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Dear CPME members,

We are glad to present you the latest edition of our Monthly Bulletin. In this Bulletin, you will be informed about the main decisions taken by the Executive Committee on 23 May 2019.

Among other items, the Executive Committee adopted the draft response to the 'public consultation on the Evaluation of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Measures Applicable to the Wine Sector' and the CPME reply to the 'Council of Europe consultation on a new protocol on human rights for persons with mental disorders with regard to involuntary measures'.

We hope the bulletin is informative and we invite you to consult our [latest news](#). All recent publications on CPME website are separately listed at the end of this Bulletin.

Please, don't hesitate to contact us directly if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Prof. Dr Frank Ulrich Montgomery
CPME President

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Executive Committee meeting

Internal Affairs

CPME meetings in Tallinn (Estonia), spring 2021 – Save the Date

The Executive Committee decided to hold the CPME General Assembly and Board meeting on 16-17 April 2021 in Tallinn (Estonia).

This decision follows the kind invitation by the Estonian Medical Association to hold the Spring CPME general meetings 2021 in Tallin.

Open house planning, 19 June 2019

The Executive Committee took note of the open house event organised by the CPME Secretariat – since 2016 a format addressing the working level of partner organisations in Brussels.

CPME Members` Conference in Berlin 2020

The Executive Committee took note of the plans for a pre-conference on digital skills ahead of the CPME meetings in Berlin in November 2020.

Since the meeting coincides with the German Presidency of the Council of the EU, CPME will request the presidency's support for the event. CPME Secretariat will liaise with the German Medical Association throughout the planning, e.g. to find suitable speakers at the national level.

Workshop PACT July 2019

The Executive Committee took note of the plans to host a CPME session on health workforce as a part of the conference on "The future of health" - Advancing the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in Europe' in Brussels on 11-12 July 2019.

The conference will be organised by the Patient Access Partnership ([PACT](#)) which CPME cooperates with. Further information on the format of the session will be sought to determine the details of CPME's input and representation.

One Health workshop, December 2019

The Executive Committee took note of the organisation of the upcoming One Health workshop, kindly hosted by the Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists and taking place in Warsaw (Poland) on 4 December 2019. The objective is to have a discussion and exchange of views/best practises on how to implement the One Health concept into undergraduate curricula and foster interdisciplinary education.

The event will be co-organised by CPME in cooperation with the Council of European Dentists ([CED](#)), the Federation of the Veterinarians of Europe ([FVE](#)), the Pharmaceutical group of the European Union ([PGEU](#)), and the medical, dental, veterinary and pharmaceutical students' organisations. Since the event is addressed to Poland, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Hungary, the organisers will consider speakers and participants from this region only. As in the past, each professional organisation (students are excluded) will participate in the financing.

Post Election event in the European Parliament, October 2019

The Executive Committee took note of the post-election event planned in October 2019 taking place in the European Parliament.

This event is co-organised with the Association Internationale de la Mutualité ([AIM](#)), the European Patients' Forum ([EPF](#)), the European Hospital and Healthcare Federation ([HOPE](#)), the European Partnership for Health Equity and Wellbeing ([EuroHealthNet](#)), the Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union ([PGEU](#)), the Council of European Dentists ([CED](#)) and the European Medical Students' Association ([EMSA](#)). The objective is to introduce the newly elected Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) to the Brussels health stakeholders and to present our policy "asks" for the years to come. Soon, the organisers will identify potential host MEPs and will set a budget (breakfast or light lunch and moderator – no venue costs).

Merger of different topics into one topic with Rapporteur ship

Following the discussion held during the Board meeting in Valletta (Malta) on 6 April 2019, the Executive Committee decided to merge the topics as listed below into "EMA dossiers":

Biosimilars

pharmaceuticals in the environment

off-label use of medicines

drug repurposing

falsified medicines

personalised medicine and information to patients.

Appointment of a new rapporteur for Antimicrobial resistance (AMR)

The Executive Committee commissioned the Secretariat to liaise with the Danish Medical Association to identify a potential (Co-)Rapporteur on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).

