
**ICD-11 Training for Interoperable Mortality
and Morbidity Reporting**

**Copenhagen, Denmark
9 - 13 November 2026**

**17 August 2026
Original: English**

Scope and Purpose

Background

The 11th Revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) is a digital-first, multilingual, and interoperable international standard designed to support modern health information systems. Its implementation represents a critical step towards improving the quality, comparability, and usability of mortality and morbidity data.

In the European context, countries are increasingly required to ensure that health data can be exchanged, linked, and reused across systems and borders. Interoperability is therefore a foundational requirement for effective mortality and morbidity reporting. This reinforces the need for common semantic standards, high-quality coded data, and consistent implementation of international classifications such as ICD-11 to enable meaningful exchange, linkage, and reuse of health data.

This training is organized in the scope of **EU-supported actions under the EU4Health Programme**, implemented by the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe, which aim to strengthen health information systems, health data governance, data quality, and interoperability across the WHO European Region.

This training builds on World Health Organization guidance on digital health and interoperability, and positions ICD-11 not only as a statistical classification, but as a core semantic component within interoperable digital health ecosystems. The programme recognizes that successful ICD-11 implementation must be aligned with national digital health architectures, interoperability frameworks, and European data governance priorities.

Scope of the training

The scope of the training is to build national capacity for implementing ICD-11 for mortality and morbidity reporting within interoperable digital health systems.

Purpose

The purpose of this training is to strengthen national capacity for the implementation of ICD-11 for mortality and morbidity reporting, with a specific emphasis on interoperability. The training aims to equip participants with the conceptual understanding and practical skills needed to integrate ICD-11 into interoperable health information systems that support high-quality reporting, data exchange, and secondary use of health data.

Objectives

The main objectives of the training are to:

- **Strengthen understanding of ICD-11 implementation** for mortality and morbidity reporting in the context of digital health systems.
- **Enhance interoperability readiness** by demonstrating how WHO Family of International Classifications (WHO FIC), particularly ICD-11, supports semantic interoperability across information systems and data flows.
- **Provide hands-on experience** with ICD-11 tools, coding scenarios, mapping considerations, and implementation planning.
- **Support sustainable transition planning** from ICD-10 to ICD-11 at national level, taking into account governance, capacity, and system readiness.

Target Audience

The training is intended for senior-level professionals involved in the production, management, standardization, and use of mortality and morbidity data, including:

- National ICD country focal points from **Western and Northern European countries**.
- Health information system and interoperability leads
- Mortality and morbidity statistics specialists
- Digital health and data standards experts
- Ministry of Health officials with responsibility or authority for disease classification, reporting, or digital health governance

Participants are expected to have sufficient technical background and institutional roles that enable them to contribute to, or influence, national ICD-11 implementation and interoperability efforts.