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National School of Public Health – Universidade NOVA de Lisboa

RESEARCH GROUP AND URL

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SHORT CV OF THE SUPERVISOR

Ines Fronteira - Graduated in nursing (2000), post-graduated in epidemiology (2010), Master in public health (2003), PhD in International Health – health policy (2011), Habilitation in Public Health - Epidemiology (2022). Assistant Professor at the National School of Public Health- NOVA University of Lisbon. Member of the Scientific Council of the Research Center Global Health and Tropical Medicine and coordinator of the Cross Cutting Issue Public Health Information. Advisor to the Minister of Health (2018-2019) and expert of the National Health Council (2016-2018). Coordinator of the Portuguese team of the European Observatory on Health Systems. Editor-in-chief of BMC Human Resources for Health. Counsellor of the National Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences (CNECV) (since 2021). Researcher and principal investigator in several national and international projects. Has more than 100 published papers. Works in the area of health systems and policies, with an applied epidemiology, health services and human resources for health approach.

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Christopher Millett - is trained in public health and has published extensively (> 300 articles) on health policy evaluation, public health nutrition, food systems and mitigation strategies for climate change more broadly, including sustainable transport policy. He has held over €20 million grant funding as P-I and over €50 million as Co-I and has extensive experience of managing complex, multi-country grants. He is Co-Principal Investigator for an NIHR Global Health Research Centre on NCDs and Environmental Change in Bangladesh, India and Indonesia (€12 million, 2022-27).

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5 SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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PROJECT TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION

From evidence to public policy – supporting health system stewardship and governance.

Despite the existing literature, conceptual frameworks, and models on the development of public policies, the upstream process of informing those policies is still under development and consolidation.

The “evidence base” movement, that started in the second half of the last century, in medicine, and that primarily aimed to answer very specific, clinical, effectiveness and efficiency-oriented questions has rapidly spread to other sciences, including political science and health policy. This resulted mainly from the systematized process of evidence seeking and analysis that evidence-based medicine then and evidence-based science now brought to the research arena. Nevertheless, and because of its clinical, quantitative background, in some scientific areas, the evidence base movement has completely adapted and has been serving as a way of pushing towards more effective, efficient and overall better responses to specific questions and problems. However, in public policy formulation and implementation, there is still on how to bridge the gap between evidence production and policy implementation and evaluation.

The National School of Public Health from NOVA University of Lisbon has a long standing tradition of working with Health Institutions in Portugal to provide evidence based knowledge and support to decision making in health public policies. With this project we aim to develop a model to implement and normalize evidence base knowledge into the policy decision process. To do so we will use ongoing research projects and consultancies with key players in the health system, to further the implementation and assess of this model.

We are looking for a candidate keen to work in knowledge translation, policy models and frameworks, with knowledge in qualitative techniques. The candidate will have the opportunity to work with the health systems and management team of the National School of Public Health as well as with national and international policy actors and stakeholders.

SCIENTIFIC AREA WHERE THE PROJECT FITS BEST*

Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)

***Scientific Area where the project fits best** – Please select/indicate the scientific area according to the panel evaluation areas: Chemistry (CHE) • Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC) • Economic



Sciences (ECO) • Information Science and Engineering (ENG) • Environment and Geosciences (ENV)
• Life Sciences (LIF) • Mathematics (MAT) • Physics (PHY)