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SESSION BRIEF

PARALLEL SESSION 2

PROMISES OF FUTURE HEALTHCARE (EHEALTH)

THURSDAY, 21st OF MARCH 2019 14:30 – 17:00

<p>16:00-17:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PARALLEL SESSION 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PROMISES OF FUTURE HEALTHCARE (EHEALTH)</p> <p><i>A. Short description of the theme and expectations of the meeting</i></p> <p><i>Health decision-makers in Europe face a number of common technical, political and socio-economic influences in reforming their national health systems. These include the increasing cost of healthcare, demographic change and population ageing, changing profiles and burden of disease, concerns about health workforce sustainability and growing patient demand. These drivers, in turn, raise broader concerns around affordability and sustainable financing, adequate and well-equipped human resources for health, and the ability of health systems to still provide timely and quality care to citizens.</i></p> <p><i>Digital health, and in particular the emergence of data-driven technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and genomics-based approaches in health offer new promise in extracting value from the massive quantity of health data being generated to benefit healthcare professionals, patients and in shaping the input to, and effectivity of, public and population health interventions.</i></p> <p><i>However, to leverage this potential, European Member States are called upon to take bold steps in transitioning existing health systems and service delivery towards patient-centred models of care. This will inevitably require changes to existing organizational processes & structures, the roles and functions of healthcare professionals, medical curricula and methods of education and training, policy and regulation as well as new approaches to addressing the cultural contexts of healthcare delivery.</i></p> <p><i>In this session we will explore the above, and other factors in examining the ways in which the health workforce can best prepare to embrace the digital future of healthcare.</i></p>	
	<p><i>B. Panellists</i></p> <p>Venue: CMO/CDO (Drepturile Omului Hall)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Clayton Hamilton, Technical Lead, Digitalization of Health Systems, Division of Health Systems and Public Health, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Cristian Grasu, secretary of state, Ministry of Health, Romania 	<p>Venue: CNO (IC Bratianu Hall)</p> <p>Moderator: Professor Thomas Kearns, Executive Director, Faculty of Nursing and Midwives, Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Andrzej Rys, Director for health systems, medical products and innovation, European Commission

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Juliana Sa, assistant coordinator, EU eHealth Network, on behalf of Henrique Martins, SPMS, Portugal • Ms. Maria Grapini, member of the European Parliament • Mr. Marius Geanta, President, Centre for Innovation in Health, Romania • Dr. Liisa-Maria Voipio-Pulkki, Chief Medical Officer and Head of the Management Support at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland • Prof. Anne Moen, Director, UiO:eColab, University of Oslo, Norway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Howard Catton, Chief Executive Officer, International Council of Nurses • Prof. David Benton, Chief Executive Officer, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, United States of America • Dr. Maximo Jurado Gonzalez, President, EU network of Nurse Regulators • Dr Raed Arafat, Secretary of State, Ministry of Interior, Romania • Ms. Outi Ahonen, senior lecturer and researcher, RDI Department, Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Finland
	<p><i>C. Guiding Questions to be addressed during the panel discussions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What structured approaches can be taken to increase the engagement of healthcare professionals in the use of digital solutions in healthcare delivery? How can we adequately prepare the health workforce for the impending changes to the way in which healthcare is expected to be delivered in the future? What are the factors that need to be addressed?</i> • <i>How can we ensure that digital solutions in healthcare are appropriately designed to meet (and not hinder) the needs of healthcare professionals?</i> • <i>How do we best ensure that the future solutions of digital health are accessible to all European populations and that we do not exacerbate a digital divide and perpetuate social and health inequalities into a digital environment?</i> • <i>How can we ensure the creation of an effective communication and feedback loop between primary healthcare providers and public health institutions to help advise on the safe and effective adoption of digital technologies in health?</i> • <i>What are the top 3 digital services that healthcare professionals would MOST like to see mainstreamed into care environments in the immediate future?</i> 	
	<p><i>D. Format of the session</i></p> <p>14:30 - 15:30 Presentation by each speaker, max. 9 minutes, one after each other.</p> <p>15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break</p> <p>16:00 - 17:00 Moderated panel discussion</p>	