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Statement on Italian Postgraduate Medical Training

The European Junior Doctors Permanent Working Group expresses its concern at the current situation regarding Italian Postgraduate Medical Education.

The long-standing shortage of postgraduate medical training contracts in Italian Medical Universities has created a situation whereby numerous junior doctors cannot find a job, or continue their specialty training.

This is compounded by the current uncertainties surrounding the national exams which is threatening to delay junior doctors' entry into postgraduate medical training.

EJD asks the Italian Government, the Italian Minister for Education, the Italian Minister for the Healthcare Sector and the various institutions who are involved, for firm action to:

- Improve on health workforce planning efforts to ensure that future healthcare needs in Italy are met with sufficient quantity and quality of doctors
- Increase the number of postgraduate contracts to reduce the sizeable gap between the number of medical graduates and available postgraduate training opportunities
- Establish fair selection criteria in the national exams without delaying the entrance to postgraduate medical training

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