

Application  
Deadline:  
**13 December  
2024**

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# Vienna Winter School Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Policies

## 18 – 21 February 2025



Organised by the  
**WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Policies**,  
located at Gesundheit Österreich GmbH (GÖG/Austrian National Public Health Institute),  
Vienna, Austria

### About Us

The WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Policies, based at the Pharmacoeconomics Department of the Austrian National Public Health Institute, is pleased to offer an in-person Winter School on pharmaceutical and reimbursement policies in Vienna. Led by international experts, the Vienna Winter School provides four days of intensive training and insights into pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement policies and challenges. The course will use a mix of learning tools to make the course experience inspiring, informative and interactive.

Newcomers  
welcome!

### Who should attend?

- Representatives of **public authorities** (competent authorities) working on the pricing and reimbursement of medicines (ministries of health, medicines agencies, social health insurance, procurement agencies, HTA agencies);
- **Payers in the health care system** (e.g. health insurance institutions / sickness funds, national or regional service services, private health insurance institutions).

If justified by a strong motivation letter, the organisers may also accept:

- **Researchers** involved in policy advice for public institutions.
- **Students** with a strong public health interest.

The School is open to applicants from **all over the world**.



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# Relevant topics

The Winter School will cover a **breadth of topics** including:

- **Pricing policies** along the pharmaceutical value chain.
- Sources of pricing data and the use of such data in pricing decisions.
- The politics and ethics of **prioritising medicines** for funding in public health care systems
- Reimbursement strategies.
- **Challenges and potential solutions** in pharmaceutical policy (e.g. access to high-priced medicines; medicines shortages).
- **Public communication** of policies and decisions.

Depending on the mix of applicants from **high-, middle- and lower-income countries**, we will tailor the programme to meet the needs of the participants.

The School offers a tailored programme to a global audience of policymakers and technical experts working on the pricing and reimbursement of medicines in public authorities including payers in health care systems.

**Reasons for visiting our Winter School** include:

In-depth training on P&R policies

Interactive sessions

Study visits

Excellent networking opportunity

Current & challenging topics

Beautiful Vienna

## Learning objectives

- To gain insight into **current policy debates**
- To understand the **concepts, strategies, and effects** of pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement
- To engage with the complexities of **priority-setting** in pharmaceutical policy
- To gain an overview of the **available tools** to adapt policies to current and future challenges
- To learn from other **country experiences**



## Application

- **The sooner the better** – early application is highly recommended.
- Limited seats available: The Winter School accepts **30 participants**.
- Deadline for application: **13 December 2024, 24:00 h**
- All information on the application process is available on the website.

## General Information

- Website: <https://ppri.goeg.at/winterschool2025>
- Course language: **English**
- **Contact:** [whocc@goeg.at](mailto:whocc@goeg.at)
- **Venue:** Gesundheit Österreich GmbH, Stubenring 6, 1010 Vienna, Austria



**Participation fee: 1450,-€ (VAT exempt)**



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