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Subject: Request for participation in the Survey on Mobility of Health Professionals

Please find below an invitation to take part and/or invite relevant stakeholders to fill in the attached questionnaire on the health workforce situation. The MoHProf (summary attached) project consortium (we are one of the partners) has initiated the survey in order to collect relevant policy information for the countries that were not covered in the project. Subsequently we have decided to increase the scope of surveyed organizations and include a broader group of stakeholders in Europe, whose input would be very much valued for the preparation of recommendations/policy actions.

Additionally, we wish to take the opportunity to inform on the forthcoming **High Level International Conference on mobility of health professionals and human resources for health** (*provisionary title*) which we are organizing jointly with the other two major EC funded research projects on the topic, Prometheus (with the European Observatory for Health Systems) and RN4cast (also a large consortium headed by the University of Leuven, Belgium) under the Polish Presidency Patronage. The Conference will be held on the 7th to the 9th of December 2011 in Brussels. More information will follow.

Thank you for your anticipated assistance and please let us know in case of questions.

Best regards,

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Mobility of Health Professionals (MoHProf)

Invitation to Survey

Dear Madam/Sir,

The intergovernmental International Organization for Migrations (IOM) would like to invite you to take part in a survey within the framework of the Mobility of Health Professionals (MoHProf) project, co-funded by the European Commission, DG Research, Seventh Framework Programme. IOM is one of the lead partners of

the Project Steering Group, Research Steering Group and is responsible for the regional research in Africa, as well as policy and dissemination related activities including development of recommendations, policy round tables and International conference, planned for the Fall 2011.

Worldwide mobility of health professionals is a growing phenomenon, impacting the health systems of receiving, transit, and sending countries. EU Member States are increasingly affected by these developments – which might occur simultaneously within the same country. Therefore the need to develop European policies to adequately address these issues is urgent. At the same time, reliable and differentiated knowledge and findings as a basis for such policy are lacking. The research project *Mobility of Health Professionals* (MoHProf) will contribute to improving this knowledge base and facilitate European policy on human resource planning.

Herewith we kindly invite you to contribute to the MoHProf study and fill in your answers in the attached questionnaire. You are not necessarily expected to comment on each item of the questionnaire: while some of you may wish to comment in detail, others may just want to add a few words, so that the questionnaire may only take a few minutes to fill out. You can simply insert your answers into the text, using track changes or a different font to mark your additions. If you prefer, you can also return the questionnaire in hard copy to IOM Brussels (Rue Montoyer 40, 1000 Brussels).

Please be critical in your comments. We will quote your remarks in an anonymous way and your confidentiality will be strictly protected.

For ease of reference, we are sending along with the questionnaire, the MoHProf project summary.

When completed, please return the filled in questionnaire by email to adetrell@iom.int by June 30, 2011.

Yours sincerely

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Mobility of Health Professionals (MoHProf)



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Research issues



The general objective of the project is to research current trends of mobility of health professionals to, from and within the EU. Research will also be conducted in non-European sending and receiving countries, but the focus lies on the EU: comparative studies in a selected range of representative states will determine the impact of different types of migration on national health systems. Partners inside and outside the EU will cooperate in the project. Scientific institutes capable of conducting sound investigations are working together with worldwide active international health service organisations, which have the information and global links for research and policy development on international mobility.



Methodological approach



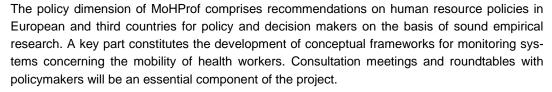
An innovative approach will generate more comparable, specified and qualified data gathered by mainly qualitative research. The project looks for quantities of migration flows, as well as detailed qualities like professions, motives, circumstances and the social context, i.e. push and pull factors. Crucial for the approach are key stakeholders, which represent the relevant unities, organisations, and sectors in national health systems. They will enable the collection of existing data and statistics, but, above all, enable the generation of new, qualitative data. In-depth interviews, based on thematic guidelines, with representatives of these key stakeholders will allow a triangulation of the data: their expertise on health professionals' mobility and its impact on structures and processes of health systems will qualify the quantitative findings and explore what mobility means for the health systems and the persons and organisations involved. Furthermore, a Delphi Survey will be performed in those EU member states not covered by the other methodological approaches.





