



Health Workforce Research section



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Working together for a people-centred health workforce

EUPHA 'Health Workforce Research' (HWR) section
and the TO-REACH Project

in collaboration with ASPHER, EHMA, European Observatory on Health
Systems and Policies, and WHO Regional Office for Europe

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Wednesday, 28 November 2018

9.00-10.30 Session I

Aligning stakeholders, building capacity for a people-centred health workforce

Session I opens the debate with presenting major frameworks and approaches developed by WHO Europe and ASPHER and novel empirical results on stakeholder views from the TO-REACH project. What is the evidence for a people-centred and community-based health workforce, and which policy frameworks are available to enhance workforce innovation? How does public health respond to new demand for competences and innovation? The session will promote critical debate about priorities in health workforce development and how to effectively build capacity, strengthen innovation and align stakeholders.

Keynote statements

- Building a sustainable health workforce in the WHO European Region, *Gabrielle Jacob, WHO Regional Office for Europe, Division of Health Systems and Public Health, Human Resources for Health Programme*
- Strengthening the public health workforce, *Robert Otok, ASPHER*
- What do countries need? Priorities in health workforce research for the next Horizon Europe (Ninth) Framework Programme, *Johan Hansen, TO-REACH Project*

Plenary discussion

11.00-12.30 Session II

Break-out session

Session II is built on facilitated working groups to critically review the evidence presented in Session I and deepen the understanding of how to set priorities, align stakeholders and strengthen capacity building for a people-centred health workforce.

13.30-15.00 Session III

Exchanging research evidence, enhancing innovation and cross-country learning

Session III uses latest results from the TO-REACH project to explore how research evidence can be translated into practice and enhance innovation across countries. This includes the presentation of survey results as well as of innovation in management, research and methodology. The session also highlights the need for establishing a research agenda for building a future health workforce in Europe. The discussion will improve knowledge exchange on health workforce innovation and explain whether and how to translate innovation between countries. It will

Key note statements

- How to transfer health workforce innovation from one place to another and how to innovate methodology to support health workforce development? *Matthias Wismar, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies*
- How to manage the health workforce effectively? *Usman Khan, EHMA*
- How to promote health workforce innovation through research? *Ellen Kuhlmann, EUPHA section Health Workforce Research*

Plenary discussion

15.30-17.00 Session IV

Break-out session and summing-up

Session IV is built on facilitated working groups to critically review the results of the previous sessions. It will be facilitated by a couple of questions on health workforce frameworks, policy priorities and implementation arising from the key note statements and break-out session I. Summing-up the results will bundle evidence and novel solutions and align stakeholders to help countries in Europe to respond to the health workforce challenges more effectively.

17.00 Closing comments