



4th Croatian Health Economics Workshop

23rd and 24th September 2026 – Hotel Lone, Rovinj, Croatia



The **Croatian Health Economics Workshop** encourages the exchange of ideas and best practice, with the aim to promote discussion of high-priority topics for the health systems of Central and Eastern European countries (including EU-member and non-member states). More generally, the workshop acts as a platform for transferring knowledge within Central and Eastern Europe and with the broader international community.

For this 4th edition, CHEW will be held at Hotel Lone in Rovinj, in the Croatia region of Istria, on the 23rd and 24th September 2026.

To select contributions for the workshop, we now welcome submissions of abstracts or full papers using economic approaches to study the broad areas of health and health care, including but not limited to **financial sustainability, long-term care and ageing, data linkage and outcomes measurement, healthcare workforce, health outcomes research and decision-making, effects of economic events on health outcomes, effects of health events on economic outcomes, and financial incentives.**

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Please submit your **abstracts (max 350 words, preferably structured) or full papers** via the [form available here](#) **no later than 17th May 2026**. Early Career Researchers, authors from Central and Eastern European (or with papers focused on these countries) are particularly encouraged to submit.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission deadline: **17th May 2026**

Notification of acceptance: **By the 8th June 2026**

Full paper submission: **By the 31st August 2026**

The workshop will start on Wednesday 23rd September and close in the late afternoon of Thursday 24th September 2026.

WORKSHOP FORMAT

The workshop will accept up to 15 full papers. Each accepted paper will be assigned a discussant who will receive the paper ahead of the workshop. Papers submitted by Early Career Researchers will be discussed by expert senior academics. Each session will run as follows:

- a) a brief presentation by the author (15 min)
- b) a thorough discussion of the paper by the assigned discussant (15 min)
- c) open discussion with the audience (5 min)

KEYNOTE LECTURE

The 2026 CHEW keynote lecture will be delivered by **Prof. Matt Sutton**. Matt is a Professor of Health Economics at the University of Manchester and an adjunct Professor at Monash University in Melbourne (Australia). He has been elected Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2025, and is an NIHR Senior Investigator since 2016. Furthermore, he has been a member of multiple of funding, fellowship, and expert panels in the NIHR and other national bodies. Matt's research focuses on policy evaluation and applied econometrics. His research interests span the use and impact of financial incentives in health care, the healthcare workforce, influences on health behaviours and equity in health and healthcare. He is also an Associate Editor of Health Economics since 2007.

VENUE, LOGISTICS, FEES

The workshop will be held at the wonderful **Hotel Lone in Rovinj**. Rovinj and Istrian peninsula are one of the jewels of the Adriatic coast. Rovinj offers plenty of alternative accommodation options for the participants to choose from. The international airport in Pula is well connected to various destinations in Europe and the UK during the summer season.

Participants can register to the workshop for a conference fee of 600€ inclusive of accommodation at hotel Lone (check-in 22nd, check-out 24th, a limited number of rooms are available on a first come, first served basis) or without accommodation for a conference fee of 400€.

In both cases, the registration fee is inclusive of all conference lunches, refreshments and the conference dinner on 23rd September 2026.

If you have any additional questions about the conference, including travel, logistics, registration or fees, please contact us via email at chew@efri.uniri.hr.

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