Policy dimension







MoHProf is funded by the European Commission as a medium-scale collaborative project within the Seventh Framework Programme.

Participating scientific institutes and international organisations

The lead partner of MoHProf is WIAD. The participants form a Project Steering Group (a). Research will be supervised by a Research Steering Group (b) and conducted by Regional Research Partners (c).

Scientific Institute of the German Medical Association (WIAD), Germany (a, b, c)

International Organization for Migration (IOM), MRFs Brussels (a, b, c) and South Africa (c)

Medical University of Varna (MUV), Bulgaria (a, b, c)

Centre of Migration Research of the Warsaw University (CMR), Poland (a, b, c)

Institute of Health Policy and Development Studies of the University of the Philippines (IHPDS) (a, b, c)

Public Health Institute (PHI), USA (a, b, c)

International Hospital Federation (IHF), France (a, b)

International Council of Nurses (ICN), Switzerland (a)

World Medical Association (WMA), France (a)

Global Health Workforce Alliance (GHWA), Switzerland (a)

Above countries are covered and studied by collection of available information (reports, statistics etcetera) and qualitative interviews with national steak holders, migrant health professionals and local human resource managers. The present Delphi Study will cover the remaining 15 EU member countries."

Sampling of countries

The sampling is based on high absolute figures and/or high rates of foreign or expatriated health professionals in the health systems of the receiving or sending countries, respectively. Research will be conducted in EU receiving countries (Austria, France, Germany, Ireland, Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, United Kingdom), sending countries to the EU (Algeria, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, South Africa [Africa]; India, Australia, The Philippines [Asia]; Russia, Ukraine [Europe]), sending countries within the EU (Bulgaria, Lithuania, Poland, Romania) and destination countries for health professionals from EU Member States (Canada and United States of America).

Duration and time schedule

The project comprises four phases over a three-year period starting from November 2008:

- Pilot phase of theoretical and methodological work (month 1-6)
- Qualitative and quantitative field studies inside the EU and third countries on the macro level (month 7-18)
- Qualitative and quantitative field studies inside the EU and third countries on the micro level (month 19-30)
- Development of empirically based policy recommendations (month 31-36)

There will be four project meetings, starting with a kick-off meeting and project launch and concluding with an international conference, and roundtables as appropriate.

Deliverables

Deliverables comprise guidelines for research; comprehensive, comparative reports on the macro, as well as on the micro level – based on respective country reports; and empirically based recommendations for human resources policies, including conceptual frameworks for monitoring systems. Moreover, dissemination of the projects results and outcomes to a wider public of target groups will include a web site, a roundtable with policy makers and above all the international conference addressing experts, stakeholders and policymakers.

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Questionnaire



1. Is there a balance of supply and demand for health professionals in your home country?

	Medical doctors	Nurses	Dentists	Other:			
a. There is a balance of supply and demand							
b. Supply overweighs demand							
c. Demand overweighs supply							
Comments							
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Please indicate refere	nces of pu	ıblished i	nformation	or data on	this subj	ect:	
s international migrat	ion of hea	lth profe	essionals an	issue in yo	ur count	ry?	
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□ No							
yes, is it considered a	a challenge	e or an ac	dvantage or	what else?	Please e	explain:	
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Monitoring of supply:						☐ Yes 〔	¬ No
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	work abroad?
•	Which are the <u>most frequent health professions</u> (doctors, nurses, dentists, other health professionals -please mention specialization if applicable) that migrate <u>from</u> your cour to work abroad?
•	Which are the main sending countries from which you receive health professionals?
•	Which are the most frequent health professions (doctors, nurses, dentists, other healt professionals -please mention specialization if applicable) that migrate to your country
	Is there any information/data available from your country about internal migration (i. health professionals leaving the national health care workforce in order to work in oth professional sectors within the country)? If yes, please specify according to profession
	group.

9.	Please indicate the extent to which you think each of the following represents an
	important push factor away from your home country. Please rate each push factor related
	to your home country from "not important at all" to "extremely important".

