



# #EUHPP LIVE WEBINAR

## Health workforce challenges: ways forward for policy making

26 JANUARY 2024, 10.00 - 12.00 CET, BRUSSELS TIME



Dear colleague,

We invite you to join this #EUHPP Live Webinar.

Health workers are the beating heart of every health system, as no health system can function and be sustainable without them. The global and regional demand for health workers is expected to increase in the coming decades, due to the ageing of the population, epidemiological factors and additional emerging factors. This development comes with challenges for policy makers in terms of availability, definition of the appropriate skill mix, working conditions of health professionals.

The Health Workforce Projects Cluster of the EU Health Policy Platform is organising a Europe-wide conference to discuss relevant policy recommendations, developed on the basis of the results achieved within the cluster, and to launch a call to translate them into action.

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.

### The EU Health Policy Platform team

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### Welcome and introduction

**Matthias Wismar**, Programme Manager, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

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10.00 – 10.10

### Health workforce challenges from the EU perspective

**Marco Marsella**, Director "Digital, EU4Health and Health systems modernisation", DG SANTE, European Commission

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10.10 – 10.20

### Belgian presidency 2024 - Tackling the health workforce crisis: towards a European health workforce strategy?

**Sabine Stordeur**, Director-General, DG Health Care, Federal Public Service Public Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment, Belgium

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10.20 – 11.15

### Panel discussion – Policy recommendations for addressing medical deserts, workforce retention and task shifting

**Moderator: Matthias Wismar**, Programme Manager, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

Representatives from the 5 projects of the Health Workforce Projects Cluster:

- **Giovanni Baglio** – OASES - prOmoting evidence-bASed rEformS
  - **Ronald Batenburg** – ROUTE-HWF - A Roadmap OUT of mEdical deserts into supportive Health WorkForce initiatives and policies
  - **Lode Godderis** - METEOR - MEnTal hEalth: fOCUS on Retention of healthcare workers
  - **Corinne Hinlopen** – AHEAD - Action for Health and Equity - Addressing Medical Deserts
  - **Eszter Kovacs** - TaSHI - Empowering EU health policies on Task SHifting
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11.15 – 11.55

### Panel discussion - Translating recommendations into action

**Moderator: Matthias Wismar**, Programme Manager, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

- **Marco Di Marco** – Scientific coordinator of the JA HEROES - HEalth woRkforce to meet health challEngES
  - **Thomas Zapata** - Unit Head, Health Workforce and Service Delivery, WHO Regional Office for Europe
  - **Sabine Stordeur** - Director-General, DG Health Care, Federal Public Service Public Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment, Belgium
  - **Marius Ungureanu** - President of the Health workforce research section, European Public Health Association
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11.55 – 12.00

### Conclusive remarks

**Maya Matthews**, Head of Unit, State of Health, European Semester, Health Technology Assessment, DG SANTE, European Commission

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