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How to effectively manage medical deserts, task shifting and retention policies?

OFFICIAL LAUNCH EVENT OF THE HEALTH WORKFORCE PROJECTS CLUSTER

Monday 20 September 2021, 11.00 – 12.30 CEST, Brussels time

Dear colleague,

We invite you to join this webinar to officially launch the new Health Workforce Projects Cluster on EU HPP.

The aim of this network is 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 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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The EU Health Policy Platform will host a live webinar following this **agenda**:

<p>11.00 – 11.10</p>	<p>From SEPEN (Support for health workforce planning and forecasting expert network) to Health Workforce Projects Cluster</p> <p>Opening by:</p> <p>Andrzej Rys – Director, Health systems, medical products and innovation, DG SANTE, European Commission</p> <p>Miklós Szócska – Director, Health Services Management Training Centre, Semmelweis University</p>
<p>11.10 -12.00</p>	<p>Presentation of the five health workforce projects</p> <p>Moderated by: Massimo Fagnini – project officer HADEA</p>
	<p>Introduction of AHEAD - Action for Health and Equity - Addressing Medical Deserts</p> <p>Corinne Hinlopen, project manager, WEMOS</p>
	<p>Introduction of METEOR - MEnTal hEalth: fOCUS on Retention of healthcare workers</p> <p>Lode Godderis, project manager, KU Leuven</p>
	<p>Introduction of OASES - prOmoting evidence-bASed rEformS</p> <p>Paolo Michelutti, project manager, AGENAS</p>
	<p>Introduction of TaSHI - Empowering EU health policies on Task SHifting</p> <p>Eszter Kovacs, project manager, Semmelweis University</p>
	<p>Introduction of ROUTE - A Roadmap OUT of mEdical deserts into supportive Health WorkForce initiatives and policies</p> <p>Sorin Dan, University of Vaasa</p> <p>Ana Isabel González, Avedis Donabedian Research Institute – Autonomous University of Barcelona</p>
<p>12.00 – 12.25</p>	<p>Q&A</p>
<p>12.25 – 12.30</p>	<p>Concluding remarks</p> <p>Maya Matthews, Head of Unit, Performance of national health systems, DG SANTE</p>



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