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Future of pharmacy profession and education – students' perspective



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About EPSA



- Since 1978
- Representing 160.000 students
- 41 member associations in 34 countries
- Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium
- 27 team members (9 executive members)



About EPSA



*The vision of the Association is to **represent, reach and engage** every single pharmacy student in Europe **to collaborate on the development** of the future of pharmacy and healthcare together*

- 4 events per year
- 3 editions of our Newsletter
- Educational and mobility projects
- Collaboration with professional and student associations



Bringing pharmacy, knowledge and students together!

New challenges – Mobile Health

- **Support** for healthcare outcomes, services and research through mobile devices
- **Benefits**
 - Patients
 - Professionals
 - Students



New challenges – Mobile Health

157 Responses from 23 countries

83% not addressed in their education

9 out of 10 students wish that **mobile health would be addressed** more in their education

58% wish that mobile health would be addressed in the **compulsory practice integrated** in the degree.

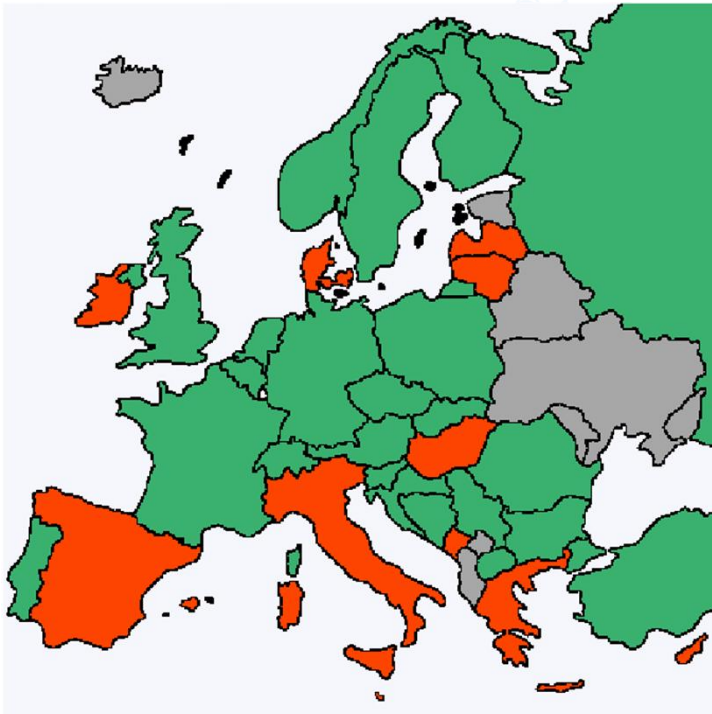
New services – Pharmacist delivered vaccination

- Main **goal to increase** immunisation coverage and access to vaccination
- **Implemented** in some EU countries
- **Expanding the practice** in other European countries is in line with the EC, ECDC and FIP/WHO **recommendations**
- **Training** and **collaboration** with other healthcare professionals

