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RESOLUTION “ALTERNATIVE PROFESSIONAL FIELDS

Unemployment amongst doctors exists in many European Union Member States. Analyses show that such unemployment affects in particular young doctors at the start of their professional activity and also older doctors, who have exercised their profession for many years and who, for several reasons, now wish to give up their conventional profession and seek alternatives.

The CP member organisations have already taken action in the past to create a counterbalance between different countries with high levels of unemployment amongst doctors and countries that have a shortage of doctors by promoting migration.

However, in the long term, it will not be possible to prove that there are positions for all doctors looking for employment solely by promoting migration.

For this reason, “alternative fields of employment” will be of particular importance in future. These are professional fields that are not part of traditional medicine close to patients, in which however a qualification after a course of medical studies or even many years of professional experience as a doctor are both useful and advantageous.

However, it must regrettably be stated that many doctors affected by unemployment are not adequately prepared to take on such “alternative professional activities” and cannot meet the requirements. The reasons for this are to be found.

- in the structure of training for doctors at universities,
- in the inadequate range of additional courses of study on offer, which lead to additional qualifications – based on successful completion of a course of medical studies – and which are becoming increasingly important,
- and also in the inadequate range of further vocational training courses on offer, which are matched to the needs of such persons.

It must be our objective to equip our colleagues for such challenges.

The CP thus urges the responsible bodies to undertake the following action :

- to integrate course elements in medical courses to prepare students for “alternative professional fields” and to enable them to work outside traditional professional fields too,
- to develop and offer additional courses of study for doctors to equip them with suitable qualifications,
- and also to develop further vocational training courses to enter professions in alternative professional fields.