



CPME MONTHLY BULLETIN

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Dear CPME members,

Welcome to the April 2019 edition of the CPME Monthly Bulletin informing you about the latest Executive Committee meeting held in Valletta (Malta) on 4 April 2019, as well as other latest events and news. The Executive Committee meeting inter-alia dealt with a discussion about the joint statement on the European Social Fund Plus and the CPME involvement in the European campaign 'This Time I'm Voting'.

Once again I wish to express my gratitude to the Medical Association of Malta and Dr Martin Balzan and his colleagues for the invitation to Valletta. It was a wonderful experience and your warm hospitality will never be forgotten. I also would like to thank all our members for their active contribution to fruitful CPME meetings.

We hope the bulletin is informative and we invite you to consult our [latest news](#) and the members' section of our website.

Kind regards,

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CPME President*

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Executive Committee meeting

Finance

Draft Final Accounts 2018 and balance sheet

The Executive Committee took note of the draft final accounts 2018 as revised by the external auditor.

Internal Affairs

Draft agendas Board and GA, Valletta 5-6 April 2019

The Executive Committee took note of the draft agendas of the CPME meetings in Valletta (Malta):

- [Board and General Assembly draft agendas](#)
- [Supporting documents.](#)

Policies

EURIPID Stakeholder Dialogue Platform on drug pricing

The Executive Committee took note of the draft concept note of the EURIPID Stakeholder Dialogue Platform on drug pricing.

As a former member of the platform on Access to Medicines under the European Commission's process on Corporate Social Responsibility for Medicines (in 2010-2013 attended amongst others by Prof. Herchuelz and Dr Podmaniczky), CPME has been invited to attend the first meeting the EURIPID Stakeholder Dialogue Platform on drug pricing. This project is financed by the European Commission. The aim of this platform is to build on the work undertaken during the previous EURIPID project which was monitored and occasionally attended by CPME. The new EURIPID Stakeholder Dialogue Platform on drug pricing establishes a sustainable framework for exchange/cooperation with various stakeholders. According to the draft concept note, this platform is expected to be a space for open and non-binding discussions. The Secretariat will attend the first meeting and will report back.

ThisTimeImVoting

The Executive Committee took note of the poster proposal received by the European Parliament to be used in the campaign 'This Time I'm Voting'. The poster, translated in all European languages, has already been shared with CPME members.

It was suggested that CPME membership could insert the poster in their own medical journals, to reach doctors and invite them to vote in the next European elections (23-26 May 2019). Ideally, the poster should be accompanied by a letter/article from the President of the National Medical Association explaining why voting in the next European elections is important. In writing such letter the website <https://www.what-europe-does-for-me.eu/> may give some inspiration.

Thistimeimvoting.eu is a non-partisan community organised by the European Parliament, dedicated to raising democratic awareness. It follows the motto "it's not enough to hope for a better future: this time each and every one of us must take responsibility for it too." The EU Parliament is asking Europeans not only to vote, but also to spread the word and to mobilise their families, friends, neighbours and communities to do so too. The platform was launched by the European Parliament in 24 languages. It supports over one hundred and fifty thousand volunteers in all member states, who signed up and are committed to persuading people to vote in the European elections on 23-26 May 2019. The use of social media, organisation of local debates and

events, production of promotional material, are some of the tools used to promote the campaign for European democracy.

PGEU, CED, CPME Joint statement on ESF+

The Executive Committee took note of the [joint statement](#) on the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) 2021-2027 issued by the Council of European Dentists ([CED](#)), CPME and the Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union ([PGEU](#)).

In the next [Multiannual Financial Framework](#) (MFF) 2021-2027, there will be no separate [Health Programme](#) anymore. As of 2021, the Health Programme will be replaced by the “[Health Strand](#)” in the overarching [European Social Fund Plus \(ESF+\) 2021-2027](#). The ESF+ provides 101.174 000 000 EUR in total. With the [proposal for a regulation](#) on the ESF+, co-legislators discuss the exact budget i. a. for the “Health Strand”. The Commission proposes to allocate EUR 413 million. However, the European Parliament (EP) wants to increase the amount to EUR 473 million, which equals 0,36% of the overall EU budget for 2021-27. In the joint statement, CPME appreciates the position of the EP and calls on Member States (as a triologue starts soon) to endorse the EP amendments.

International calendar

The Executive Committee took note of the CPME participation at forthcoming meetings of CPME members, European Medical Organisations and international partners.

Any other business

EU Coalition for Vaccination

The Executive Committee took note of the draft declaration of the Coalition and decided to endorse the [revised declaration](#) and to accept the invitation by the European Commission to co-chair [the Coalition for Vaccination](#). The Secretariat will draft a concept note as to potential commitments to be discussed in the next EC meeting.

