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## FIRST OASES EU WIDE CONFERENCE

### Making medical deserts bloom

Friday 10 December 2021, 9.00 – 13.00 CET, Brussels time

Dear colleague,

global and regional demand for health workers is expected to increase in the coming decades because of demographic and economic growth combined with epidemiological and additional emerging factors.

In this context, all European countries are facing similar challenges regarding the current and future health workforce. These challenges risk undermining the possibility of national and regional health systems to achieve universal health coverage.

**OASES** project organises its first EU-wide conference with the aim to describe medical desert phenomenon through the use of specific indicators. At the same time this will be the occasion to involve experts from the other projects acting in the field of mitigating medical deserts in order to coordinate the actions under this call.

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We are looking forward to welcoming you online.

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The EU Health Policy Platform will host a live event, following this **agenda**:

9.00-9.15	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> Paolo Michelutti, project manager OASES project, AGENAS
	<b>Keynote speeches</b>
9.15 – 9.30	<b>Medical deserts from the global perspective</b> James Buchan, WHO Consultant
9.30 - 9.45	<b>Medical deserts from the EU perspective</b> Katarzyna Ptak-Bufkens, policy officer, Performance of National Health Systems, European Commission
9.45 – 10.00	<b>Country experiences on medical deserts – The case of Romania and Moldova</b> Marius Ionut Ungureanu, assistant professor, director of education, Department of Public Health Babeş-Bolyai University Sergiu Otgon, specialist in human resources in health development, National Public Health Agency
10.00-10.20	<b>Discussion</b>
10.20-10.30	Break
	<b>Co-creation sessions</b>
10.30 – 11.10	<b>How to <u>identify</u> medical deserts</b> <i>Kick-off presenter:</i> Corinne Hinlopen, project manager, AHEAD project <i>Moderator:</i> Eszter Kovacs, assistant professor, head of the health workforce planning development knowledge center, Semmelweis University <i>Guests:</i> Marius Ionut Ungureanu, assistant professor, director of education, Department of Public Health Babeş-Bolyai University
11.10 – 11.50	<b>How to <u>measure</u> medical deserts</b> <i>Kick-off presenter:</i> Véronique Lucas-Gabrielli, research director, Institute for Research and Information in Health Economics <i>Moderator:</i> Guillaume Chevillard, research fellow, Institute for Research and Information in Health Economics <i>Guest:</i> James Buchan, WHO Consultant
11.50 – 12.30	<b>Factors of desertification</b> <i>Kick-off presenter:</i> Ronald Batenburg, project manager, ROUTE-HWF project <i>Moderator:</i> Timo Sinervo, research professor, Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare <i>Guest:</i> Sergiu Otgon, specialist in human resources in health development, National Public Health Agency
12.30 – 12.40	<b>Conclusive remarks and next steps</b> Paolo Michelutti, project manager OASES project, AGENAS



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