

**Question for written answer E-008113/2014  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Mobility of the health workforce and sustainable national health services

In the staff working document that accompanies the communication on the health workforce, the Commission acknowledges that the use of this resource, which is essential for the effective functioning of national health services, must be coordinated at European level.

Worker mobility is beneficial, in that it helps national health services to address the challenges facing them and provides them with a larger pool of qualified staff to drawn on. However, it also creates a new set of problems for the 'source' Member States, in the form of shortfalls in certain healthcare professions, as is the case in Bulgaria.

1. What new steps will the Commission take in order to satisfy itself that all Member States enjoy the benefits of health workforce mobility and that their national health services remain on an equal footing?
2. Can the Commission say what progress has been made in implementing the measures which form part of its joint action on forecasting health workforce needs for effective planning in the EU?
3. Can it provide evidence that the Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund are being used effectively by Member States to invest in healthcare workers, in line with the suggestions made in working document SWD(2012)93?