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# Future of pharmacy profession and education – students' perspective

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# About EPSA



- Since 1978
- Representing 160.000 students
- 41 member associations in 34 countries
- Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium
- 27 team members (9 executive members)



# About EPSA



*The vision of the Association is to **represent, reach and engage** every single pharmacy student in Europe **to collaborate on the development** of the future of pharmacy and healthcare together*

- 4 events per year
- 3 editions of our Newsletter
- Educational and mobility projects
- Collaboration with professional and student associations



**Bringing pharmacy, knowledge and students together!**

# New challenges – Mobile Health

- **Support** for healthcare outcomes, services and research through mobile devices
- **Benefits**
  - Patients
  - Professionals
  - Students



# New challenges – Mobile Health

157 Responses from 23 countries

**83% not addressed** in their education

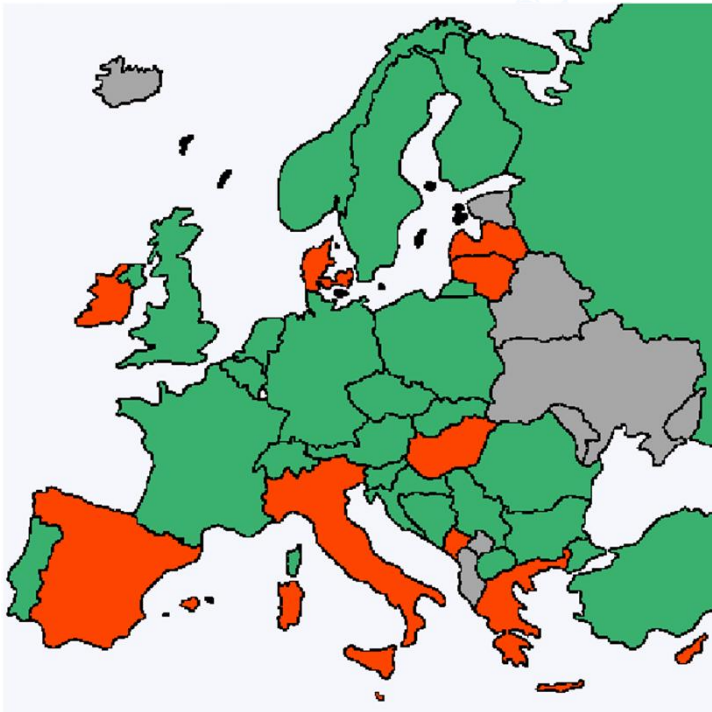
**9 out of 10 students** wish that **mobile health would be addressed** more in their education

**58%** wish that mobile health would be addressed in the **compulsory practice integrated** in the degree.

# New services – Pharmacist delivered vaccination

- Main **goal to increase** immunisation coverage and access to vaccination
- **Implemented** in some EU countries
- **Expanding the practice** in other European countries is in line with the EC, ECDC and FIP/WHO **recommendations**
- **Training** and **collaboration** with other healthcare professionals

# Inter-professional education and collaboration



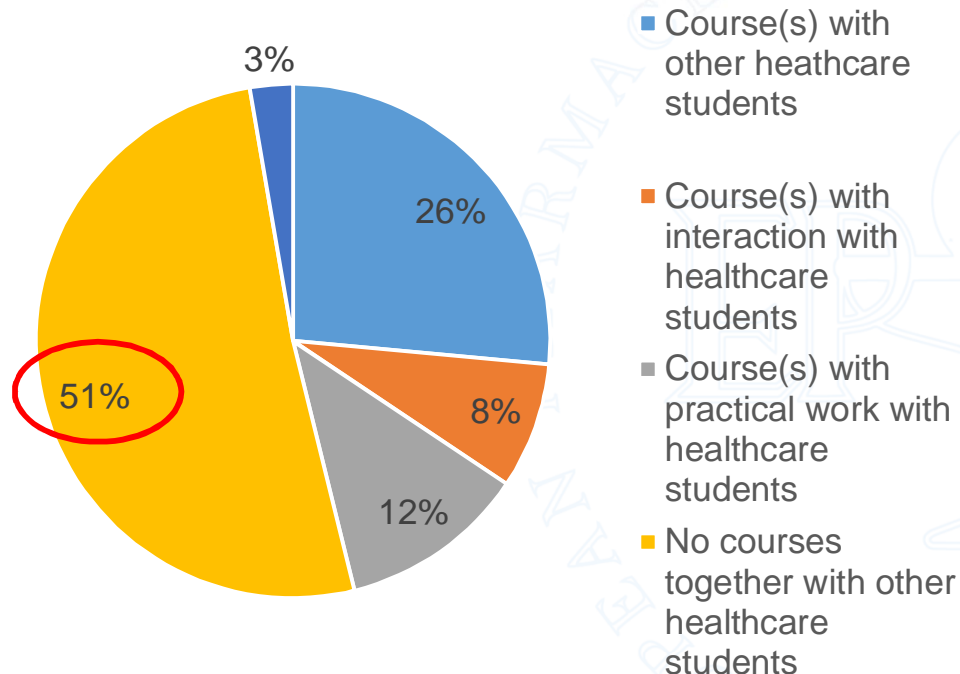
**870** valid responses from healthcare students