The [Coalition](#) brings “together European associations of healthcare workers as well as relevant students’ associations in the field, to commit to delivering accurate information to the public, combating myths and exchanging best practice”. The co-chairs will have also a moderating role on [the EU Health Policy Platform](#). Moreover, the co-chairing will potentially be rotating among the Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union ([PGEU](#)), the CPME and the European Federation of Nurses Associations ([EFN](#)). The minutes of the first meeting of the Coalition are available [here](#).

Croatian Medical Chamber survey

The Executive Committee decided to forward a survey on national legislation on doctors’ salaries to the membership on behalf of the Croatian Medical Chamber.

CPME had been approached with this request against the background of an on-going reform in Croatia. It was proposed that the delegation could highlight the developments during the CPME meetings.

BMA letter on the recognition of doctors’ qualifications in the event of a ‘no-deal’ Brexit

The Executive Committee took note of a letter by the British Medical Association on the recognition of doctors’ qualifications in the event of a ‘no-deal’ Brexit. The letter is shared with the Board agenda.

The letter requests National Medical Associations to lobby their governments to reciprocate the British government's intention to maintain recognition of doctors' qualifications covered by the Professional Qualifications Directive, both in Annex V and outside. The request was presented during the CPME Board meeting in Valletta. CPME had made a similar call for intergovernmental cooperation in a letter to the European Network of Medical Competent Authorities (ENMCA) in 2018.

Participation of CPME in the next trial against the TMA in Ankara

The Executive Committee decided that CPME Immediate Past President Dr Jacques de Haller will attend the next trial on 3rd May 2019 in Ankara against the members of the Council (2016-2018) of the Turkish Medical Association (TMA).

The members of the Council are on trial because of the public statement issued on 24 January 2018 stressing that war is a public health concern that damages the environment and threatens the survival of society at large.

Background information:

- CPME Press release 20.12.2018: [CPME condemns the Turkish doctor leaders' prison sentences](#)
- CPME Press release 10.08.2018: [European doctors request end of campaign against physicians in Turkey](#)
- CPME Press release 30.01.2018: [CPME condemns arrest of Turkish Medical Association leaders](#)

Monitoring news

CeMPaC Conference on Transforming the Medical Model

CeMPaC - the Centre for Empowering People and Communities – will organise its first international symposium in Berlin on 16 May 2019. The event will explore the theme “Transforming the medical model”. CeMPaC project aims to support patients and NGOs, health care providers, insurers and government agencies in the design, implementation and evaluation of patient empowerment approaches. CPME is a member of the CeMPaC board. Please find the conference programme [here](#).

DG EMPL report on labour mobility

The European Commission's DG EMPL has published a report illustrating trends in labour mobility. It concludes that around 1.4% of total employment is accounted for by high-skilled intra-EU professionals. There are patterns of mobility in terms of Member States which are primarily destination countries or sending countries; also there are countries which have high incoming and outgoing mobility. A primary driver of mobility is still better economic conditions, but working conditions, or the perception thereof, are also an important factor. Migration may also be linked to previous education, such as continued residence in the country of university studies. The full report can be found at [CPME Info 045-2019](#). A workshop will explore the issues raised further, CPME has requested participation.

The European Commission published a report on the MS Data on Cross-border patient healthcare 2017 following Directive 2011

The report provides an overview of the data on European patient mobility in 2017, collected from February to November 2018. Returns were received from twenty-eight of the thirty countries contacted (being the EU 28 plus Norway and Iceland), no response was received from Cyprus or Iceland. Member states reported on issues such as information request and access to care under the directive as well as limitations for patient flow. Here it showed that A total of 71,396 requests for information were received, with most Member States receiving fewer than 1,000 requests in 2017, and four MS (Denmark, Estonia, Romania and UK) reported that they had put in place such measures, however none reported having used them. Please find the full report [here](#)

The HSPA publishes report on tools and methodologies to assess the efficiency of health care services

The EU Expert Group on Health Systems Performance Assessment (HSPA) published its report titled "Tools and methodologies to assess the efficiency of health care services in Europe: an overview of current approaches and opportunities for improvement". National health care systems across Europe are increasingly confronted with the complex challenge of reconciling rising demand for health care services with available resources as a means to safeguard their long-term sustainability. At the same time, a consensus is emerging among researchers that up to 20% of current expenditure in modern health care systems can be categorised as either ineffective or wasteful. As European governments seek to exploit opportunities to reconfigure resources within their national health systems to deliver better-value care, the design complexity inherent to health care systems, as well as a series of methodological and data-related limitations, render the identification of specific sources of inefficiency in healthcare a difficult endeavour in practice (further details [here](#)). The report, which is the fourth report published by the HSPA, supports national health policy-makers in their efforts to improve their set of tools and methodologies to assess the efficiency of their health care systems. Please find the link to the report [here](#).