PUSH FACTOR	Not important at all	Slightly important	Moderately important	Important	Extremely important	No opinion
a. Security for family						
b. Too many working hours						
c. Lack of job opportunities						
d. Unemployment of health professionals						
e. Too low salary						
f. Profession not valued enough						
g. Lack of further, more specialized, training and education						
h. Active recruitment agencies						
i. Lack of appreciation from employer						
j. Low level of development of home country						
k. Inefficient organization of health services						
I. Family life is difficult						
m. Too hierarchical organization						
n. Political situation						
o. Discrimination						
p. Ethnical/religious factors						
q. Other						
r. Other						
s. Other						
Comments						

10. Please indicate the extent to which you think each of the following represents an important <u>pull factor to another country</u>. Please rate each pull factor from "Not important at all" to "Extremely important"

PULL FACTOR	Not important at all	Slightly important	Moderately important	Important	Extremely important	No opinion
a. Security for family (in receiving country)						
b. Satisfying number of working hours						
c. Enough available job positions						
d. Satisfying salary level						
e. Profession is highly valued						
f. Career advancement opportunities						
g. Further, more specialized education/ training available						
h. Ability to apply learned skills						
i. Active recruitment agencies						
j. Employer express their appreciation of professionals performance						
k. High level of general development of the receiving country						
 I. Effective organization of health services 						
m. Family life is facilitated						
n. More egalitarian organization						
o. Other						
p. Other						
q. Other						
Comments						
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11.	Please indicate the extent to which you think each of the following represents an
	important reason to stay abroad. Please rate each stay abroad factor from "not important
	at all" to "extremely important"

STAY ABROAD FACTOR	Not important at all	Slightly important	Moderately important	Important	Extremely important	No opinion
a. Expectations are met (in receiving country)						
b. Integration in new country is successful						
c. Learning receiving country language						
 d. Learning receiving country health service organization and regulation 						
e. Material standard improved						
f. Situation in home country has not changed						
g. Restarting at lowest level in home country						
h. No recognition of acquired skills/ qualifications abroad						
i. Other						
j. Other						
k. Other						
Comments						
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12.	Please indicate the extent to which you think the following represents an important reason
	to stick to home country. Please rate each stick factor from "not important at all" to
	"extremely important"

JIICK	TO HOME FACTOR	Not important at all	Slightly important	Moderately important	Important	Extremely important	No opi
	amily bonds and ependencies						
	atisfying work conditions						
c. Sa	atisfying salary level						
th	o not want to start from ne beginning in a new ountry						
СО	prooting from home ountry is too cumber ome						
sig of	nere is a brighter future in ght regarding development f health services in home buntry						C
g. Ot	ther						
h. Ot	ther						
i. Ot	ther						
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14.	Is there profess		tern	ational agre	eme	ents (bilateral, multilateral) on migration of health
		Yes		No		No opinion
						s/organizations to be involved
15.	-				_	ganization (WHO) recently adopted a Global Code of Health Personnel?
		Yes				
		No				
	If yes, p country		hov	v this code n	nay a	affect migration movements to or from your
			••••••			
16.	Is there	e a role for the	Eur	opean Unio	n (E	U) on migration of health professionals?
		Yes		No		No opinion
	If yes, p	lease indicate	wha	at should be	the	role of EU
			••••••			
17.	_	aware of the ow: scope for				s on investing in Europe's health workforce of aboration?
		Yes				
		No				
	If yes, p	lease indicate	hov	v the conclus	sion	s may affect migration in your country

	have any policy recommendations or ethical codes at national, EU and/or tional level regarding migration of health professionals?
	National (if yes, please mention recommendation/ code)
	EU level (if yes, please mention recommendation/code)
	International (if yes, please mention recommendation/ code)
-	u give any examples of "good practice" (projects, activities, initiatives) at national, /or international level regarding migration of health professionals?
	National (if yes, please mention "good practice")
	EU level (if yes, please mention "good practice")

	International (if yes, please mention "good practice")
Further	comments/remarks:

Finally, thank you very much for taking your time to complete this questionnaire.

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