



Free movement of labour in the medical sector – chances or problems?

The lack of medical doctors in German hospitals is a current problem and will become even worse in the future. In 2019, experts expect 37.000 open vacancies in German hospitals. This leads to the recruitment of medically qualified people from all over Europe. A study from 2012 reveals that the highest number of foreign doctors comes from Romania, which causes problems in both Germany and Romania: In Germany, Romanian doctors cannot communicate with their patients due to language problems which cause frustration and failing integration. However, the movement of Romanian doctors to Germany also leads to a lack of doctors in Romania, which is a severe problem as well. From 2011 until 2013, approximately 30% of Romanian doctors have left Romania due to higher salaries and better working conditions abroad.

To my mind, the exchange of doctors between different countries is great and a very dynamic process but the problems mentioned above should be considered. Corruption in Romania is another problem which has to be solved. Medically qualified people should not be desperate to leave their country.

This is a very good example of how important it is to have similar standards between nations to make it ONE, DYNAMIC, UNITED EUROPE.