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Nurses and Midwives status in the health care system in Slovakia

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Nurses and Midwives are the backbone of health systems and nursing practices throughout the world. Studies point out to 80% of healthcare is nursing care. The nurse carries out the professional and specialized nursing activities of the recipient (patient). The European Union has warned several years ago that by 2020 there will be more than 500,000 missing nurses in Europe. And therefore Member States should reflect on this risk. According to OECD statistics, Slovakia with a number of nurses 5.75 per 1,000 inhabitants is on the throne of all European Union countries. Slovakia lags behind 3.25 per 1,000 inhabitants OECD average. This negative and overwhelming trend is confirmed by the fact that for 15 last years (2000-2015) the number of nurses in Slovakia has dropped from 7.40 to 5.75 nurses per 1000 inhabitants. In Slovakia we have been seen nurse and midwife profession prestige decline for several years. Politicians themselves contribute to a great extent to it, by who are the creators of national legislation and state policy which negatively affects the discharging of these professions. In 2018 in Slovakia, the legislative norm was approved by the National Council of the Slovak Republic. The legislative norm negatively affects the image of the nurse, on the basis of this the profession of health assistant to a practical nurse renaming happened. The Slovak Chamber of Nurses and Midwives as a self-governing professional organization with a national affiliation of nurses and midwives, on contrary, in 2018, in cooperation with the "Ministerial Nurse", prepared a legislation which defines the new nurse category with advanced practice competencies. This way the new legislation attempted to exploit the nurses with a Master degree in nursing, specialization and years of practice potential, and to enhance the occupation image. 5.15% of nurses in Slovakia fulfil the conditions of a nurse with advanced practice at present. It is very important for employers to understand how an advanced practice nurse can make healthcare more efficiently and start to use it to the full in practice.

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