

# STRENGTHENING SOCIAL DIALOGUE

in the hospital sector in the East, South and Central Europe (2019-2020)

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

HOSPEEM and EPSU have been provided with financial support from the European Commission for a joint project in the field of sectoral social dialogue capacity building **“Strengthening social dialogue in the hospital sector in the East, South and Central Europe”** in the years 2019 and 2020.

### Objectives

The project will provide an appropriate framework to continue addressing capacity building needs of social partners. The work will serve to help build the capacity of the hospital sector social partners in 14 targeted countries (Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland and Romania, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal and Spain, Croatia, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Slovenia) by exchanging on and collecting the relevant topics and priorities in view of the EU-level sectoral social dialogue.

It will also be instrumental to discuss and evaluate the core priorities and outcomes of the sectoral dialogue between EPSU and HOSPEEM for the targeted regions, and to assist in feeding into the sectoral social dialogue committee for the hospital and healthcare sector (SSDC HS) the social dialogue interests and important topics in a “bottom-up” process to support the aim of building capacity.

### Implementation of the action

The project will run over 24 months. This will allow the delivery of a full project cycle including preparatory activities, the implementation of the work plan and the dissemination of results already fully under the project (not excluding further dissemination efforts after the end of the project).

The project foresees the organisation of three Regional Workshops, the first in June 2019 in Bucharest (Romania), the second in November 2019 in Rome (Italy) and the third one in May 2020 in Zagreb (Croatia). The preparation and organisation of the first event will be supported by Sanitas (EPSU affiliate, Romania), the second by ARAN (HOSPEEM member, Italy) and the third one by HSSMS-MT (EPSU affiliate, EPSU). Furthermore, a Dissemination Workshop will take place in November 2020 targeted to a wider audience in Brussels (Belgium).

Orientation and guidance will be provided by an Advisory Committee composed by representatives from the affiliated associations Sanitas, ARAN and HSSMS-MT.

The Advisory Committee will have the task – together with a team of expert to be contracted – to help the Secretariats to prepare, support, monitor and evaluate project-related activities.

## Timeline



## Expected results

- A report from each Regional Workshop to be drafted by the expert and to be agreed upon by the Advisory Committee and the HOSPEEM and EPSU Secretariats;
- A final report summarising the main insights, conclusions and recommendations from the three Regional Workshops and the final dissemination workshop;
- 14 fact sheets of the targeted countries collecting national social partners' priorities and challenges through survey and desk research;
- Video-recorded interviews of the Advisory Committee members as well as other stakeholders attending the workshops.

The information gathered the outcomes of the workshops' debates, the contents of the reports on the Regional Workshops will be fed back into the regular meetings of the SSDC HS to be further discussed and assessed, in particular in view of their use to influence EU-level policy-making.