Letter of support to Bulgarian Medical Association

The Executive Committee took note of the letter of support prepared upon request of the Bulgarian Medical Association on the issue of violence against doctors.

The request follows an increasing rate of violent acts against health professionals, which the current national legislative framework does not prosecute efficiently. The Executive Committee expressed its concern at this trend which can be seen in many Member States. It was debated whether stricter penalties for aggressors would be effective, however experience has shown that the societal mindset which causes such incidents outweighs. Some national medical associations and European medical organisations (EMOs) are already engaged in policy debates on this question for many years, looking i.a. how better patient communication may mitigate difficult situations. The CPME Secretariat was commissioned to collect information on national debates with a view to preparing a paper, possibly jointly with other EMOs. The letter will also be shared with the CPME membership.

Policies

CPME reply to Council of Europe consultation

The Executive Committee adopted the CPME reply to the Council of Europe consultation on a new protocol on

human rights for persons with mental disorders with regard to involuntary measures which is to be added to its [Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine](#).

As member of the conference of international NGOs, CPME was invited *to comment on the draft protocol*. The reply was based on CPME's comments on an earlier draft of the protocol ([CPME 2000/101](#)). The Executive Committee reviewed some elements of the reply, in particular the number of doctors and clinical specialties involved in making a decision on involuntary measures and the terminology of 'mental disorder' as opposed to 'mental illness'.

Coalition for Vaccination

The Executive Committee decided to start planning a campaign to fight vaccine-preventable diseases and increase vaccination coverage in Europe.

This activity will be carried out as a commitment to the [Coalition for Vaccination](#), convened by the European Commission. CPME will be the first co-chair of the Coalition bringing together European associations of healthcare professionals as well as students' associations to commit to delivering accurate information to the public, combating myths and exchanging best practice.

The campaign could be implemented in cooperation with the other Coalition members. Furthermore, CPME will discuss the possible funding opportunities with the Commission.

Framework Convention Alliance

The Executive Committee decided to apply for the Framework Convention Alliance ([FCA](#)) membership.

CPME was informed about this possibility by the Smoke Free Partnership ([SFP](#)) which serves as FCA regional coordinator for the European region. FCA is a civil society alliance whose mission is to help strengthen the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) and support its full and accelerated implementation worldwide. It is made up of nearly 500 non-governmental organisations from over 100 countries. The membership is free.

Evaluation of the CAP measures applicable to the wine sector

The Executive Committee adopted the draft response to the [public consultation](#) on the Evaluation of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Measures Applicable to the Wine Sector.

The consultation primarily targets the farming sector, but it also poses questions on labelling and promotion. The CPME response highlights that wine labelling should not be regulated under the CAP but in the [EU Regulation 1169/2011](#) on the provision of food information to consumers. The exemption of wine and other alcoholic beverages from the obligation to provide information to consumers must end. Moreover, the response emphasises that promotion of wine is not in line with the EU's commitment to meet the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

International calendar

The Executive Committee decided to review the calendar in the next in person meeting in June.

Monitoring news

The European systems of tobacco traceability and security features are operational

The European system of tobacco traceability and security features has become operational 20 May 2019. The first producers in the EU have requested and received traceability markings for cigarettes and roll-your-own tobacco products. The markings will enable national authorities to track and trace the movements of these packs across the legal supply chain in the EU. See more [here](#).

EMA Annual Report 2018 published

EMA published its 2018 report on 20 May 2019. The report *i. a.* includes the preparations for the UK's withdrawal from the EU and its impact on EMA. It also presents reflections by the former and newly-elected chairs of EMA's human medicines committee (CHMP), safety committee (PRAC) and orphan medicines committee (COMP) on recent achievements and future challenges. Find the full report [here](#).