**442** pharmacy respondents from **23** countries

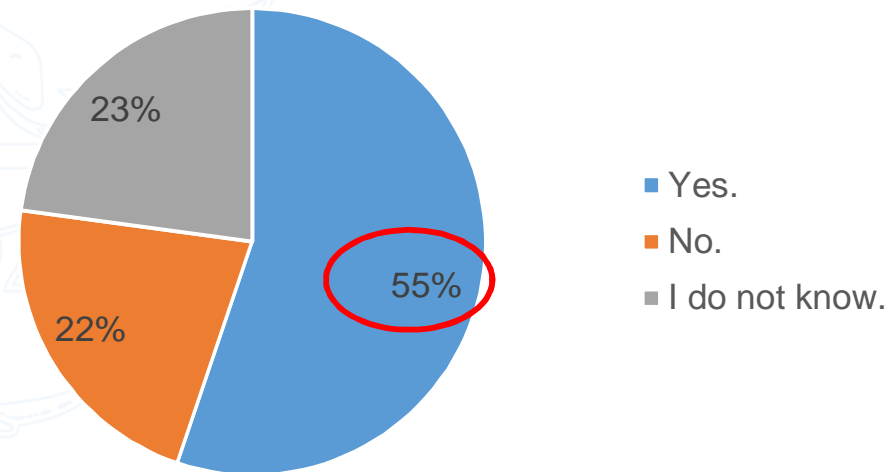


# Assessment of current situation

Which interprofessional educational opportunities does your faculty offer?



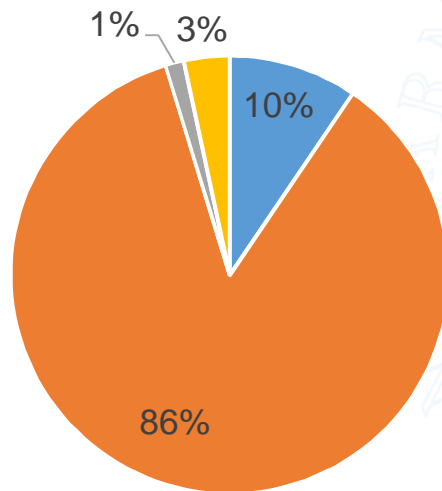
Does your student association(s) (national or local) organise projects, activities or educational initiatives with other healthcare students?



- Over 50% respondents claim that they did not have an opportunity to attend the course with other healthcare students.
- Over 50% students claim that their students associations organise activities with other healthcare students.

# Students want more inter-professional opportunities

Are you satisfied with the number of opportunities currently offered at your faculty for interprofessional education?



- Yes.
- I would like more opportunities.
- I would like less opportunities.
- I do not know.

- 75% students would like to interact or do practical work together with other healthcare students during the course
- Ideas for topics:

A collage of topic ideas for interprofessional education, presented in various tilted boxes. The topics include:

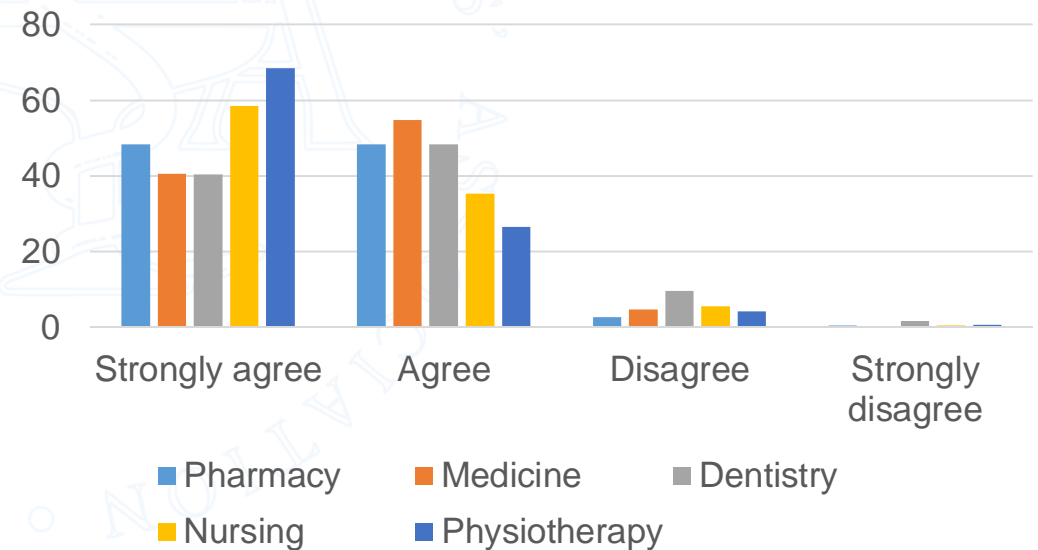
- Pharmaceutical interactions and substitutions
- Analysing hospital cases
- Pharmacology
- Diagnosis
- Pharmaceutical preparations
- Patient treatment, prescribing, pharmaceutical conciliation
- Team work
- Communication with patients, patient counselling
- Patient care
- Psychology, sociology, medical and social science
- health policy regulations,

# „I envision myself working as part of inter-professional healthcare team.“

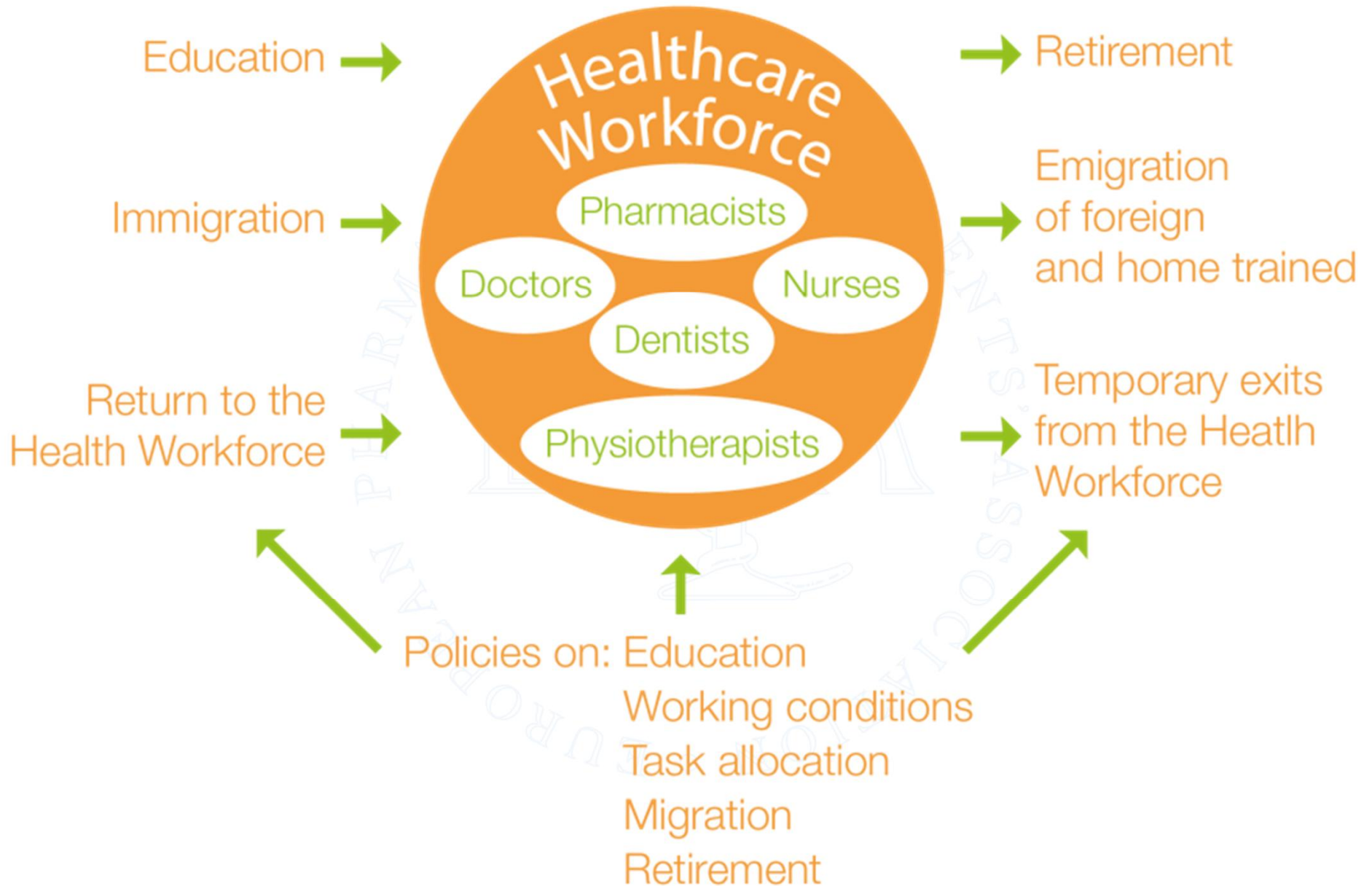
48% pharmacy respondents „strongly agreed“ and 48% respondents „agreed“ with the above statement.