Inter-professional education and collaboration



European Dental Students' Association

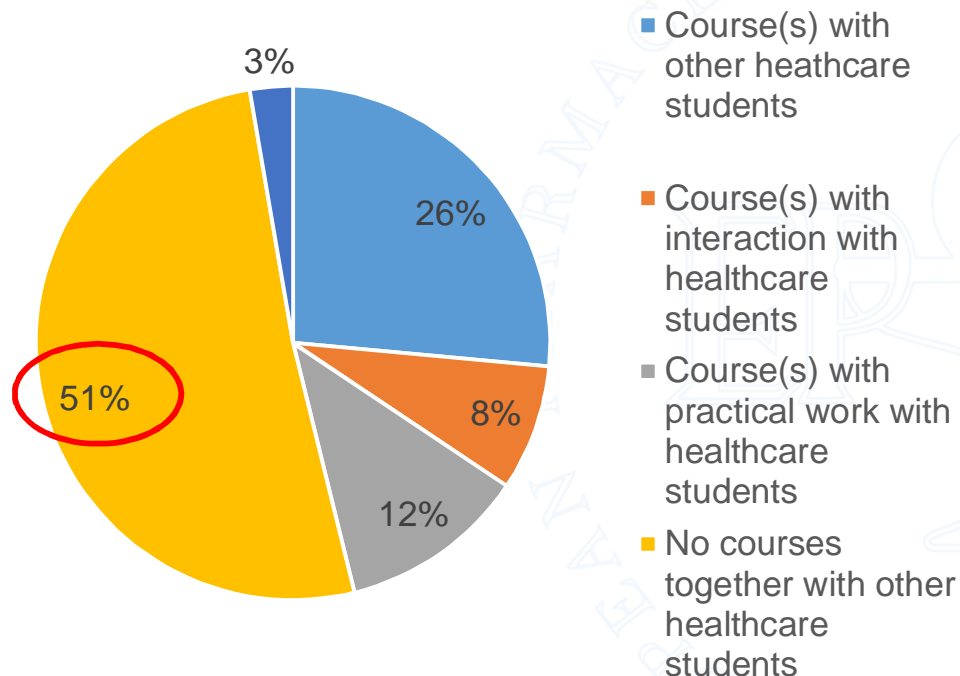


870 valid responses from
healthcare students

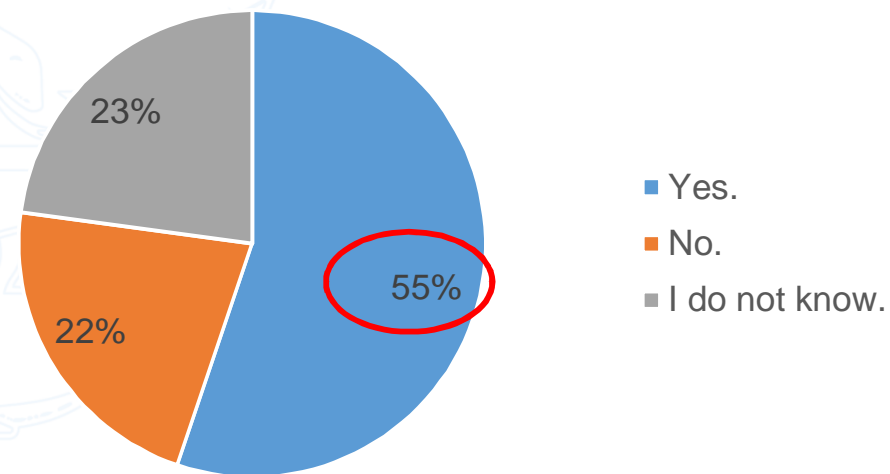
442 pharmacy respondents
from **23** countries

Assessment of current situation

Which interprofessional educational opportunities does your faculty offer?



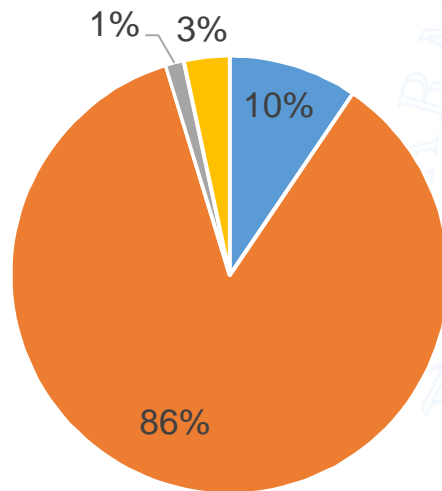
Does your student association(s) (national or local) organise projects, activities or educational initiatives with other healthcare students?



- Over 50% respondents claim that they did not have an opportunity to attend the course with other healthcare students.
- Over 50% students claim that their students associations organise activities with other healthcare students.

Students want more inter-professional opportunities

Are you satisfied with the number of opportunities currently offered at your faculty for interprofessional education?



- Yes.
- I would like more opportunities.
- I would like less opportunities.
- I do not know.

- 75% students would like to interact or do practical work together with other healthcare students during the course
- Ideas for topics:

Pharmaceutical interactions and substitutions

Patient treatment, prescribing, pharmaceutical conciliation

Analysing hospital cases

Diagnosis

Pharmacology

Pharmaceutical preparations

Team work

Communication with patients, patient counselling

Patient care

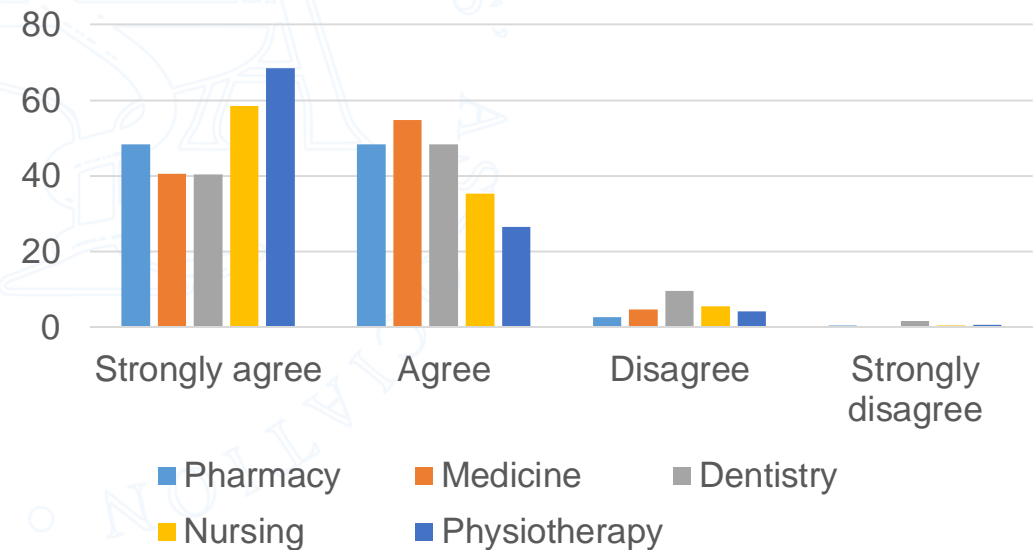
Psychology, sociology, medical and social science health policy regulations,

