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Beginning with Medical School, Covid pandemic has influenced (in a positive way) the number of available seats for wannabe medical students: this year they increased by 7.3%, reaching a total of 14020. In the same time, more PGT contracts have been funded, achieving a result never seen before: 17400 PGT contracts, three times the fundings allocated few years ago.

These achievements are the outcome of longlasting labour struggles and it's an effort to fill the gap in the training path. Unfortunately, it's not a permanent solution for the near future, seen that the shortage of hospital doctors is expected till the year 2026 at least.

In fact, the pandemic has exacerbated the hospital doctors' dissatisfaction with work so that an increasing number of professionals is quitting the public healthcare system, turning towards the private one.

Furthermore, workload is becoming unbearable: related to year 2020, there is an esteem of 140 millions of outpatient services and surgical procedures to catch up so that hospitals propose to their employees to work more hours as self employed. If this allows, on the one hand, to earn more money (60 to 80 euros per hour), but it causes a work activity without any limits in derogation of EWTD.

All healthcare workers are required to get vaccinated. In June, 45000 professionals out of 1.9 million (doctors, nurses and so on) resulted not vaccinated. Current legislation provides their suspension from work till their immunisation.

It's very disappointing the administration of Next generation EU funds (in Italy, known as PNRR) in the public healthcare sector. The money allocated for the healthcare sector amounted to 15,5 billions euro but nothing is intended for healthcare professionals. The most part of funds will be used to build and strengthen the Community based care, to renew technological equipment, to renovate buildings with anti-seismic technologies. Nothing has been allocated to the personnel that is meant to use and to run hospitals and Community-base centres.

From the beginning of August, to take part to social activities (theatres, museums, pub, restaurants) and sporting activities, it is required to show a green pass, issued after vaccination or nasal swab (it lasts for 48 hours). This political decision has promoted the vaccination campaign from the age of 12 years on.