

## Event Highlights and Synergies with other EU initiatives- Dissemination of JA HEROES's Activities at Important Conferences



### JA HEROES Workshop 25-27 May in Rome

JA HEROES held a 3 day workshop in Rome to engage its project partners and clusters in cross talks, cross-country sessions and task workshops about planning data, tools, models and planning skills. This was a fantastic opportunity to strategize *the to do phase* and determine *the next steps* for participating countries to enhance the best possible implementation of the project as well as to promote cross country learning and share best practices among consortium partners.

Over three days, participants were engaged in insightful cross-country sessions and task. We enjoyed participating in interesting task workshops and learning about the unique health workforce challenges and strengths of different countries.

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## HEROES at the 6<sup>th</sup> ESNO Congress 5-7 June 2024, Milan

JA HEROES was featured at the prestigious 6th European Specialist Nurses Organisation (ESNO) Congress from 5-7 June 2024, in Milan, Italy. The congress theme: "The Specialist Nurse in European Healthcare towards 2030" has aligned perfectly with goals and values of HEROES.

The ESNO Congress is renowned for its dedication to advancing nursing specialisms across Europe and this year the event addressed critical issues under the theme of "Nursing and Clinical Evidence: Which Future Developments". The conference was not only a platform to discuss the future of nursing but also provided a moment to reflect on the advances in clinical practice and its impacts on patient care.

JA HEROES presentation at the congress focused on innovative solutions within the JA and aimed at enhancing nursing specializations and improving clinical outcomes. It was very exciting to contribute to the discourse on how specialized nursing can strengthen care for individuals with chronic conditions, disabilities, and vulnerabilities.

The audience was highly engaged, and the positive feedback was substantial. It was an honour to showcase our work and discuss its potential impact on healthcare and nursing with such a knowledgeable group. The event also offered an excellent opportunity to build strong relationships with like-minded professionals and organizations. We are optimistic about the future collaborations that were established during the conference.

## HEROES at the EHMA 5-7 June 2024 in Bucharest, Romania

HEROES was successfully presented at the European Health Management Association (EHMA) Conference that took place on 5-7 June 2024 in Bucharest, Romania. This year theme of the conference "Shaping and Managing Innovative Health Ecosystems" was set to explore the forefront of health management.

The event was a perfect platform for discussing megatrends such as the digital transformation of healthcare, sustainability, and the evolving skills needed in the healthcare workforce. It brought together a wide spectrum of healthcare stakeholders, including managers, leaders, researchers, academics, policymakers, and industry representatives in order to enhance the dialogue on pressing health management issues.

In accordance with the above purpose, AGENAS, the consortium leader of JA HEROES, showcased the importance of the Joint Action, including the themes and objectives set by the JA, and delved into issue of how healthcare professionals could embrace the current challenges and foster collaboration within the healthcare sector. The main objective and potential impact on improving the planning capabilities of healthcare personnel was also discussed, so as to guarantee the accessibility, sustainability and resilience of health services. The audience was very engaged and the positive feedback was remarkable.

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## Synergies with H-PASS project

### HEROES at H-PASS Interim Event on 12-14 of June Cyprus

JA HEROES was invited to present at the H-PASS Project Interim Event on 12-14 of June that was hosted by the European University Cyprus and International Network for Health Workforce Education (INHWE).

The **“Health Professionals’ and the “Digital team” Skills advancement” (H-PASS)** EU4Health funded project aims to address critical gaps in digital and team skills in the healthcare sector and focuses on equipping healthcare workers with the tools and knowledge needed to adapt to new digital environments.

Dóra Tóth project manager, Zsófia Szoldatits and Brigitta Pál coordinators from the National Directorate General for Hospitals, Hungary represented HEROES at the interim event. HEROES's project objectives and the synergies between the two initiatives were highlighted. The importance of effective planning, continuous education, and the need of interdisciplinary collaboration in healthcare were identified and emphasised as common goals with H-PASS.

Meeting with H-PASS project partners was very inspiring, including picking up new strategies sharing best practices and exciting discussions, which led to numerous potential collaborations areas to enhance HEROES' own work.

### HEROES and H-PASS at the 4<sup>th</sup> International INHWE 2024 Conference

The 4<sup>th</sup> International INHWE Congress was organised 26-27<sup>th</sup> June, in Barcelona, Spain with the theme: **“Building Collaborative Competencies”** in healthcare education. The Congress aimed to promote 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.

Xavier Bayona-Huguet MD. from the Catalan Institute of Health, Spain, head of Work Package 3 Evaluation team, represented HEROES and kept an engaging presentation on HEROES activities, which aim focusing on building a strong, skilled, and accessible health workforce. He 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 steps of the HEROES project but also sparked a lively dialogue among attendees, underscoring the significant interest in this ground-breaking work.

H-PASS which is currently working on the elaboration of training programmes that integrate essential digital and transversal skills into one overarching training, supported by VR technology, was also invited at the conference. Fruzsina Kóder and Nóra Fazekas from the National Directorate General for Hospitals (OKFŐ), coordinator and lead partner of the H-PASS project, gave a lecture and kept a workshop at the INHWE conference.

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H-PASS colleagues underlined the need to adapt, evolve and equip health professionals with the right tools and knowledge to navigate the challenges and opportunities of the rapidly evolving health sector.

Together with H-PASS, we believe that we can drive meaningful change in healthcare in the future.