

*Referring to the request to share opinion about the content of the Green Paper, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia would like to inform you that the Green Paper is generally acceptable for Latvia, as it contains a number of activities that could resolve the shortage of health resources in the EU. The following points are especially supportable:*

- 1. Under 4.1. possible areas for action „Ensuring better working conditions for health workers, Increasing staff motivation and morale”, „Organising chronic disease management practices and long-term care provision closer to home or in a community setting”; „Providing for a more effective deployment of the available health workforce”; „Considering "return to practice" campaigns to attract back those who have left the health workforce”. Some of these activities Latvia has started to implement into practice.*
- 2. Under 4.2. possible areas for action „Strengthening capacity for screening, health promotion and disease prevention”. This activity is put into effect with such activities as for example screening for females breast cancer and cervix uteri cancer.*
- 3. Under 4.3. possible areas for action „Developing training courses to encourage the return to the workforce of mature workers”.*
- 4. Under 5. possible areas for action „Ensuring suitable training to enable health professionals to make the best use of new Technologies”; „Taking action to encourage the use of new information Technologies”. To implement this activities Latvia has initiated the development of e-health strategy.*
- 5. Under 7. possible areas for action „Improving the use of the structural funds for the development of the health workforce”; „Enhancing the use of structural funds for infrastructures to improve working conditions”.*

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