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### Conference on Planning & Educating Health Workforce without borders

Varna, Bulgaria, 18th and 19th of February 2016

#### Invitation for the third Joint Action Conference

Dear associated partners,  
Dear collaborating partners,  
Dear EU Commission,  
Dear Chafea representatives,  
Dear All,

On behalf of the Joint Action Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting, we are happy to invite you to the third Joint Action Conference. The event will take place in Varna, Bulgaria, on 18th and 19th February 2016. Enclosed you may find the draft program of the conference, as well as all information you need in order to register for the event and for organizing your travel.

#### ***Objective and framework of the conference***

1. The prime goal of the Conference is to create a platform for networking and dialogue. Our network proposes very actual subjects for debate.
2. This 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference aims to tackle the following topics:

#### ***The challenge of the mobility of health professionals***

Supported by the work of Work Package 4 on mobility data, several speakers will discuss the issues and opportunities of the mobility of health professionals, but will also tackle the topic of studying abroad.

Several country cases will shed a light on various model situations.

#### ***The effect of a changing demography on health workforce needs***

Considering the continuous changes in demography, mainly towards the increase of the life expectancy, some international speakers will put in perspective the structural changes of the demand for Health Workforce and the subsequent adaptations.



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Finally, the specific link between **Education and Health** will be presented through various future perspectives supported by WP6's analysis on future skills' needs and also by country level's best practices. The conference aims to foster the dialogue between the education and health sector.

The event will be an excellent platform for active networking and interactive encounters of Joint Action's partners, stakeholders, professional organizations, decision makers and for those who are involved in health workforce planning.

### ***Draft Program of the Conference***

#### **18th February**

09.30 am – 10.30 am Registration

10.30 am – 12.00 pm Opening and Welcome speeches

12.00 pm – 01.15 pm Lunch

01.15 pm – 05.00 pm The challenge of mobility for health professionals

#### **19th February**

09.00 am – 03.30 am Parallel sessions on the effect of a changing demography on health workforce needs and on the education of health professionals for the future.

03.30 pm – 05.00 pm Conference conclusions and Closure

Logistic details are posted on our web-site. We encourage you to reserve your flight quite early in order to secure a seat on the several available flights.

We look forward to meeting you in Varna.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the Joint Action Conference team  
Michel Van Hoegaerden, Joint Action Programme Manager



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