The high-level conference

HEALTHCARE HUMAN RESOURCES CRISIS: Small Countries Facing Future Risks

on April 11, 2025.

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel & SPA Daugava, Kuģu iela 24, Riga Conference
Language: Latvian and English with interpretation.
Date and time: April 11, 2025, 8:00 - 17:15

Agenda:

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
8:00-9:00		Registration and coffee break
9:00-9:40	Prime Minister of Latvia **Evika Siliņa** Minister of Health of Latvia **Hosams Abu Meri** Regional Director for Europe, WHO **Dr. Hans Kluge** Head of the European Commission Representation in Latvia **Zane Petre**	Conference Opening
9:40-10:40	Head of the Health Division, OECD **Francesca Colombo** Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Economics, **Jurģis Miezainis** President of the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) **Dr. Ole Johan Bakke**	Employment situation in the healthcare sector in a European context Current employment situation and workforce alignment with future labor market needs – healthcare as a strategic priority in national employment policy Healthcare deserts and human resources crisis in the European Union
10:40-11:00		Coffee break
11:00-12:00	President, European Junior Doctors Association **Alvaro Cerame** Rector of Riga Stradiņš University **Aigars Pētersons** Nurse - **Gundega Blizņeca** Junior Doctor- **Edgars Maļcevs** Experienced Doctor - **Edīte Vītola**	Small countries, big challenges: recruitment and retention through Junior Doctors' eyes How to successfully attract applicants to medical studies? Personal stories: life of healthcare workers
12:00-13:00	Ministers of Health of Small States or their Delegated Representatives	Ministerial panel discussion: Experiences and challenges of small countries
13:00-13:10		**Q&A**
13:10-14:25		Lunch break
14:25-15:25	Head of the Health Workforce and Service Delivery Unit, WHO/Europe **Tomas Zapata** Latvian Employers' Confederation **Kaspars Gorkšs** Chairman of Latvian Health and Social Care Workers' Trade Union **Valdis Keris** Head of Human Resources Development, Ministry of Health **Kristīne Kļaviņa**	Health workforce crisis everywhere - What can we do? Employer opportunities, solutions Healthcare Human Resources in Latvia – Problems and Solutions Health workforce development strategy 2025 - 2029
15:25-15:35		**Q&A**
15:35-16:00		Coffee break
16:00-17:00	Ministers of Health of Countries or their Delegated Representatives	Ministerial panel discussion: Healthcare human resources crisis – what will we do tomorrow?
17:00-17:15		Closing remarks

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