

# DEVELOPING A TRAINING PROGRAM IN HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT (HIA) IN PORTUGAL

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## 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:

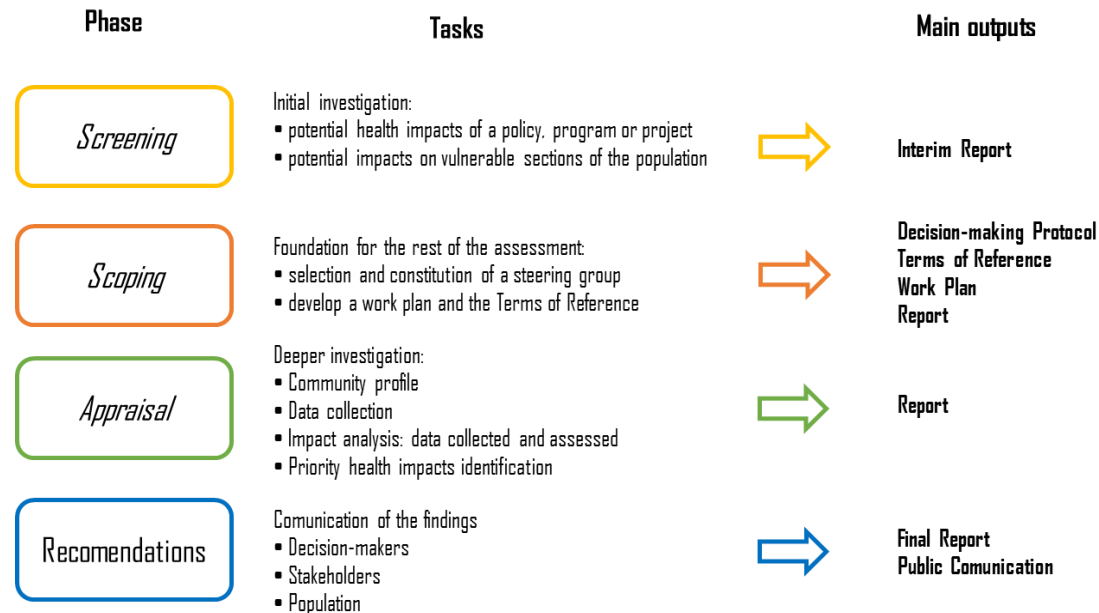
To build technical expertise and capacity to assess and evaluate policies, plans, programs and projects using HIA methodology.  
To develop a HIA toolkit, validated for use in Portuguese context based on national case studies.

## TRAINING PROGRAM STRATEGY



## PILOT STUDIES: A *LEARN BY DOING* PROCESS

HIA methodology using the guidelines of Irish National Institute of Public Health



## 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.