STRENGTHENING SOCIAL DIALOGUE IN THE HOSPITAL AND HEALTHCARE SECTOR

Social partners: Situation fragmented on both sides

Trade unions
- NSZZ Solidarność
- National Trade Union of Nurses and Midwives in Poland
- Federation of Trade Unions of the Health Care and Social Assistance Employees

Employers’ organisations
- Employers of Poland
- Polish Confederation of Private Employers “Lewiatan”
- Business Centre Club
- Nationwide Union of Private Healthcare Employers

Federation of Trade Unions of Health Care and Social Assistant Employees
- EU level sectoral social dialogue committee for the Hospital and Healthcare Sector through EPSU

Reasons for non-participation: language and finances

European Social Dialogue: Social partners’ limited involvement on sectoral level

European Semester: Mixed involvement across Poland
- Some trade unions are occasionally informed;
- Others are not involved at all and not interested to be involved in reforms proposed within the European Semester procedure.
- No information received from employers’ organisations.

Priorities for the EU level: Support on working conditions to ensure patient safety

Priorities of the trade unions in the healthcare sector
1. Increasing the staff of nurses in hospitals to ensure patient safety;
2. Financial demands regarding wage increase, in particular for nurses;
3. Increase in healthcare investment;
4. Act on effective qualification demands of healthcare professionals of non-business providers;
5. Staff retention in the context of ongoing changes in the organisation of the hospital sector.

Further information
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