

“The human resources – main capital of the health system”

“The human resources – main capital of the health system” was the main theme of the Dissemination event that was held on 17.05.2016 within the project *Joint Action on Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting*.

The ideas, objectives and the achieved outcomes of the project were presented during the event, with an emphasis on the work of the Bulgarian team from the Medical university of Varna and the National Center of Public Health and Analysis.

Moderators of the meeting were prof. Todorka Kostadinova - Vice Rector of the Medical University - Varna and co - leader of WP 7 "Sustainability", assist. prof. Emanuela Mutafova - Dean of the Faculty of Public Health and prof. Stefka Koeva - Head of Department of Economics and Management of Health Care.

The main sessions of the meeting were focused on the following themes “The ideas, objectives and the process of implementation of the project”, “European Network of Experts on Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting” - sharing of experience and points of view”, “Presentation of the main Joint Action outcomes and deliverables” and “Perspectives and guidelines for health workforce governance”

This event is part of the Joint Action on Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting. Mobility, access to health care for different demographic groups, education and specialization of health professionals, the effective distribution of resources in health and social care are discussed as topics with high priority for all European countries, including Bulgaria.

Among the guests of the meeting was assoc. prof. Antoaneta Tsvetkova – chair of the standing committee on health in the Municipal council - Varna, who gave high evaluation of the work of the Medical University – Varna and particular the Joint Action team for the active participation and achieved results. The event also attended representatives of non-government organizations, professional organizations, project departments from different universities and other stakeholders.

At the end of the meeting it was summarized that the Joint Action on Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting has showed how European Cooperation can be beneficial for countries by handbooks, guidelines on how to improve health workforce planning as well as analysis on data with recommendations on how to improve data structures. The Joint Action has also provided a platform for health workforce experts to exchange knowledge and expertise and opportunities to discuss and develop the training and competences for the future generations.