

## HEROES Project Was Presented at the “Building Collaborative Competencies,” INHWE Congress 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Barcelona



The INHWE Barcelona 2024 Congress, themed “Building Collaborative Competencies,” brought together healthcare professionals from around the globe to enhance holistic patient care.

This collaborative approach allows for holistic patient care, leveraging the expertise of multiple disciplines to address complex health needs. It also improves the efficiency of healthcare delivery by streamlining workflows, facilitating timely communication, and ensuring coordinated interventions across different care settings. Ultimately, building collaborative competencies equips healthcare professionals to navigate the healthcare system effectively and deliver high-quality, patient-centered care.

### Highlighting the HEROES Project

A notable moment at the congress was the presentation by Xavier Bayona-Huguet, MD, from Catalan Institute of Health, Spain, head of Work Package 3 Evaluation team of the HEROES Joint Action (JA) project. His engaging presentation shed light on the HEalth woRkfOrcE to meet health challengeS (HEROES) initiative, an EU-funded project aimed at strengthening the healthcare workforce across Europe.

Bayona-Huguet emphasized the necessity of a robust and effective health workforce (HWF) that is equitably distributed, accessible, well-equipped, skilled, motivated, and authorized to deliver quality care. His presentation not only outlined the current achievements and future

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steps of the HEROES project but also sparked a lively dialogue among attendees, underscoring the significant interest in this groundbreaking work.

### **Global Collaboration and Learning**

The congress featured contributions from universities and health institutions worldwide, including the USA, Australia, the UK, Chile, and Spain. These sessions provided valuable insights into improving health professional training, focusing on tools, programs, skills, and policies. Both traditional face-to-face training and innovative online and blended learning methods were discussed, highlighting the evolving landscape of healthcare education.

To foster connections and cultural exchange, the congress also organized networking activities, such as a visit to the historic monastery of Sant Cugat and a scenic walk in the Collserola mountain range. These events allowed participants to build relationships and share experiences in a relaxed setting.

The presentation of the JA HEROES project was a notable success, drawing considerable attention and interest. Overall, the INHWE Barcelona 2024 Congress achieved its goals, promoting international collaboration and knowledge exchange on educational strategies for health professionals. With over 200 participants from diverse backgrounds, the event marked a significant step forward in enhancing global healthcare education and practice.