

# EPBS Free Movement Symposium

12th October 2018

Figueira da Foz



**08:15 to 08:45** Registration

9:00: Session One:

EPBS and the journey to 'Free Movement of Biomedical Scientists'

Marie Culliton, President of the European Association for Professions in Biomedical Sciences

Address to General Governing Body of EPBS
Rosa Valente de Matos, Secretary of State for Health, Portugal

# 10:00 Recognition of Professional Qualifications and European Occupational Mobility

Chair: Marie Culliton, President of EPBS

**Demystifying Recognition** 

Margaret Hynds O'Flanagan, Head of Recognition, Health and Social Care Professionals Regulator

(CORU), Ireland

Recognition in Portugal

Sandra Ribeiro, Directorate-General for Employment and Labour Relations, Portugal

#### 11:15 Coffee Break

# 11:45: Internal Market Information System and the Solutions to problems with EU rights (SOLVIT) network

Chair: Fernando Mendes, General Secretary of EPBS

**European Professional Card** 

Rui Ivo, National Authority of Medicine and Health Products, IP

The Internal Market Information System (IMI)

Luís Silva, Agency for Administrative Modernization,

Solutions to problems with your EU rights (SOLVIT)

Rosarinho Melancia, Directorate General for European Affairs, Portugal

13:00: Lunch

14:00: Delegation presentation

Presentation by Chief Delegate of the Delegation

14:30: World Café

Discussion groups on 4 topics with Coffee Break at 15:14

Free Movement: Process Free Movement: Reality

**Internal Market Information System** 

Solvit

(Please see overleaf for questions to be addressed)

Summary

17:00: Symposium Close



#### **World Café**

### 1. Coffee Station

Free Movement: Process

It is the role of the designated Competent Authority to recognise qualifications.

Who is the competent authority for Biomedical Scientists in your country?

What organisation assesses the qualification?

Is the professional body consulted?

Who decides on compensation measures?

Who assesses the compensation measure, is it done by professionals academics or both?

#### 2. Cake Station

Free Movement: Reality

Practice vs theory

Who can work in your country:

Graduates from which European countries are recognised?

Graduates from which European countries require compensation measures?

Which Graduates are not recognised?

What type of compensation measures have been used?

What assessment has there been of compensation?

#### 3. Tea Station

Internal Market Information System (IMI)

The IMI facilitates exchange of information between authorities in Europe.

IMI notifications and alerts are used to report when professionals are removed from practice.

Can your entitlement to practice your profession in your country be removed?

If so, who can remove it and why?

How do you know if someone who wants to work in your country has had their entitlement to practice in their own country removed?

## 4. Biscuit Station

Solvit

Solvit is an administration system in each EU country. It aims to help if your rights are breached in another EU country. One of its services is professional qualification recognition.

Do you know if SOLVIT has ever mediated in a free movement decision in your country?

Consider the balance between the right to practice a profession, protection of the public and maintenance of standard of the profession.