



Intersectoral cooperation to create partnerships of 'skills' in the healthcare sector

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ABSTRACT

Although the healthcare sector in Europe employs nearly 15 million people, accounting for over 7% of the workforce and almost 4% of the EU population, significant issues related to staffing shortages exist, which have been further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic¹. **Updating skills and qualifying and retraining healthcare personnel** (also referred to as a mix of skills) **are crucial to address this scenario**. Therefore, it is essential to develop skills that support the transformation of the healthcare sector.

The event "*Intersectoral cooperation to create partnerships of 'skills' in the healthcare sector*" aims to provide an opportunity for information, training, and discussion with a specific focus on the skills needed to achieve objectives in line with the theme of Healthcare System Transformation, namely how to create a healthcare system based on innovative organizational models, more technology-driven and digital. The event will present priorities and initiatives related to the European Year of Skills (with a focus on the Pact for Skills), Skills Partnerships in healthcare ecosystems, challenges, and potential solutions related to healthcare personnel (such as skills gaps and medical desertification). In addition, a series of good practices, European projects, and synergies that have been activated to respond to these needs will be presented.

The Autonomous Province of Bolzano, the promoter of the event together with ProMIS, aims to promote this multi sectoral initiative to explore the possibility of innovative constructs for the internationalization of training and academic education. The collaboration, the cooperation, and co-design with foreign universities, with a particular focus on the possibility of implementing study programs between universities from a cross-border perspective, is a fundamental aspect. Infact, it includes the organization of content, mobility of teachers and students, fostering the development of digital skills by combining the use of technologies (simulation, artificial intelligence, virtual reality) with philosophical humanistic concepts that place the relationship between citizens and healthcare professionals at the center, along with educators and professors.

¹ Eurostat, 2020. Majority of health jobs held by women. Available at: <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-eurostat-news/-/ddn-20200409-2>

Programme

08.45 – 09.00 **Participant Registration**

Coordinator: **L. Leonardini** ProMIS

TIME	CONTENTS	SPEAKERS
09.00 – 09.15	Opening and Key-note speeches	A. Kompatscher President of Autonomous Province of Bolzano G. Leonardi Ministry of Health A. Maritati ProMIS
09.15 – 09.45	Introduction	H. Meier Autonomous Province of Bolzano
PANEL 1: European initiatives and instruments to support skills		
09.45 – 10.15	2023 European Year of Skills with a focus on the Pact for Skills	M. Geleng* DG EMPL
10.15 – 10.30	Skills Partnership for the Health ecosystem	M. Di Donato EUREGHA
PANEL 2: The health workforce: challenges and solutions - Moderator C. Pierri		
10.30 – 10.45	The challenges of the European health workforce and the skills gap	C. Spegele* DG SANTE
10.45 – 11.15	Medical desertification	F. Vitello AGENAS
BREAK SESSION		

11.30 – 12.30	Round table: International strategic alliances for the development of education in universities	<p>G. Leonardi Ministry of Health L. De Paola, S. Rossi Ministry of Education, University and Research H. Meier Autonomous Province of Bolzano</p>
<p>Networking Lunch</p>		
<p>PANEL 3: European Projects: Synergies and Outcomes</p>		
14.00 – 15.30	Digital Skills for the health workforce and the digital transformation of the healthcare systems	<p>TSI Digital Skills for Digital Transformation of Health and Care Systems, C. Biffoli* Ministry of Health</p> <p>Joint Action “HEROES, HEalth woRkfORce to meet health challEnges”, P. Michelutti AGENAS</p> <p>EUVECA Project: a European Platform for Training Excellence in the Health Professions D. Conforti Autonomous Province of Trento</p> <p>H-PASS Health Professionals' and the “DigitAl team” Skills advancement”, C. Leorin, ProMIS</p> <p>Progetto DS4Skills – Data Space for Skills, J. Martinez-Usero* DIGITALEUROPE</p> <p>Health and care workforce in Europe: time to act, T. Zapata WHO</p> <p>Progetto CARE4CARE, M. L. Vallauri UNIFI</p>
15.30 – 16.00	Wrap - Up Session	<p>H. Meier Autonomous Province of Bolzano L. Leonardini ProMIS</p>

DG EMPL = DG for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

DG SANTE = General For Health and Food Safety

AGENAS = National Agency for Regional Health Services

EUREGHA = reference network for European Regional and Local Health Authorities

WHO Europe = World Health Organisation/Europe

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