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health worker retention and task shifting policies**



INTERMEDIATE EVENT OF THE HEALTH WORKFORCE PROJECTS CLUSTER

Tuesday 29th March 2022, 2.30 – 4.30pm, Brussels time

Dear colleague,

We invite you to join this webinar where the **first results** of the Health Workforce Projects Cluster on EU Health Policy Platform will be presented.

The aim of this webinar is to share information on the progress of the projects that aim to provide supporting tools, practical guidelines and to improve sharing of best practices that can help Member States to design and implement their policies related to health workforce retention, task-shifting and tackling regional medical deserts. Contribution from key stakeholders to the policy dialogue is essential to advance on these challenging issues.

The Health Workforce Projects Cluster covers **five EU co-funded projects** under the umbrella of the 3rd Health Programme. The projects focus on three key topics - medical deserts, task shifting and retention policies - that will be investigated thoroughly and internationally in the coming years.

Projects of the Health Workforce Projects Cluster:

- Action for Health and Equity - Addressing Medical Deserts: [AHEAD](#)
- MEnTal hEalth: fOCus on Retention of healthcare workers: [METEOR](#)
- prOmoting evidence-bASed rEformS: [OASES](#)
- Empowering EU health policies on Task SHifting: [TaSHI](#)
- A Roadmap OUT of mEdical deserts into supportive Health WorkForce initiatives and policies: [ROUTE-HWF](#)

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We are looking forward to welcoming you online!

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The EU Health Policy Platform will host this live webinar, following this **agenda**:

| TIMING | AGENDA |
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| 2.30 – 2.40pm | <p>Moderator: Klaudie Faltysova – Project advisor HaDEA</p> <p>Opening by:</p> <p>Miklós Szócska – Director, Semmelweis University, Health Services Management Training Centre</p> <p>Andrzej Rys – Director Health systems, medical products and innovation, DG SANTE, European Commission</p> |
| 2.40 – 3pm | <p>Key Note Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sarada Das, CPME – Present updated workforce strategy - Heather L. Rogers, Biocruces Bizkaia Health Research Institute – Supporting the mental health of the health workforce, from an Opinion by the Expert Panel on effective ways of investing in health (EXPH) |
| 3 – 3.10pm | <p>Q&A key note speakers</p> |
| 3.10 - 4pm | <p>Discussion with the five health workforce projects, with a focus on two themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Literature and State of the Arts - Methodologies |
| | <p>Literature and State of the art</p> <p>AHEAD - Action for Health and Equity - Addressing Medical Deserts Mirela Mustata, researcher – Center for Health Policies and Services Bucharest, Romania – Literature review, a first stage in defining a multidimensional definition of a “medical desert”.</p> <p>METEOR - MEnTal hEalth: fOCUS on Retention of healthcare workers Peter de Winter, Spaarne Gasthuis – Overview of the state of the art according to the systematic reviews.</p> <p>OASES - prOmoting evidence-bASed rEformS Paolo Michelutti, project manager, AGENAS – Outcome of the project, with emphasis on added value for EU countries of the literature review.</p> <p>TaSHI - Empowering EU health policies on Task SHifting Eszter Kovacs, project manager, Semmelweis University & Vibeke Sundling, University of South-Eastern Norway – Collection of contemporary literature and EU project reports in task shifting.</p> <p>ROUTE-HWF - A Roadmap OUT of mEdical deserts into supportive Health WorkForce initiatives and policies Ronald Batenburg, project manager, NIVEL – Results of a literature review on medical deserts from a health professional perspective.</p> |

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| | <p>Short break</p> |
| | <p>Methodologies</p> <p>AHEAD - Action for Health and Equity - Addressing Medical Deserts Dana Farcasanu, research coordinator - Center for Health Policies and Services Bucharest, Romania – Research methodology: contextualization yet comparability.</p> <p>METEOR - MEnTal hEalth: fOcus on Retention of healthcare workers Domenica Matranga, University of Palermo (UNIPA) – Methodology of the survey on main determinants of job retention among health care workers.</p> <p>OASES - prOmoting evidence-bASed rEformS Paolo Michelutti, project manager, AGENAS – Methodologies applied in OASES.</p> <p>TaSHI - Empowering EU health policies on Task SHifting Eszter Kovacs, project manager, Semmelweis University & Vibeke Sundling, University of South-Eastern Norway – Useful tools and practices in task shifting.</p> <p>ROUTE-HWF - A Roadmap OUT of mEdical deserts into supportive Health WorkForce initiatives and policies Ronald Batenburg, project manager, NIVEL – Mapping origins, types and policies for medical deserts from a comparative perspective.</p> |
| 4 - 4.10pm | <p>Reaction to the projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ber Oomen, Executive Director of ESNO (European Specialist Nurses Organisation) - Key note speakers: Sarada Das & Heather L. Rogers |
| 4.10 – 4.25pm | <p>Q&A</p> |
| 4.25 – 4.30pm | <p>Concluding remarks – Maya Matthews, Head of Unit, Performance of national health systems, DG SANTE, European Commission</p> |



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