

## Strengthening social dialogue hospital sector: New HOSPEEM and EPSU project



(5 February 2019) HOSPEEM and EPSU have been provided with financial support from the European Commission for a joint project in the field of sectoral social dialogue capacity building: **“Strengthening social dialogue in the hospital sector in the East, South and Central Europe”** in the years 2019 and 2020.

### **Objectives**

The project will provide an appropriate framework to continue addressing capacity building needs of social partners. The work will serve to help build the capacity of the hospital sector social partners in 14 targeted countries (Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland and Romania, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal and Spain, Croatia, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Slovenia) by exchanging on and collecting the relevant topics and priorities in view of the EU-level sectoral social dialogue.

It will also be instrumental to discuss and evaluate the core priorities and outcomes

of the sectoral dialogue between EPSU and HOSPEEM for the targeted regions, and to assist in feeding into the sectoral social dialogue committee for the hospital/healthcare sector (SSDC HS) the social dialogue interests and important topics in a “bottom-up” process to support the aim of building capacity.

You can read more about the project's objectives, activities, expected outcomes and the project partners in a document compiled by the HOSPEEM Secretariat:

[\*\*Summary Info Project\*\*](#)

## **Implementation of the action**

The project has started in January 2019 will run over 24 months, i.e. until December 2020. This will allow the delivery of a full project cycle including preparatory activities, the implementation of the work plan and the dissemination of results already fully under the project (not excluding further dissemination efforts after the end of the project).

The project foresees the organisation of three Regional Capacity Building Workshops, the first in June 2019 in Bucharest (Romania), the second in November 2019 in Rome (Italy) and the third one in Zagreb (Croatia), most probably in May 2020. The preparation and organisation of the first event will be supported by our Romanian affiliate Sanitas, the second by HOSPEEM's Italian member organisation ARAN and the third one by our Croatian trade union affiliate HSSMS-MT. A dissemination workshop will take place by the end of 2020 and will be targeted to a wider audience in Brussels (Belgium).

Orientation and guidance when preparing the workshops and the final conference, the country factsheets and the reports from the event will be provided by an Advisory Committee composed by representatives from the project partners Sanitas, ARAN and HSSMS-MT. The Advisory Committee will have the task – together with a team of expert to be contracted – to help the Secretariats to prepare, support, monitor and evaluate project-related activities.

## **Timeline**

- **28 March 2019, Brussels:** [\*\*Kick-off meeting of the Advisory Committee\*\*](#)
- **14 June 2019, Bucharest:** [\*\*Regional Workshop with targeted countries Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland and Romania\*\*](#)

- **15 November 2019, Rome:** [Regional Workshop with targeted countries Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal and Spain](#)
- **15 May 2020, Zagreb:** Regional Workshop with targeted countries Croatia, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Slovenia
- **November / December 2020, Brussels: Advisory Committee synthesis meeting**
- **November / December 2020, Brussels: Dissemination Workshop**

A [poster](#) prepared by the HOSPEEM Secretariat gives a good graphical representation of the above timeline.

### **Expected results**

As **main deliverables**, the project will produce a report from each Regional Capacity Building Workshop (to be drafted by the project consultant/team of experts to be contracted) and to be agreed upon by the Advisory Committee and the HOSPEEM and EPSU Secretariats.

Other deliverables are

- a final report summarising the main insights, conclusions and recommendations from the three Regional Capacity Building Workshops and the final dissemination workshop;
- 14 fact sheets of the targeted countries collecting national social partners' priorities and challenges through survey and desk research;
- Video-recorded interviews of the Advisory Committee members, participating in the three Regional Workshops, as well as other stakeholders attending the workshops.

The information gathered the outcomes of the workshops' debates, the contents of the reports on the Regional Workshops will be fed back into the regular meetings of the Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for the Hospital Sector (SSDC HS) to be further discussed and assessed, in particular in view of their use to influence EU-level policymaking.

You can read the article on the HOSPEEM webpage [here](#).

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