

The high-level conference

**HEALTHCARE HUMAN
RESOURCES CRISIS:**

**Small Countries
Facing Future Risks**

on April 11, 2025.



Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel & SPA Daugava, Kuģu iela 24, Riga Conference
Language: Latvian and English with interpretation.
Date and time: April 11, 2025, 8:00 - 17:15

Agenda:

TIME	SPEAKER	TOPIC
8:00-9:00		Registration and coffee break
9:00-9:40	Prime Minister of Latvia Evika Siliņa Minister of Health of Latvia Hosams Abu Meri Regional Director for Europe, WHO Dr. Hans Kluge Head of the European Commission Representation in Latvia Zane Petre Ambassador of Ukraine to Latvia Anatolii Kutsevol	Conference Opening
9:40-10:40	Head of the Health Division, OECD M.Sc. Francesca Colombo Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Economics, Jurģis Miežainis President of the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) Dr. Ole Johan Bakke	Employment situation in the healthcare sector in a European context Current employment situation and workforce alignment with future labor market needs – healthcare as a strategic priority in national employment policy Healthcare deserts and human resources crisis in the European Union
10:40-11:00		Coffee break
11:00-12:00	President, European Junior Doctors Association Dr. Alvaro Cerame Rector of Riga Stradiņš University Prof. Aigars Pētersons Nurse - Gundega Blizņeca Junior Doctor- Edgars Maļcevs Experienced Doctor - Edīte Vītola	Small countries, big challenges: recruitment and retention through Junior Doctors' eyes How to successfully attract applicants to medical studies? Personal stories: life of healthcare workers
12:00-13:00	Ministers of Health of Small States or their Delegated Representatives	Ministerial panel discussion: Experiences and challenges of small countries
13:00-13:10		Q&A
13:10-14:25		Lunch break
14:25-15:25	Head of the Health Workforce and Service Delivery Unit, WHO/Europe Dr. Tomas Zapata Latvian Employers' Confederation Kaspars Gorkšs Chairman of Latvian Health and Social Care Workers' Trade Union Valdis Keris Head of Human Resources Development, Ministry of Health Kristīne Kļaviņa	Health workforce crisis everywhere - What can we do? Employer opportunities, solutions Healthcare Human Resources in Latvia – Problems and Solutions Health workforce development strategy 2025 - 2029
15:25-15:35		Q&A
15:35-16:00		Coffee break
16:00-17:00	Ministers of Health of Countries or their Delegated Representatives	Ministerial panel discussion: Healthcare human resources crisis – what will we do tomorrow?
17:00-17:15	Minister of Health of Latvia Hosams Abu Meri	Closing remarks

