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Interprofessional Training – elaborating a blueprint for IPE in Germany

Background

As an effect of experience gathered in Sweden, several clinical training wards are opened now in Germany. Most projects are linked to the IPE initiative taken by the Robert Bosch Foundation who is funding exchange among interested parties as well as capacity and institution building. It aims at encouraging a slow transformation of undergraduate education and continued education towards IPE.

A series of joint study trips, seminars by Swedish experts and several publications have some impact on teaching and learning. Projects initiated or planned are tentative and pragmatic arrangements in often rather experimental settings. Moreover, the interest is focusing on Clinical Training Wards. Accordingly, there might be too little attention paid to other forms of interprofessional learning. Moreover, there is some competition upcoming between the universities and teams.

The Robert Bosch Foundation aims at continuing its transformative stimulation by strengthening the common ground and also by offering another study trip to Stockholm in November 2019.

Participants

The study trip is planned on November 10th-14th. The group consists of a total of 25 persons.

They are in charge of study programs, teaching and training facilities, didactics, IP projects and collaboration between disciplines and educational institutions.

Participants name & affiliations will be available soon.

All participants work in already initiated IPE-projects at medical universities across Germany. While some have gathered experience for the last 2-3 years, others are in early implementation.

Objectives & Guiding Questions

There is no blueprint or standard procedure recommended on how to implement IPE in Germany. Accordingly, the goals are as follows.

- A) - Participant observation on training wards, clinical training units & other IPE learning arrangements
 - Meeting IPE experts and IPE facilitators
- B) - Learning about the educational needs and requirements of IP-facilitators
 - Operational challenges: staffing; organisational and financial requirements
 - Critical success factors for maintaining IPE structures in a long run
- C) - Elaboration of a handbook for educational developers and IP-supervisors (e.g. recruiting facilitators, requirements, basic principles, train the trainers, etc.)
 - Elaboration of a handbook for IP-facilitators (e.g. on didactical hints, evaluation criteria, feedback procedures, transfer etc.)

Planning Mon Nov 11th afternoon: strategic, conceptual & didactical inputs by Swedish experts
Tue Nov 12th whole day: site visits, meet the experts, learn from facilitators ; dinner
Wed/Thu 13th-14th elaboration of handbook

The Robert Bosch Foundation has mandated Dr Beat Sottas from Switzerland to organize the trip, based on earlier collaboration in IPE/IPP issues. It reflects also the experiences gained in similar journeys which were convincing thanks to the support granted by committed Swedish counterparts.