

# GOOD PRACTICE WEBINAR

30 November 2023

## AGENDA

# Enhancing access to health services in rural areas

Tentative Timing	Agenda items
<b>09.00 – 9.15</b>	<b>Welcome and introduction to the day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Outline of the event objectives and agenda: <i>Patricia Martinez, (Rural Pact Support Office)</i></li><li>&gt; The Rural Pact and the place of health in the rural vision. <i>Alexia Rouby (DG AGRI)</i></li></ul>
<b>09.15 – 09.45</b>	<b>Setting the scene: EU and international initiatives to improve the access to health services in rural areas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Addressing medical deserts under the Third Health programme and other policy and funding mechanisms to improve accessibility of healthcare in rural areas. <i>Christoph Spegele (DG SANTE)</i></li><li>&gt; A Blueprint for rural practice in Europe. <i>John Wynn Jones (European Rural and Isolated Practitioners Association, EURIPA)</i></li><li>&gt; Rural proofing for health equity and related activities. <i>Theadora Swift Koller and Chris Brown (World Health Organization)</i></li></ul> Questions & Answers
<b>09.45 – 10.30</b>	<b>Learning from inspirational projects and practices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Tackling medical deserts by improving attraction and recruitment of health workers in rural areas. <i>Stefan Mandić-Rajčević (Faculty of Medicine, University of Belgrade, Secretary General of the International Association of Rural Health and Medicine, <a href="#">AHEAD project</a>)</i></li><li>&gt; Mobile multidisciplinary health workers providing access to free medical healthcare in remote rural areas. <i>Vlad Berbecar (Founder <a href="#">CARAVANA CU MEDICI</a>)</i></li><li>&gt; Integrated support for remote rehabilitation services for isolated areas through technology. <i>Cristina García (Aragon Institute of Health Sciences, <a href="#">ROSIA project</a>)</i></li></ul> Questions & Answers
<b>10.30 – 10.45</b>	<b>Virtual break</b>
<b>10.45 – 11.15</b>	<b>Learning from inspirational projects and practices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Mapping availability, quality, and accessibility of health services for evidence-based solutions – The <a href="#">OASES project</a>. <i>Giovanni Baglio (AGENAS -The Italian National Agency for Regional Health Services)</i></li><li>&gt; Access to maternal health in rural border regions. <i>Alban Davesne (Researcher, <a href="#">HARBOR project</a>)</i></li></ul>



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- > Social prescribing. Connecting patients with community-based resources to improve overall wellbeing. *Miriam Dolan (Family doctor and member of EURIPA)*

Questions & Answers

**11.15 – 12.15**

## **Drawing lessons and recommendations**

Parallel break-out discussions on the following topics:

- > Attraction and retention of health workers in rural areas
- > Innovative ways to deliver general and specialist health services
- > Integrated and community-based services

**12.15 – 12.30**

**Virtual Coffee**

**12.30 – 12.45**

**Reporting back from breakout sessions, final plenary discussion**

**12:45 – 13.00**

**Closing remarks**