UEMS Statement on

“Promoting Continuing Professional Development in the EU”

Endorsed by the UEMS Council

On the occasion of its meeting in Brussels on 20th April 2013, the Council of UEMS considered recent developments relating to the revision process of the EU Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications (2005/36/EC), particularly its Article 22 related to “continued education and training”.

In doing so, the Members of Council endorsed the following statement:

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**It is essential, in order to ensure patient safety and effective practice, to establish a dialogue on continuing professional development (CPD) within the EU for the purpose of optimising Member States’ CPD systems.**

To achieve this, the EU must establish a network to support harmonisation and co-operation between Member States to:

- Exchange information on, and best practice in CPD
- Promote CPD to ensure patient safety and the safe and effective practice of health professionals.

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