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### **EHMA and HFE launch an EU Stakeholder Network named EUHPP Thematic Network – Profiling and Training the Healthcare Workforce of the Future**

**Brussels, 10 May 2021** – The European Health Management Association (EHMA) and Health First Europe (HFE) are pleased to announce the transition of their thematic network on Profiling and training the health care workers of the future into an official EU Stakeholder Network in order to build a community of expertise and practice around the evolving skills required of the EU's health workforce.

In 2020-21, EHMA and HFE jointly coordinated the one-year Thematic Network dedicated to 'Profiling and training the health care workers of the future'. The Thematic Network had more than 31 stakeholders across European health and care systems with the relevant experience to inform a policy discussion and to define the barriers and incentives to promote the education, training and upskilling of the health workforce.

The goals of the network were to support the European Commission and its Members States in profiling future healthcare workers' needs and identifying and improving their core competencies in light of anticipated future healthcare needs. It was also designed to highlight a potentially more important role for the Commission in the debate about health system reforms, digitalisation and new models of care.

The final output of the network was the development of a [Joint Statement](#) that presents a list of workforce education best practices which can be shared across borders. It speaks to the skills required of the workforce of the future and the role of healthcare professionals in promoting data-driven innovation. Importantly, they would also promote patient-centered and inter-disciplinary models of care. Additionally, the joint statement identifies the core competencies of the workforce of the future and presents a set of concluding policy recommendations to encourage more ambitious initiatives at the EU, national and organisational level.

The Joint Statement was endorsed by 26 organisations and more than 20 health experts in the EU health ecosystem. Along with their endorsements, the stakeholders expressed their interest in continuing to work on this topic, to build on the work of the thematic network and to continue sharing best practices.

The newly created stakeholder network will continue to:

- highlight best practices;



- revisit and scale-up the activities of the thematic network, most specifically the survey, to strengthen the evidence base to identify the core competencies required of Europe's future health workforce in general; and
- build on its previous work to identify more concrete areas for action by health authorities to support pan-European collaboration in the upskilling and reskilling of the health workforce.

**You can join this network by registering in the [EU Health Policy Platform](#) and [requesting access to the network](#). See [here](#) for more information on how to join the Platform.**

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