New Eurobarometer on Vaccination

On 26 April 2019, the European Commission published the first Eurobarometer on attitudes towards vaccination. It shows that 85 % of the EU citizens believe that vaccination is an effective way to prevent infectious diseases. The Eurobarometer also shows that around half of the EU citizens have been vaccinated in the last five years and that a large majority consult and trust a healthcare professional to get information about vaccinations. However, 48% Europeans believe that vaccines can often produce severe side effects. 38% think vaccines can cause the diseases against which they protect. Please download the publication [here](#).

EU and WHO join forces in Global Vaccination Summit

The European Commission, in cooperation with the World Health Organisation, will host a Global Vaccination Summit in Brussels on 12 September 2019. The event takes place under the joint auspices of the European Commission President Jean Claude Juncker and WHO Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. The objective is to give visibility and political endorsement to the topic of vaccination. It is also intended to issue a statement endorsing and promoting the benefits of vaccination as the most successful public health measure that saves millions of lives every year. The conference aims to demonstrate EU leadership for global commitment to vaccination, boost political commitment towards eliminating vaccine-preventable diseases and engage political leaders and leaders from scientific, medical, industry, philanthropy and civil society. Around 400 participants are expected at this high-level meeting. CPME will participate. Please find more information [here](#).

EXPH looks into task-shifting and value-based healthcare

The DG SANTE Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health (EXPH) published its draft opinions on '[Task shifting in healthcare systems](#)' and on '[Value-based healthcare](#)'. CPME will participate in respective hearings in the beginning of June and will report back. Moreover, the EXPH has published its [Reflection on priorities for the future of healthcare in the EU](#). This report, prepared by the members of the Expert Panel, represents an internal brainstorming on future EU actions in healthcare and public health. The EXPH identifies six action priorities for the future of healthcare in the EU:

1. Accountability for realising the EU dream for improvement of citizens' health. Let citizens dream about the health system in EU, let us create world-class centres for health care focusing on benefits for citizens.
2. Creation of learning communities to bring together the best expertise, experiences and practices in EU.
3. Strengthening EU protection for health care.
4. Investing in real health promotion and prevention.
5. Addressing the health effects of migration through capacity building for health care in Africa.
6. Development of new models of care in an affordable way.

EMSA and EJD launch a European Medical Mobility (EMM) website

The European Medical Students' Association ([EMSA](#)) and the European Junior Doctors ([EJD](#)) have relaunched their joint EJD/EMSA European Medical Mobility ([EMM](#)) website. The portal provides practical information to doctors and students investigating postgraduate training/residency training elsewhere in Europe. The website's goal is to facilitate training in the medical field and to gather official information regarding Junior Doctors training and working conditions. The link to the EMM website is www.medicalmobility.eu.

EU finally adopted new rules on trans fat

On 24 April 2019, the European Commission adopted the [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2019/649](#) limiting the amount of industrially produced trans fat in all foods sold to EU consumers. The maximum limit corresponds to 2 grams of industrially produced trans fats per 100 grams of fat in food intended for the final consumer and food intended for the supply to retail. This is what CPME called for in its 2018 policy paper on trans fats' ([CPME 2018/017 FINAL](#)). The food producers must comply with the new Regulation by April 2021.

CPME news and publications

Joint Action on Medical Devices gets new leadership

On 7 April 2019, the French National Agency for the Safety of Medicines and Health Products ([ANSM](#)) took over the leadership of the Joint Action on Market Surveillance of Medical Devices (JAMS) from the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). CPME is represented in the JAMS advisory board by Dr Katrín Fjeldsted since 2016. JAMS aims to reinforce the market surveillance system for medical devices by improving the coordination of activities in all EU Member States, and by ensuring adequate cooperation.

CPME discusses professional regulation with OECD

CPME Secretariat met with the experts dealing with professional services in the [Product Market Regulation \(PMR\)](#) at OECD. The objective of the meeting was to learn about the OECD's PMR methodology, which applies a system of scores to factors restricting access to or practice of a profession. The outcomes of the PMR exercise are frequently referenced in EU initiatives on professional regulation and are very similar to the approach provided by the Proportionality Directive 2018/958/EU. Currently only 'business' professions such as legal and accounting professions are covered in the PMR, but new projects indicate that health professions may be included in the exercise in future. Please find the full meeting report [here](#).

