"From brain drain to brain gain" - New project funded by the European Commission

The Global Health Workforce Alliance and the Health Workforce Department of the WHO, recently launched a new project, supported by the European Comission and Co-funded by Norad. From brain drain to brain gain- Supporting WHO Code of practice on International Recruitment of Health personnel for Better Management of Health Worker Migration has the main objective of improving the management of migration flows from sub-saharan Africa and Asian countries towards Europe with a special emphasis on the management of labour migration of health personnel. Read more

Call for submissions - Public hearing to review the relevance and effectiveness of the WHO Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel

WHO will hold a one-day public hearing on April 22nd to gather public opinion (from Member States, civil society and institutions of Member States) on the relevance and effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of health Personnel (the Code). Click to read more

Monitoring progress on the implementation of Code- Second round reporting (2015-2016)

To monitor the progress made in implementing the WHO Code, and in accordance with the request of the World Health Assembly (Resolution WHA63.16), a national self-assessment tool was created for Member States. The updated national reporting instrument (NRI) for the second round reporting by Member States has been launched. Designated national authorities will be responding to the NRI via a web-based data interface until 31 July 2015. Click to read more
European Year for Development

2015 is the first European Year to deal with the European Union's external action and Europe's role in the world. The initiative is an opportunity to highlight stories on how EU development aid works. For its "Health" theme in April, the project is pleased to highlight **Ireland's action to strengthen international partnerships on health workforce development** as well as a series of interviews on health worker migration.

Information session on relevance and effectiveness of the WHO Code of Practice on the International recruitment of Health personnel

An expert advisory group (EAG) meeting was convened 5-6 March 2015 in response to the WHO Executive Board's request (January 2015) to carry out the review of the relevance and effectiveness of the Code. The EAG consists of 12 representatives of WHO member states (2 from each region) and 8 technical experts with institutional knowledge of the Code development and labour mobility. As part of the EAG 1st meeting, an information session and open consultation was organised to provide an overview of the EAG governance structure, timeline, framework on the review of the Code relevance and effectiveness and the reporting mechanism. It served as an opportunity for Member States and other actors to present evidence to the EAG and promote policy dialogue among relevant constituencies including HRH planners and policy-makers.

Research Protocol for data collection

A research protocol has been developed to facilitate the EC funded "Brain drain to brain gain" project. Currently, health workforce information based on minimum data sets standards is mostly absent in low- and middle-income countries, and a lack of standards-based electronic or web-enabled health workforce registries compounds the problem, leading to lack of real-time documentation of workforce profile and mobility. These limitations constrain effective and timely reporting on the WHO Code. The purpose of this protocol is to ensure a consistent methodology is applied for data gathering and analysis. The protocol will be piloted with partners of the project. Organizations conducting related research work can obtain the draft research protocol, from the WHO/GHWA Secretariat - ghwa@who.int

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