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# Optimizing mental health care in poor resource settings: a global challenge

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Marie Skłodowska Curie Fellowship Closing Seminar



## Scope and aims of the seminar

With an emphasis on scalable interventions, personalized treatment approaches, and the pursuit of innovative solutions, this seminar will bring together leading experts and thought leaders to engage in critical dialogue on the current state of mental healthcare delivery worldwide. Featured speakers will include Dr. Vikram Patel (Harvard Medical School), who contributed to establish global mental health as a recognized field of research and practice; Marit Sijbrandij (Vrije Universiteit), expert in the prevention and treatment of mental health issues arising from trauma and adversity; and Dr Davide Papola (University of Verona), who will present the results of his three-year research project as a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow. Dr Ioana Alina Cristea (University of Padua), methodologist and meta-researcher, will provide context and a critical examination of the data and methodologies presented. The seminar aims to inspire domain experts and global mental health enthusiasts alike, while highlighting the European Union's research excellence and its potential to foster scientific advancement.

## Program

- 1:30 pm Participant registration
- 1:45 pm Introduction to the seminar (Corrado Barbui)
- 2:00 pm Scaling up psychological treatments: from science to practice (Vikram Patel)
- 3:00 pm Global Mental Health comes to the EU: the STRENGTHS project (Marit Sijbrandij)
- 4:00 pm RESHIFT final results (Davide Papola)
- 5:00 pm Discussion (Ioana Alina Cristea)
- 5:30 pm Closing remarks (Marianna Purgato)

The event will be in a hybrid modality. Use the link <https://tinyurl.com/5n7e45fn> or scan the QR code to participate. This event is sponsored by the European Union's Horizon-MSCA-2021-PF-01 research program under grant agreement N 101061648 to Davide Papola.

**Thursday, September 25, 2025 | 1:30 pm – 6:00 pm CET**

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