CPME attends Council of Europe: discussions on solidarity with migrants, women's rights, digital civic space

In its capacity as member of the Council of Europe's conference of international NGOs, the CPME secretariat attended parts of the conference's spring session. The agenda included the adoption of several resolutions, and featured discussions on women's rights, solidarity with migrants, and the digital civic space. The session's discussions highlighted the importance of civil society as an ethical watchdog, but at the same time highlighted the increasingly difficult climate for such activities. Please find the full meeting report [here](#).

CPME replies to Council of Europe's Committee of Bioethics consultation on the preparation of an additional protocol to the Convention on human rights and biomedicine

On 23 May 2019, the CPME Executive Committee adopted the 'CPME reply to Council of Europe's Committee of Bioethics consultation on the preparation of an additional protocol to the Convention on human rights and biomedicine' (CPME 2019/057 FINAL).

Save the date - The 14th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law

On 11-14th of May 2020 the 14th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health law takes place in Porto. The conference will cover aspects such as bioethics, medical ethics, health law and biomedical research. The conference will be held in collaboration with the World Medical Association, the Federation of Medical Education, the Standing Committee of European Doctors and the International Federation of Medical Students Associations. More info available here: <http://bioethics-porto2020.com/>.

Recent publications on the CPME website

Members' section:

- [Report on 'Refugee and asylum seeker health. A resource by the British Medical Association'](#)
- [CPME reply to Council of Europe's Committee of Bioethics consultation](#)
- [Letter of support to Bulgarian Medical Association on violence against doctors](#)
- [EIP on Active and Healthy Ageing B3 Action Group Meeting on Integrated Care – Brussels, 22 May 2019](#)
- [CPME response to the EU-JAMRAI WP4 survey, May 2019](#)
- [Report on "HOW CAN WE CREATE CLEAN AIR IN OUR CITIES FOR A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE?", 14th May 2019](#)
- [EASO Policy Conference – Brussels, 16 May 2019](#)
- [CPME draft minutes General Assembly, Valletta \(Malta\) 6 April 2019](#)
- [CPME Session on Professional Practice and Patients' Rights – DRAFT Minutes of the meeting in Valletta, 5 April 2019](#)
- [CPME Working Group on Refugee Health DRAFT Report of the web-meeting, 11/03/2019](#)
- [EU Green Week Partner Event: Urban Vehicle Restrictions – Brussels, 15 May 2019](#)
- [Study on labour mobility and recognition in the regulated professions, by European Parliament Committee for Employment and Social Affairs \(EMPL\), April 2019](#)
- [CPME Internal Audit report April 2019](#)
- [Report on "Shortages of inexpensive, essential medicines. Calling for tangible political commitments in the EU" event, 09 April 2019](#)
- [CPME Activity report to AEMH, 10-11 May 2019](#)
- [Report on meeting of conference of international NGOs to Council of Europe, 10-11 April 2019](#)
- [Report: meeting with Mr Bartolo, Minister for Education of Malta. Valletta, 4 April 2019](#)
- [Report on meeting with OECD on Product Market Regulation \(PMR\) for professional services, 16 April 2019](#)
- [CPME Monthly Bulletin – April 2019](#)
- [Presentation on Migration and Health at CPME GA, April 2019](#)
- [EU Coalition for Vaccination, Draft Declaration](#)
- [Meeting "Towards a Coalition for Vaccination", 4 March 2019](#)
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CPME News section:

- CPME reply to Council of Europe's Committee of Bioethics consultation on the preparation of an additional protocol to the Convention on human rights and biomedicine
- Eleven Turkish doctors sentenced to prison: CPME and WMA sent a letter to the EU leadership
- CPME Statement on the outcome of the trial against the Turkish doctor leaders