CME - CPD trends in Europe

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Foundation of the UEMS in 1958 by the professional organizations of medical specialists of Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands.
UEMS political involvement in EU Affairs

The EU institutional triangle (simplified)

Consulation with other European Medical Organisations:
- AEMH – CEOM
- CPME – CPME
- EANA – EJD
- EMSA - FEMS – UEMO
UEMS Membership

31 Full Member Countries

28 EU member countries
Iceland, Norway, Switzerland

3 Associate Member Countries
Accessing countries

3 Observer Member Countries

42 Specialist Sections

11 Multidisciplinary Joint Committees
European Accreditation Council for Continuous Medical Education

Purpose UEMS policy

Contribute to quality and harmonization of CME in Europe

To make life easier for our colleagues by easing access to international CME

Developing quality guidelines

Maintaining national authority
Purpose UEMS policy

- Same procedure for each Specialty
- Same procedure for each Country
- Harmonisation of the fees
- Avoid multiplication of the process
- Have one entry
Applications in 2010

**Live events**
- 1159 approved events
- 14 rejected
- 486 pending (in review for 2011)

**e-Learning**
- 69 applications
- 39 approved
- 1 refused
- 29 in amendment procedure
The big project started on April 6th 2009 with the inclusion of e-learning programmes.

The quality criteria for e-learning material have been revised.

Costs of evaluation of e-learning events are different because the workload in assessment is more demanding.

- 600 € for the first module and 600 € per next hour.

We do not envisage authorising provider accreditation for e-learning.
In most countries the internal structure of CME has been in evaluation.

Mandatory systems (legal, financial or professional) developed in several countries.
National Accreditation Authorities

- Have different credit systems
- Have different approaches on the procedure
- UEMS tries to harmonize the process
- Is the main player
- We have to look at who is giving the license to practise
Common:

- Individual Events
  - Conferences
  - Scientific Meetings

But also:

- Enduring Materials – CD Rom
- Internet Courses
- Articles
- Reviewing of literature
- Case reviews
- Other…
What Activities are granted by EACCME now?

- **Currently:**
  - Individual Events
  - Conferences
  - Scientific Meetings
  - Internet Courses

- **Future:**
  - Enduring Materials – CD Rom
  - CME Providers ( ? )
Mutual Recognition

- Based on trust
- Similar criteria
- Different Health Care Systems
- Must be only a part of the entire «portfolio» of the Physicians
- Borders are vanishing
Participating countries

- Armenia
- Austria
- Azerbaijan
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
Are doctors required to perform CME-CPD in your country?

- Armenia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Estonia
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- UK
- Azerbaijan
- Bulgaria
- Denmark
- Finland
- Portugal
- Spain
- Sweden
Is it mandatory?

- Armenia
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Switzerland
- Austria (partly)

- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Cyprus
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- Georgia
- Malta
- Norway
- Portugal
- Spain
- Sweden
- Turkey
- UK

44% yes, 53% no, 3% partly
What means “Mandatory”? 

- Only theoretical measures
- “Last call”
- Real effect on the license to practise or on the payment of the practitioner

“Mandatory” is not always what we think it means...
How is it made mandatory?

- Armenia
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Poland
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Austria
- Hungary
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Netherlands
- Slovenia
- Ireland
- Italy
- Switzerland

- by law
- professionnal requirement
- recertification / relicensing

- 56%
- 33%
- 11%
How does your credit system work?

- 1 credit = 1 hour
  - Armenia
  - Belgium
  - Bulgaria
  - Cyprus
  - Estonia
  - Finland
  - France
  - Georgia
  - Greece
  - Hungary
  - Italy
  - Latvia
  - Malta
  - Netherlands
  - Norway
  - Poland
  - Romania
  - Slovakia
  - Slovenia
  - Switzerland
  - Turkey
  - UK

- 1 credit = 45 min
  - Austria
  - Czech Republic
  - Germany (categories)

- 1 hour = 1 Credit
- <1 hour = 1 credit
- no answer

- 65%
- 26%
- 9%
Would it be a problem for the National Accreditation Authority of your country to accept that the 6 ECMEC for a Full Day Activity would be equal to the number your country allocates to one day events?

- Armenia
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Georgia
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Switzerland
- UK

- Austria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Germany
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Poland
- Romania
- Turkey
How many credits do you grant for a full day’s activity in your country?

- 1 full day = 6 credits
  - Armenia
  - Belgium
  - Bulgaria
  - Cyprus
  - Greece
  - Latvia
  - Lithuania
  - Malta
  - Netherlands
  - Norway
  - Romania
  - UK

- 1 full day > 6 credits
  - Finland: 6-8
  - Turkey: 6-8
  - Germany: 6-10 (cf. Category)
  - Slovakia: max 7
  - Czech Republic: 8
  - France: 8
  - Ireland: 8
  - Switzerland: 8
  - Italy: up to 8-10
  - Austria: 10
  - Poland: up to 10
  - Hungary: 10-12 (with exam)

- 1 full day < 6 credits
  - Estonia: 5 credits

- No answer
Is e-learning part of the package accepted for CME-CPD in your country?

- Yes: 59%
- No: 29%
- No answer: 12%

Countries:
- Austria
- Belgium
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Latvia
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Romania
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- UK
- Armenia
- Bulgaria
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Georgia
- Greece (starting)
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
“If you think education is expensive, you should consider ignorance.”

Socrates (469 – 399 BC)