

Dear Partners,

I hope that those of you who attended our excellent Joint Action kick-off meeting last week in Brussels had a nice journey back home.

The WP4 kick-off was a great success. Thank you for attending and for all your contributions during this meeting. With such a strong kick-off, I'm confident that during the next 3 years - by working together and learning from each other - we will achieve a real change in how health workforce data is collected and managed in the MSs of the EU and in other associated countries.

Next steps : WP4 Workshop

We are preparing the invitation to the workshop in Budapest foreseen June 13th & 14th.

Nevertheless, please already make sure that these dates are registered in your agenda.

According to the Joint Action (Budget) Planning, the following Associated & Collaborative Partners are expected to contribute by joining that meeting:

- Belgium
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Finland
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Slovakia
- Spain
- Sweden
- UK

And other international organisations:

- UEMS
- EFN
- AIEP

I invite these partners to already identify their participant(s).

Of course we are happy to register other partners as well who would like to contribute to the meeting, taking into account that the travel will not be reimbursed.

WP4 Documentation: The Joint Questionnaire

A very important element of our discussion is the Joint Questionnaire issued by Eurostat-OECD-WHO, as the excellent international health workforce data collection tool.

Please find attached this questionnaire.

Provided Gaetan Lafortune (OECD) who works on the development of Joint Questionnaire together with Elodie Cayotte from Eurostat who attended the WP4 kick-off, you'll also find attached a paper assessing some of the results from the 2012 joint data collection.

Please take a look at the attached material as first homework preparing the workshop.

Next week we shall send you the official invitation to the Budapest Workshop.

Kind regards

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