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## EXPERT NETWORK LAUNCH WEBINAR – SUMMARY REPORT

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## INTRODUCTION

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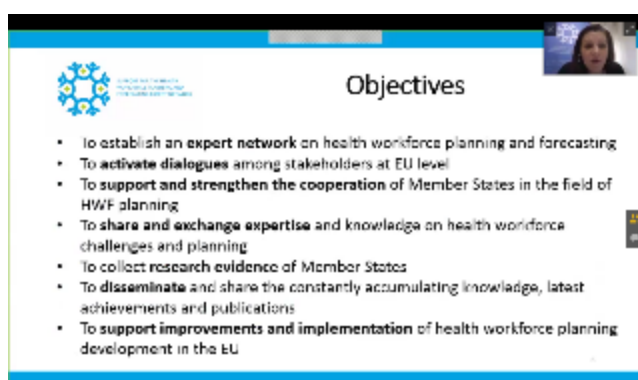
- [Presentation of SEPEN joint tender by Eszter Kovacs](#)
- [Presentation of the functionalities of the EU HPP by Miriam D'Ambrosio](#)

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On 11 July 2018, the joint tender '[Support for the Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting Expert Network](#)' (SEPEN) organised a webinar to launch the expert network's activities. A video of the webinar is available [here](#).

## SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS

The webinar was moderated by Ms Annabel Seebohm, Secretary General of the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME). As SEPEN project manager, Dr Eszter Kovács of Semmelweis University opened the webinar with an introductory presentation on the SEPEN joint tender. She emphasised the key objective of creating an international community of health workforce experts to exchange and build knowledge, evidence and experience. Dr



Kovács outlined the different activities planned for the SEPEN joint tender, that is a mapping exercise of the situation of health workforce planning in the EU, a series of thematic workshops to discuss topical questions with international experts, the facilitation of site visits to exchange national experience and, as a backbone to these tasks, the creation of an expert network. Since the beginning of the recruitment process in May 2018, the expert network has already congregated

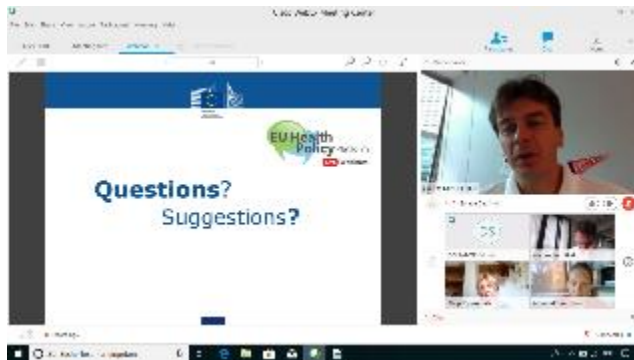
around 200 members based in 39 countries and representing a plethora of backgrounds and disciplines.

To elaborate on the expert network's activities and communication tools, Ms Miriam D'Ambrosio, Communication and Project Officer to CPME, next presented the expert network's online forum hosted on the European Commission's [EU Health Policy Platform \(EU HPP\)](#). To join the online forum, expert network members are invited to register on the EUHPP to have full access to the interactive communication tool. She highlighted the different features which enable every expert network member to contribute to the regular news up-dates and events calendar for example. In



addition to these opportunities, the online forum will also be the platform for focussed expert network activities, such as webinars or live chats. She concluded by encouraging all expert network members who had not yet done so to join the online forum.

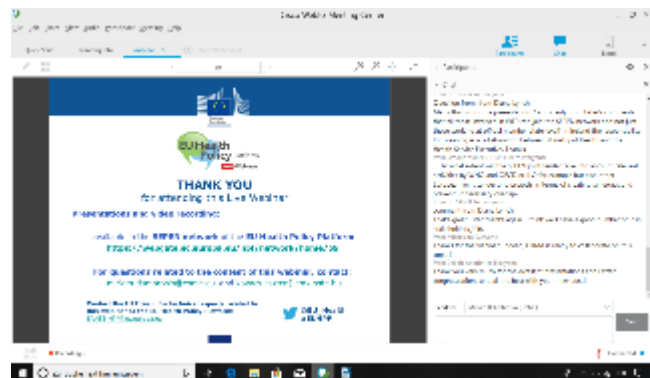
These presentations were followed by a lively question & answer session. It was confirmed that the expert network is open to all stakeholders involved in health workforce planning, also those who wish to build expertise to become experts. Expert network members are therefore encouraged to forward the [invitation](#) to join the SEPEN expert network to contacts they wish to involve. In terms of engaging in the online forum or other SEPEN communication activities



such as the newsletter, it was confirmed that the online forum allows all network members to post contributions, share documents and highlight events. In addition, expert network members can always [contact the SEPEN team](#) to propose ideas for articles and activities. Several questions around the [exchange of national expertise](#) were also discussed. As coordinator of this activity, Mr Paolo Michelutti of the Italian National Agency for

Regional Health Services (Agenas) confirmed that requests for support are welcome and can be brought to the SEPEN team via a national ministry. The aim is to ensure broad stakeholder involvement in these national site visits.

In terms of workload, participation in activities is on a voluntary and, at times, invitation-only basis, therefore there is no pre-defined amount of input expected, however active contributions are of course welcomed and encouraged to make full use of the opportunities offered.



The webinar concluded by Ms Seebohm thanking all participants for the lively exchange and inviting them to keep in touch via the online forum for news on the next SEPEN activities.