

Slovak Country Visit minutes

Project: Care4Care: from precarious to safe working conditions
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Agenda

April 12, 2023, arrival in the evening - Accommodation in Hotel Apollo, Apollo Hotel, Dulovo nám. 1, 821 08 Bratislava, Slovakia. GPS position: Longitude: 17,1332
Latitude: 48,1498

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- Three meetings were scheduled for the country visit to Slovakia.
- The first meeting to consult with the representatives of the [Slovak Trade Union of Healthcare and Social Services](#) focused on the current situation of representing the working rights of the Slovak carers, their working conditions and regulations.
- The Trade unionists describe in detail the legislation relevant to the diverse types of care providers and their employment status in Slovakia (residential and home carers in public and non-public social services, home nurses, etc.)
- There was an attempt to protect also the home carers working in Austria a year ago; a possibility to provide individual legal consulting.
- The CELSI team and AG24 visitor explained the situation regarding the predatory agencies and discussed the possibilities of regulating them.
- The second meeting was with the president of the Slovak Chamber of Nurses; the chamber has an overview of the nurses leaving the profession and also working abroad.
- The lack of nursing in the Slovak health system is a long-term problem; we also discussed the main push-out factors of Slovak nurses leaving the country or the profession. Expect the remuneration, the tension and unfavourable relationships between the doctors and nurses, and among the nurses themselves, are the main reasons the professionals leave the country.
- The last meeting was with the representatives of the Slovak Chambers of Carers. The association is devoted to protecting the rights of the home carer in Slovakia and also advocating for recognition of the profession, and improving the working conditions in Slovakia to bring the home carers working abroad back to Slovakia.
- All three meetings were recorded and transcribed for further analysis;
- The country visit initiated the connections to relevant stakeholders and networking in the future national workshops; all participants welcomed the upcoming activities of the project.