High level of agreement between all healthcare students that they envision themselves as part of inter-professional team.

Level of agreement to the above statement

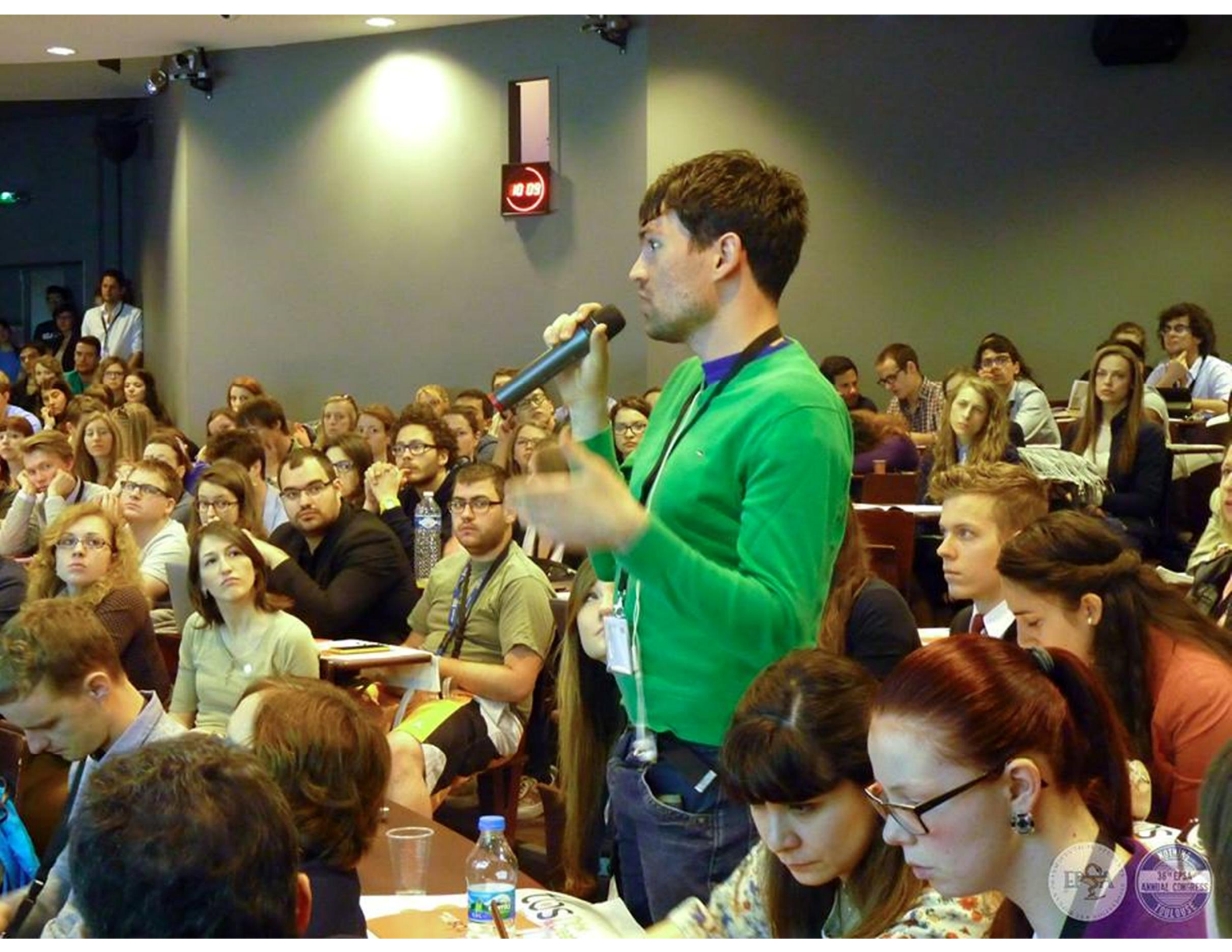


# Healthcare workforce









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**Thank you!**

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