„I envision myself working as part of inter-professional healthcare team.“

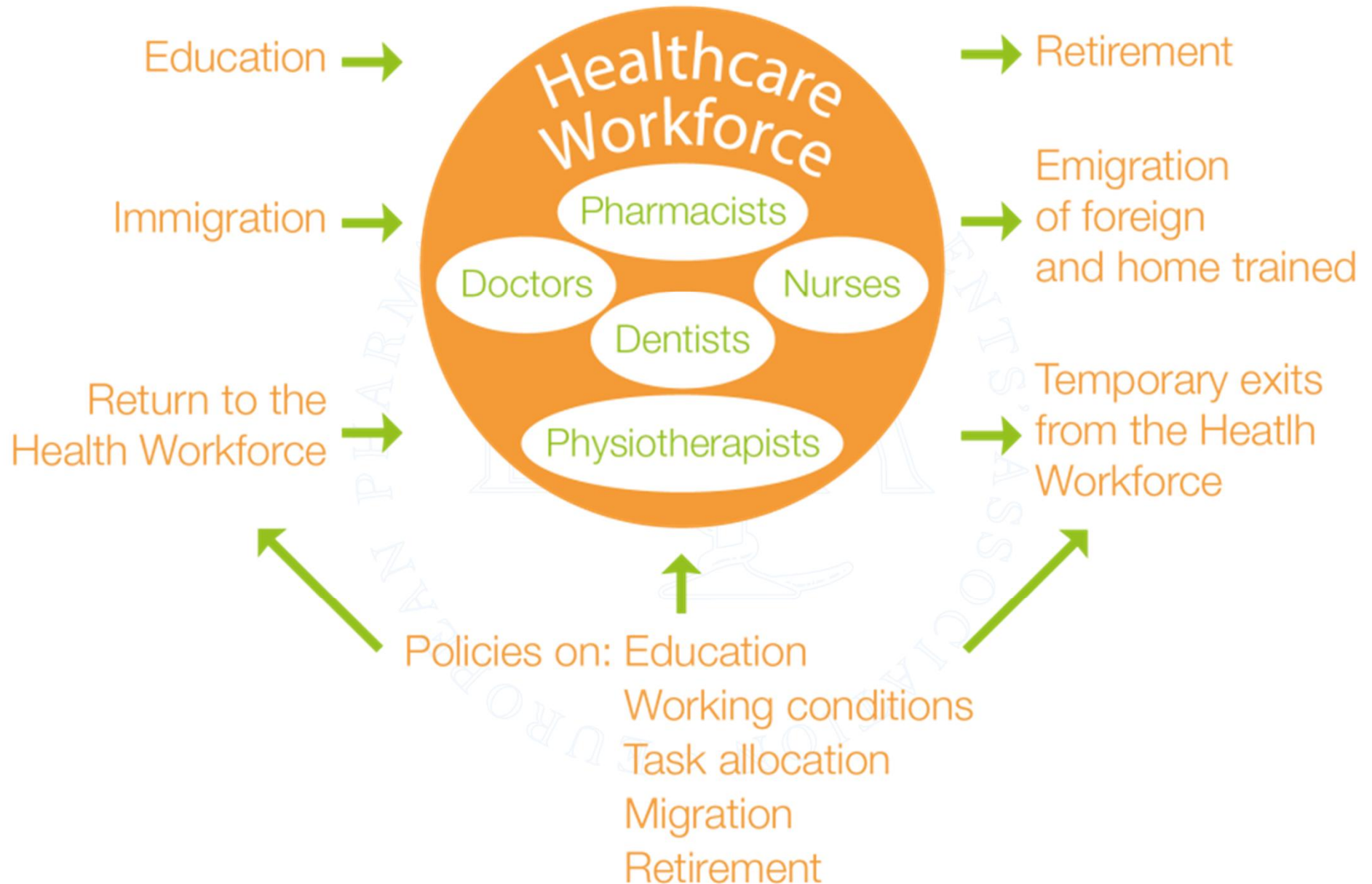
48% pharmacy respondents „strongly agreed“ and 48% respondents „agreed“ with the above statement.

