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Students set the example in interprofessional collaboration - first European Healthcare Students' Associations Summit in Brussels

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Today marks as a milestone in the development of interprofessional collaboration among students in the healthcare sector. The heads of the European healthcare students' associations which are ECPTS¹, EDSA², EMSA³, ENSA⁴ and EPSA⁵ will hold their first Summit on Monday the 15th of December in the European Students' Union⁶ office in Brussels, Belgium.

The summit will consider the important issues of interprofessional collaboration and multidisciplinary approaches between Healthcare Professionals during their education. It is envisioned that this Summit will bring together Healthcare Students across Europe and propose developments on the undergraduate studies, which will begin to focus on the importance of intercollaboration for patient safety and continuity of care from all Healthcare Providers.

The agenda will include the presentation of the preliminary results of the pan-European survey targeted to healthcare students in Europe on interprofessionality and will serve as a base for a position paper and discussion on the students' vision of interprofessionality. Professional organisations will be invited to share their perspective and being involved in this new joint venture.

The official hashtag of the event is #EHSAS and report of the outcomes will be shared through official channels of respective associations.

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The **European Confederation for Physical Therapy Students** is a non-profit organisation and the largest physical therapy students association representing 22 countries in Europe. ECPTS aims to promote physiotherapy profession, education and student values by becoming the contact point between physiotherapy students all around Europe and supporting the creation and development of national physical therapy students' associations.

EDSA edsaweb.org
@edsaweb

The **European Dental Students' Association** is a non-profit, non-political organisation representing dental students across Europe. EDSA now represents over 65,000 students, in more than 184 dental schools. EDSA's core interest is public health, social and domestic affairs. We aim to highlight notable topics of concern within the dental and medical fields and strive to keep dental students aware of key issues in the global health sector. Our main goals are to give students a voice in the national and international forum, to create a globally connected student community and to develop and promote international contacts.

EMSA emsa-europe.eu
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The **European Medical Students Association** is the official representative of medical students in Europe and we gather students from over 100 medical faculties across Europe. On medical topics, especially those concerning medical students or the medical curriculum, we offer you our expertise and opinions. EMSA is acting as a forum to discuss topics related to the fields of medical education, medical ethics, medical research, public health etc to promote the highest standards in European medical education and ensure the quality of healthcare in Europe.

ENSA ensanetwork.eu

The **European Nursing Student Association** is an organised network for cooperation between national nursing student organisations or colleges of nursing in Europe. The purpose of ENSA is to bring together European nursing students and representatives from all countries across Europe. ENSA discusses both practical and theoretical parts of our education, look at the differences and similarities, and help each other understand the world of nursing. It is a way of stimulating each other to try to change adverse situations. Solidarity is, therefore, an essential quality within the group, and the members can benefit by taking part in it. All our work is done by members of ENSA on a voluntary basis.

EPSA epsa-online.org
@EPSA_Online

The **European Pharmaceutical Students' Association** represents more than 160,000 students and recent graduates from 36 European countries. The Association has a permanent office in Brussels and conducts its activities through regular congresses, advocacy activities, training events, publications, exchange programmes and virtual presence. The main aim of EPSA is to develop the interests and opinions of European pharmacy students and to encourage contact and cooperation between them. We are actively engaging on student and professional level, bringing pharmacy, knowledge and students together and encouraging personal development.

ESU esu-online.org
@ESUtw

The **European Students' Union**, headquartered in Brussels, is the umbrella organisation of 47 national unions of students from 39 European countries. ESU represents and promotes the educational, social, economical and cultural interests of students at the European level. Through its member unions, ESU represents over 15 million students in Europe.