Health Sciences Information Professionals in Spain: Strengthening Collaboration

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In Spain health information professionals share common interests and activities. However, due to their geographical dispersion and diverse typology, they face difficulties in maintaining cohesion and building relationships.
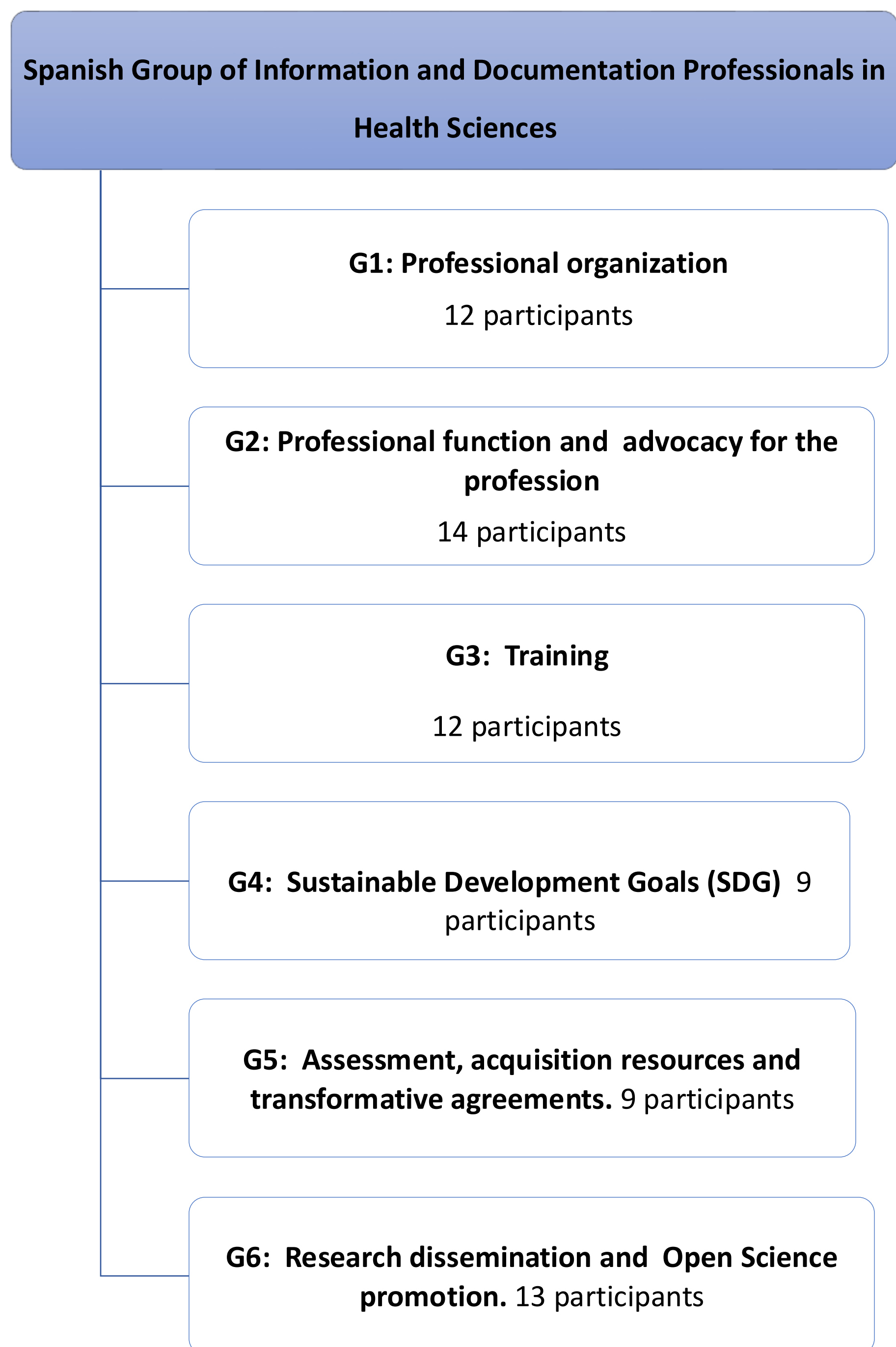
Current challenges, such as the availability of resources, staffing and institutional recognition, require greater cooperation and shared commitment. Although several countries have created collaborative networks and/or associations, Spain does not have a health sciences information professionals' organization.

To present the creation and development of an open and participatory working group to promote cooperation among peers, advocate for the profession, and ensure compliance with good practice and the professional code of ethics.

Outcomes

Spanish Group of Information and Documentation Professionals in Health Sciences

G1: Professional organization
12 participants

G2: Professional function and advocacy for the profession
14 participants

G3: Training
12 participants

G4: Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 9 participants

G5: Assessment, acquisition resources and transformative agreements. 9 participants

G6: Research dissemination and Open Science promotion. 13 participants

Phases

Questionnaire to gauge the interest of professionals
(October-November 2023).
Results:
69 active participants/ 38 consultive participants

Working groups Creation
(december 2023- january 2024)

Stablishment of main lines for 2024-25
(february 2024- may 2024)

Next steps

Stablishment of operating standards

Development of a specific code of ethics for documentation in Health Sciences

Questionnaire on training needs of the group and stablishment of a training schedule

Development of a national protocol on the deposit of data in institutional repositories

Study of possible adhesion to interlibrary loan agreements and transformative institutional agreements

Development of a guide with our main SDGs with common goals and indicators as a reference to reorient projects

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