Health workers for all

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Abstract

Mobility of is a right of every individual: like other professionals, health workers have the right to choose the place where they wish to live and work. In a public health perspective, however, health systems have also the duty to ensure that mobility of professionals does not translate into brain drain, and into inequality of access of citizens to health services. Which are the policies put in place at European and global level to ensure that both the right to mobility and the right to health are protected? The impact of austerity measures on mobility of health workers across Europe will be taken into account; cases of specific countries will be briefly presented; actions at European and local level will be illustrated.