

## Announcement “Future Mortality” Workshop

Alongside the Joint Eurostat/UNECE Work Session on Demographic Projections (Belgrade, Serbia, 25-27 November 2019), Prof. Dr. Fanny Janssen (University of Groningen, the Netherlands) will organize a workshop on **Future Mortality**.



**When:** November 26, 2019, 3 PM to 6 PM

**Where:** Palace of Serbia, Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 2, Belgrade, Serbia

**Main organizer:** Prof. dr. Fanny Janssen, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

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The Future Mortality workshop is part of the research project on forecasting mortality that Fanny Janssen and her team have been working on over the last five years and is currently in the finalization phase. The research project is entitled "Smoking, alcohol and obesity – ingredients for improved and robust mortality projections". Main aim of the project has been to discern the effects of lifestyle factors (smoking, alcohol, obesity) on long-term mortality trends in Europe and to advance mortality forecasts by incorporating these effects. The research project involves an extension of Fanny Janssen’s earlier work on the incorporation of the effects of smoking into mortality forecasting for the Netherlands (Demography, 2013), the methodology of which was adopted by Statistics Netherlands in their official population forecast. In the current research project she and her team developed a methodology to forecast lifestyle-attributable mortality (smoking, alcohol, obesity) through advanced age-period-cohort modelling which account for the wave pattern of epidemics. In the current final stage of the project, this forecast of lifestyle-attributable mortality is applied to many different European countries and combined with coherent projections of non-lifestyle attributable mortality to obtain novel mortality forecasts.

See for more information on the research project [www.futuremortality.com](http://www.futuremortality.com).

The aim of the Future Mortality workshop is threefold. Firstly, to present and discuss the different elements of the novel mortality forecasting technique she and her team developed to integrate the effects of the smoking, alcohol and obesity "epidemics" and the past mortality experience in other European countries. Secondly, to brainstorm about possibilities for the potential implementation of the forecasting technique at statistical offices in Europe. Thirdly, to inform about and discuss her plans for a new research project to forecast mortality by socio-economic groups.

If you wish to attend the workshop please send an email to [f.janssen@rug.nl](mailto:f.janssen@rug.nl) the latest October 25, 2019.