

Agenda Workshop

BRUSSELS, 22nd October 2024

EU minimum harmonised training for midwives – time for an update?

09:30 – 10:00	Registration and welcome coffee
10:00 - 10:15	<p>Keynote Speech</p> <p><i>Jakub Boratynski, Director, Directorate D Networks & Governance, DG GROW - European Commission.</i></p>
10:15 - 10:45	<p>Presentation of the study on mapping and assessment of developments for sectoral professions under Directive 2005/36/EC – Midwife</p> <p><i>María Domínguez and Ieva Malickaite, Spark Legal and Policy Consulting</i></p>
10:45 - 11:00	Q&A
11:00 - 12:15	<p>Speaker presentations and panel discussion: Impact of scientific and technical advancements on professional training of midwives in light of study preliminary results</p> <p><i>Moderated by Prof Joeri Vermeulen, Head of Midwifery at Erasmus Brussels University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Visiting Professor at University of Luxembourg (Key midwifery expert)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Prof Viktoria Vivilaki</u> – President of The European Midwives Association (EMA) – <i>“The role of digital technologies in modern midwifery”</i> 2. <u>Danuta Czarnecka</u> – Expert, Department of University Organisation, Education and Student Affairs at Ministry of Science and Higher Education (Poland) – <i>“Regulatory framework and educational standards for midwifery in Poland”</i> 3. <u>Prof Dr Lea Beckmann</u> - Vice-President for Education of German Midwifery Association (Germany) - <i>“Strengthening midwifery: advancing continuity of care and empowerment across the EU”</i> 4. <u>Prof Ali Ghanchi</u> - Professor in Midwifery at University of Luxembourg (Luxembourg) – <i>“The role of midwives in public health and prevention in France: A grassroots level perspective”</i> 5. <u>Daniela Drandic</u> - Head of Advocacy and Communications of International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) – <i>“Public health and prevention”</i>
12:15 - 12:45	Q&A
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch Break (Networking)

13:45 - 14:45	<p>Breakout sessions: Scientific and technical advancements – need for an update of the EU minimum harmonised training? What is possible within the limits of the Commission’s delegated power under Directive 2005/36/EC?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Topic 1</u> (<i>moderated by Spark Legal and Policy Consulting</i>): Scientific advancements: focus on 1) Comprehensive midwifery care (Mental health; Respectful and special needs care); 2) Midwifery education and training methods (Evidence-based practice and research; Inter/multidisciplinary and soft skills); and 3) Health promotion, prevention and control (Public health). 2. <u>Topic 2</u> (<i>moderated by Spark Legal and Policy Consulting</i>): Scientific advancements: focus on 1) Gynaecology and reproduction (Gynaecological care; Sexual and reproductive health and rights); 2) Obstetrics and childbirth (Obstetrics); and 3) Neonatal and paediatric health (Neonatology (and high-risk newborns)). 3. <u>Topic 3</u> (<i>moderated by Spark Legal and Policy Consulting</i>): Technical advancements: focus on 1) Digital health (E-Health and digital technologies).
14:45 - 15:15	Coffee Break (Networking)
15:15 - 15:55	<p>Concluding plenary session</p> <p><i>Moderated by Prof Joeri Vermeulen:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presentation of the outcomes of the breakout sessions. 2. Wrap up by DG GROW, <i>European Commission</i>.
16:00	End of the workshop