit, validated for use in Portuguese context based on national case studies.

CONCLUSIONS:
Impact at short term: To obtain well trained professionals able to develop HIA and tools required and fit to the national, regional and local characteristics.

Impact at medium term: To contribute to the HIA Portuguese model that is being developed, as an instrument of population-based health planning.

Impact at long term: To create a network with informed stakeholders that became an instrument for tackling HIA in Portugal.