

EPSU-HOSPEEM Project (2017-2018) on CPD and MSD and PSRS@W

Joint EPSU-HOSPEEM Project “Promoting effective recruitment and retention policies for health workers in the EU by ensuring access to CPD and healthy and safe workplaces supportive of patient safety and quality care” (01.02.2017-31.01.2019)

1) Introduction

For the years 2017 and 2018 HOSPEEM and EPSU have been provided with financial support from the European Commission for a joint project in the field of recruitment and retention entitled: **“Promoting effective recruitment and retention policies for health workers in the EU by ensuring access to CPD and healthy and safe workplaces supportive of patient safety and quality care”**. It is an essential part of their [Work Programme SSDC HS 2017-2019](#).

The project will provide an appropriate framework to continue to focus on **continuing professional development (CPD)** as a first joint policy priority for HOSPEEM and EPSU. The work will serve to collect, discuss and evaluate social partner-based initiatives and policy measures on a range of aspects linked to the aim of facilitating access to CPD and guaranteeing quality services supportive of patient safety and provided by a workforce fit for practice. It will build on the HOSPEEM-EPSU [Joint Declaration on Continuing Professional Development and Life-Long Learning for All Health Workers in the EU](#) (available in EN, FR, DE, ES and SV).

The project will secondly be geared towards the follow-up to results and recommendations of the HOSPEEM-EPSU joint project (2014-2016) in the field of **occupational safety and health (OSH)**. The **prevention, management and reduction of “musculoskeletal disorders” (MSD) and “psychosocial risks and stress at work” (PSRS@W)** have been identified by HOSPEEM and EPSU members as two key priorities for their future joint work. In June 2016 they agreed on a **“Summary Document”** - available in [EN](#), [FR](#), [DE](#), [ES](#), [RU](#) and [SV](#) - (see also [EPSU’s](#) and [HOSPEEM’s](#) webpage on the second conference on PSRS@W on 10 November 2015 in Helsinki in the context of the most recent HOSPEEM-EPSU

project), setting out a number of follow-up activities to support policy implementation EPSU and HOSPEEM have agreed to consider in a next step.

HOSPEEM also has set up a [page](#) with project-related information.

2) Summary information on project (updated as of 20 April 2017)

a) [Long version](#) (in EN only)

b) [Short version](#) (in EN only)

3) Project-related events

Below you will find further **information and relevant documents for the two conferences** organised in the context of the project:

a) Conference 1

[HOSPEEM-NVZ-EPSU Conference on Continuing Professional Development \(CPD\), "Working together, learning together - Switching to the learning mode", 19 and 20 June 2017, Amsterdam](#)

b) Conference 2

[EPSU-LSDASP-HOSPEEM Conference on Occupational Safety and Health focusing on prevention and reduction of MSD and PSRS@W , "A sound mind in a sound body - Taking care of those who take care of us", 23 and 24 May 2018, Vilnius](#)

4) Timeline

- **28 February 2017, Brussels:** Kick-off meeting of the Steering Groups 1 (CPD) & 2 (OSH) - *DONE*
- **19-20 June 2017, Amsterdam:** Social partners' conference on Continuing Professional Development, Amsterdam - *DONE*
- **10 October 2017, Brussels:** Meeting of Steering Group 1 (CPD)
- **11 October 2017, Brussels:** Meeting of Steering Group 2 (OSH)
- **23-24 May 2018, Vilnius:** Social partners' conference on OSH, Vilnius
- **5 April 2018, Brussels:** Meeting of the Steering Group 2 (OSH)
- **12 November 2018, Brussels:** Meeting of the Steering Group 1 (CPD) & 2 (OSH)
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