High level of agreement between all healthcare students that they envision themselves as part of inter-professional team.

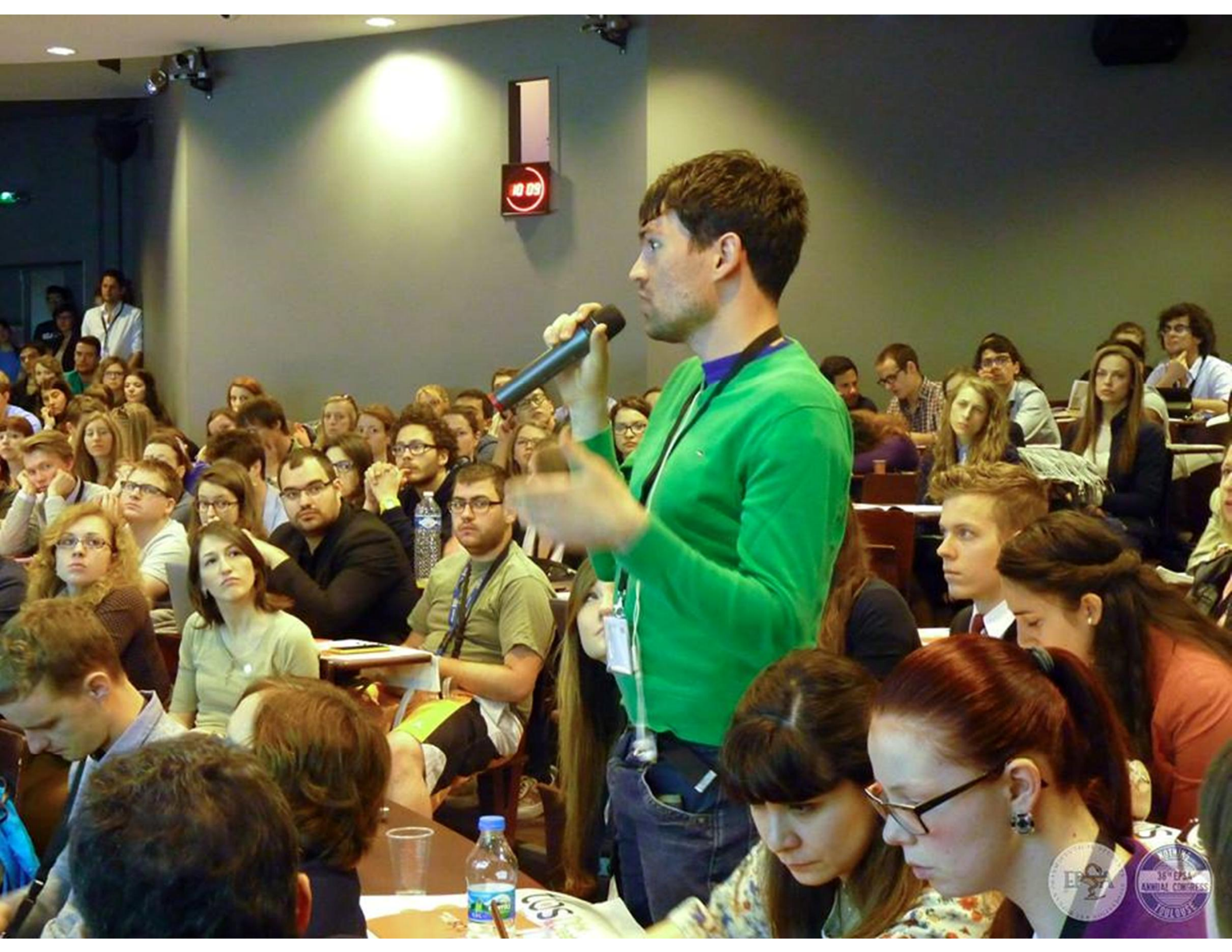
Level of agreement to the above statement



Healthcare workforce













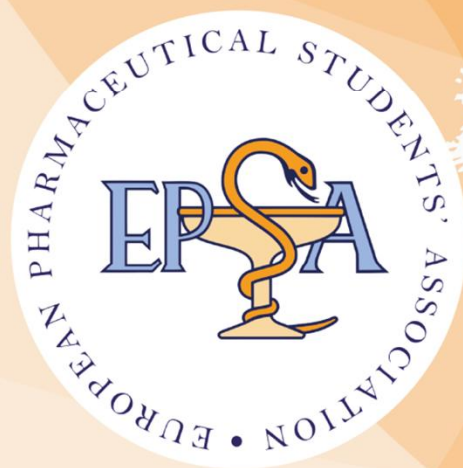


Thank you!



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