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Dear Colleague,

The Joint Action on Health Workforce on Planning & Forecasting, funded by the Health Programme of the European Union, is creating a platform for collaboration and exchange of experts in the field of Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting (HWF PI&F).

Common challenges exist across Europe which are likely to substantially impact on the demand, supply and skill mix of the health workforce which risk undermining the sustainability of health systems in the European Union.

This network is urgently needed to help the European Union to deepen understanding of the issues, to identify solutions to address the increasing imbalance of Europe’s health workforce.

Attached you will find the leaflet describing the Joint Action.

It is the task of the Joint Action’s Work Package 7 – Sustainability to recruit and list the available highly qualified experts, who can share their knowledge.

Previous studies²¹ funded by EC, leading to the Joint Action project highlighted the importance of such a network to be included in the preparation of future policy responses decisions.

In a first stage, the network will include known experts keen to be kept informed of the EU developments on Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting, and volunteering to be invited for opinions and sharing of information. These candidates will also enjoy higher networking opportunities and an increase of the potential impact of their current expertise. The future network will include experts with

²¹ <http://ec.europa.eu/>



various skills, from technical expertise to policy-making and public processes like employment and education.

We intend to start the network activities at the end of the year 2014, and build up on those activities both thematically and jointly with other existing networks related to healthcare, education and employment matters throughout Europe.

As an expert in the field, we hope that you might be willing to take part in this network. Therefore, we kindly invite you to participate in this initiative.

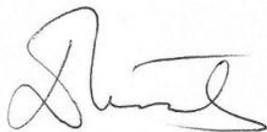
Please complete the attached Registration form for the network and send it back to the following e-mail: **experts.HWF@mu-varna.bg**.

Your registration will be handled by the Joint Action project (through the Medical University of Varna, Bulgaria). Your registration does not mean that you commit to any additional work, but that you offer to consider a potential opportunity for yourself, your organization and your country to contribute to health workforce planning processes and to transfer knowledge.

This initial round of request for registration is to be completed by the summer of 2014. In the meantime, together with the applicant, the Joint Action Programme will put forward a proposal for the design and workplan for the network in construction and will be presented to you by the end of the year. The network itself would then officially start by 2015.

Would you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. You may also have a look at our web-site on www.euhwforce.eu.

Yours faithfully,



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