

# Joint Action Health Workforce

## NEWSLETTER

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#### PROGRAMME MANAGER'S WORDS

From now on in each issue, we will have a few words from Michel Van Hoegaerden.



#### The Joint Action kicked off

successfully on April 11th in Brussels. All the partners started their working processes, and work is on its way to meet the first deliverables.



#### WP 5 Kick off meeting & WP 4 Workshop



#### What's new in other work packages?

Our work packages progress in their endeavours of providing high quality outputs on the JA.



#### Upcoming Events

Learn more about what events are coming up in the near future!



This newsletter has  
been created for you  
by the WP2  
dissemination team.

Enjoy your reading!

# PROGRAMME MANAGER'S WORDS

The Joint Action on Health Workforce Planning & Forecasting kicked off in April 2013. In this fifth issue of the Newsletter of the Joint Action, I wish to point out some "Programme manager's comments". In the future, you will find my overview statements at the beginning of every Newsletter. Our Joint Action is currently on schedule, on scope, on budget and not encountering high risks. So, what is there to be said? Well, I think our partners deserve attention in this first overview statement.

During the first 3 months of our project, I've noticed how many people are involved in the Joint Action on Health Workforce. We currently have 30 associated partners and 22 collaborating partners on board; several countries and organizations joined us recently and others are still considering joining. But there is more. I also noticed a very high attendance of partners to the meetings organized within the Joint Action. This is an important indicator, showing that health workforce planning is a highly important topic in the eyes of all.

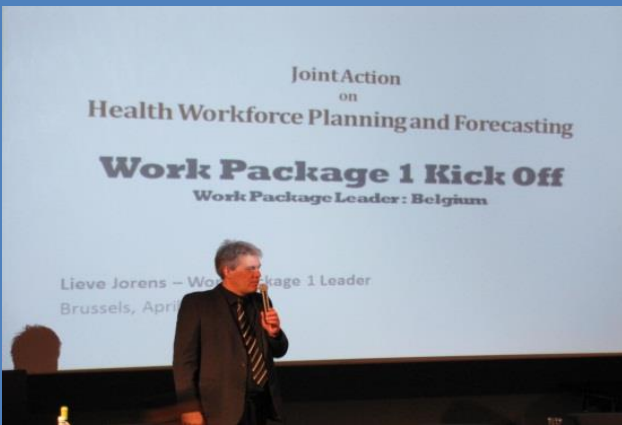
But not only has the high attendance to the meetings caught my eye, also the high quality of the contribution that our partners are providing is highly noticeable. In particular I'd like to refer to the international organizations and important stakeholders that are involved in our Joint Action. With their business and transversal driven view, they help the Member States to turn ideas into feasible actions, fitting the needs. The importance of consulting the stakeholders and the importance for WP2 to prepare the stakeholder analysis and the stakeholder forum is clear, and is one of the next challenges to tackle!

**Michel Van Hoegaerden,**  
Programme Manager, Joint Action on Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting



# KICK OFF MEETING IN BRUSSELS

The kick off meeting was a big successful event held in the Museum of Natural Sciences in Brussels. In this unusual and interesting place all partners and stakeholders got together as one team and met each other in person. Every WP leader introduced the scope and objectives of the work package and plans for the upcoming period. The discussions on the Joint Action continued informally during the social event in the evening .



## WP 5 KICK OFF MEETING



The Italian team has worked really hard on the preparations for their kick off meeting in Rome on 16th and 17th of May. And it showed: With a total of 42 participants the kick off meeting introduced the position of WP 5 in the Joint Action, the objectives of the work package and further steps to come. WP 5 workshop focused on review of forecasting models and explained the template on planning procedures of health workforce for different target groups.



## WP 4 WORKSHOP

The Budapest workshop held on 13th and 14th of June was a successful event attended by 41 participants from 15 European countries. The event focused on the WP activities planned until the next WP level workshop, that will take place in February 2014. Two main activities discussed were the analysis of the national level HWF data contents from the perspective of international data definition and the mapping of health workforce mobility data on European level. The event provided a balanced mix of lively discussions and presentations by the participants.

# AND WHAT IS NEW IN OTHER WORK PACKAGES ?

**WP2** is currently finishing the stakeholder analysis guidelines and in-country knowledge brokers final list. The work package is also getting ready for starting to work on the dissemination plan that is due in September.

**WP3** has worked out the evaluation indicators and the evaluation strategy, in cooperation with other Work Packages. The strategy and evaluation will be finished by the end of August and will be discussed at the Executive Board Meeting in Sofia.



**WP6** focuses currently on working with partners to produce a template collecting information on how partners incorporate qualitative information in their workforce planning. On top of that, WP6 has started to design their pilot study.

**WP7** is working on the preparation of their Kick off meeting in Sofia, focusing on sustainability and collective approach. Partners will be welcomed in Sofia on September 3<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> for the formal Kick Off and first work shops of the work package!



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We are looking forward to the upcoming events of the Joint Action that will push the work plans and activities forward!



## MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS

SEP

**3-4**

WP7 Kick Off meeting, Sofia

SEP

**19-20**

WP5 Workshop, Milan

SEP

**26**

WP Leader Meeting, Leuven

SEP

**27**

Executive Board Meeting, Leuven

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