



## ‘Health workforce’ Workshop

17 May 2018  
Sofia, Bulgaria

The purpose of this workshop is to foster knowledge and experience exchange on the challenges facing the health workforce in the EU and the role European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) can play in managing these challenges. The following issues will be discussed:

- Workforce planning - assessing needs and developing a strategic approach;
- Workforce training - skills and knowledge gaps and training needs;
- The role of the ESI Funds in supporting the above.

The workshop will be carried out in collaboration with the Ministry of Health in Bulgaria and feature the ‘Specialisation in Health’ project supported by the European Social Fund.

This workshop is part of a series of events organised by the ‘ESI Funds for Health’ project funded by the Health Programme of the EU (Jan 2017- Dec 2018) with the aim to:

- Gather knowledge on health investments by the ESI Funds across the EU;
- Build knowledge and capacities to support the implementation of the ESI Funds for health.

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## Draft Agenda: Thematic Workshop

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Essence Centre

Ul. 6-ti Septemvri 37, 1000 Sofia (inner yard)

Time	Agenda
09:15-09:30	Registration
09:30-10:00	<p><b>Welcome and introduction</b></p> <p>09:30 - 09:45 Jennifer McGuinn, Milieu</p> <p>09:45 - 10:00 Deputy Minister of Health, Bulgaria</p>
	<b>Part 1: Policy challenges and ESI Funds spending</b>
10:00-10:30	<p><b>Policy context on Health Workforce cooperation at the EU level</b></p> <p>Katarzyna Kielar and Constantin-Ovidiu Dumitrescu, DG SANTE, European Commission</p>
10:30-11:00	<p><b>ESI Funds for Health: overview of preliminary findings</b></p> <p>Mariya Gancheva and Rosa Castro, Milieu</p>
11:00-11:30	Questions and discussion
11:30-12:15	<p><b>Health workforce needs in the EU and the role of the ESI Funds: an overview from experts of the Joint Action Health Workforce (JAHW)</b></p> <p>Marieke Kroezen, Erasmus Medical Centre Rotterdam, NL</p> <p>Paolo Michelutti, National Agency for the regional Health Services, IT</p> <p>Dora Kostadinova, Medical University of Varna, BG</p>
12:15-12:30	Questions and discussion
12:30-13:30	Networking lunch
	<b>Part 2: How can ESI Funds support the health workforce?</b>
13:30-14:00	<p><b>Presentation of the projects: ‘Specialisation in health’ and ‘Improving conditions for treatment of emergency’</b></p> <p>Ministry of Health, Bulgaria</p>
14:00-14:30	<p><b>Summary of the peer review discussions</b></p> <p>Milieu and participants of the peer review day</p>
14:30-15:30	<p><b>Parallel breakout sessions discussing the role of ESI Funds in addressing health workforce needs in the EU. Each group will discuss the following questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the workforce planning challenges in the different Member States?</li> <li>• How can these challenges be addressed?</li> <li>• What is the specific role ESI Funds can play in addressing these challenges?</li> <li>• How to ensure that ESI Funds best support the health workforce?</li> </ul>
15:30-15:45	Coffee break
15:45-16:30	<p><b>Summary and conclusions of the event:</b></p> <p><b>ESI Funds support for the health workforce now and after 2020</b></p> <p>Milieu</p>