CPME news and publications

Survey from the Slovak Medical Chamber

Dear members,

For those who haven't done yet, on behalf of the Slovak Medical Chamber, we invite you to provide your reply to the short questionnaire below on registration practices. Please, send your answers to oravec.ths@gmail.com and cc to sarada.das@cpme.eu.

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Dear CPME members,

We kindly ask you to answer a few questions that are important for our professional medical organization- the Slovak Medical Chamber /SMC/.

From 2006, after the amendment of the Act, the membership in the Slovak Medical Chamber is voluntary. Doctors are obliged to register in the register of doctors only. The register of doctors and the registry management is the responsibility of SMC. The amount of the registration fee is determined by law, and SMC cannot influence it. The registration fee is insufficient and its amount is about 14% of the current SMC membership fee. SMC has been seeking to develop professional self- government and its independence for a long time. However, this situation causes many difficulties. We make effort for changing the law about the membership in professional organization. That is why we are currently mapping the situation in European countries. Therefore we kindly ask you to answer the following questions.

1. Is a membership in a professional medical organization compulsory in your country?
2. Is the registration of doctors mandatory in your country? Who manages and keeps a register of doctors in your country?
3. If the professional medical organization maintains a register, does the state administration contribute financially to maintaining the registry of doctors?
4. Who and how determines the registration fee? Who is the recipient of this fee? Do doctors pay the registration fee regularly every year? Do doctors pay the membership fee only?
5. What is the registration fee in proportion to the membership fee in the professional organization of doctors?

Pictures from the General Assembly and the Board meetings in Valletta (Malta)

The Secretariat is pleased to share with you some nice memories from the CPME meetings held in Valletta on 5-6 April 2019. You can download the pictures by clicking [here](#).

Recent publications on the CPME website

Members' section:

[Report on "TOOLS AND METHODOLOGIES TO ASSESS THE EFFICIENCY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN EUROPE", 2019](#)

[EUROPEAN MEDICAL STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION Activity Presentation, April 2019](#)

[1st Edition one health regional debate, April 2019](#)

[Report on 'Reinventing the food system: a new policy agenda to tackle the global syndemic of obesity, undernutrition and climate change'](#)

[Study on the Movement of Skilled labour – Final Report, June 2018](#)

[Report of the ECF Event "More Walking and Cycling Please: Growing Active Mobility Through EU Funds" – Brussels, 3 April 2019](#)

[National report Panhellenic Medical Association, April 2019](#)

[CPME Members' Comments on the Draft Policy on Healthy Living](#)

[Letter from the British Medical Association on Recognition of professional qualifications after Brexit](#)

[CPME Draft Final Accounts 2018](#)

[Draft – CPME Policy on Healthy Living](#)

[CPME Draft Final Accounts 2018](#)

[Draft Declaration – EU COALITION FOR VACCINATION](#)

[Report of the HTA Stakeholder Pool / Health providers meeting on 21 March 2019 \(Brussels\)](#)

[Report of the STAMP meeting on safe and timely access to medicines for patients, 15 March 2019 \(Brussels\)](#)

[One Health in undergraduate education – FVE presentation for the One Health Network on AMR on 12 March 2019 \(Brussels\)](#)

[Letter from the British Medical Association on Recognition of professional qualifications after Brexit](#)

[Medical Women's International Association \(MWIA\) – Activity Report to CPME General Assembly, 6 April 2019](#)

[CPME Monthly Bulletin – March 2019](#)

[Draft CPME response to EMA consultation on electronic product information \(ePI\)](#)

[CPME Update on Medical Device Activities](#)

[CPME Update on Alcohol Labelling Activities](#)

CPME News section:

[CPME response to public consultation on EU Regulatory Science to 2025](#)

[CPME comments on the HMA-EMA joint taskforce's recommendations on Big Data](#)

[CPME response to public consultation on key principles for electronic product information for human medicines in the EU](#)

[Outcomes of the CPME meetings on 6 April 2019, Valletta \(Malta\)](#)

[CPME statement on the ethics guidelines for trustworthy AI prepared by the European Commission's high-level expert group on artificial intelligence](#)

[Joint Letter to DG SANTE on EU Diet Platform](#)

[CPME Policy on Healthy Living](#)

[CPME Position Paper on Defensive Medicine](#)

[Pharmacists, dentists and doctors call on EU Member States to provide adequate funding for health](#)

[European doctors want better labelling of alcoholic drinks](#)