



Activity Report

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UEMS Council Meeting

Tbilisi, Georgia



We represent national medical associations across Europe, covering roughly:

1.7 million European Doctors from 37 countries

We are committed to contributing the medical profession's point of view to EU institutions and European policy-making through pro-active cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues.



We promote the highest level of medical training and practice but also the provision of evidence-based, ethical and equitable healthcare services.

POLICY AGENDA

Professional Practice & Patients' Rights

- Lobbying on European Parliament report on health workforce
- Development of policy on optimization of healthcare
- Upcoming presentation of results on members' survey on safe staffing
- Support to dissemination of results of WHO-Europe survey on doctors' mental health and well-being

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Policy on Doctors' Well-being: Promoting Work-Life Balance and Supportive Environments

0. Recommendations:

Healthcare institutions should:

- Implement interventions that prioritise enhancing working conditions while ensuring a safe and secure environment at the workplace. Employers must ensure that provisions relating to appropriate working conditions are complied with.
- Implement benchmarks for minimum workforce capacities in healthcare to ensure safe staffing levels. This is only possible with fair financial remuneration.
- Establish confidential, easily accessible mental health services for doctors, including counselling, therapy, and helplines, while also promoting education programmes to reduce stigma and encourage doctors to seek help through clinical leadership involvement.

PRESS RELEASE

**Keep standards
high for quality of
basic medical
education**



Conference in the European Parliament: Solutions for the European Health Workforce Crisis

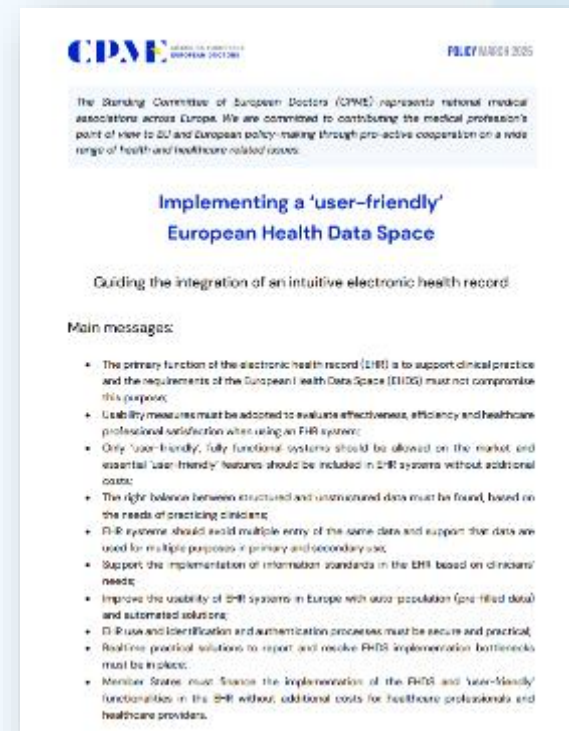
- On 20 March 2025, doctors from 30 countries contributed to a discussion on sustainable solutions to the European health workforce crisis at an event hosted by MEP Dr András Kulja and MEP Tilly Metz.
- The press release on the event is [here](#) and the video recording is [here](#).



POLICY AGENDA

Digital Health

- Responding to ongoing consultations from the Commission on AI implementation Act
- New CPME policy on [Implementing a 'user-friendly' European Health Data Space](#)
- i2X Project: aims to create exchange format for electronic health records to improve access and interoperability
- Joint Action Xt-HER on primary use
- Joint Action TEHDAS 2 on secondary use



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Pharmaceuticals & Healthcare Products

- Continued lobbying with on EU general pharmaceutical legislation
 - [Joint statement](#) on need to maintain paper leaflets alongside electronic product Information
- [Position on the Critical Medicine Act](#)
- New [statement](#) on medical devices and in-vitro diagnostics, March 2025
 - high quality standards for medical devices essential to ensure patient safety



POLICY AGENDA

Public Health

- New combined Working Group on Public Health
- Development of a new policy on the health effects of gambling
- Members' survey to map on support for the mental health of doctors
- Action on clean air and climate change, e.g. through EU Healthy Air Coalition
- Co-chairing the Coalition for Vaccination, with a press release for WHO European Immunisation Week
- Urging the EU to revise the tobacco control directives
- New European Alcohol Health Alliance with WHO/Europe

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Policy on Commercial Determinants of Health

Negative impact of commercial activities on health

European doctors recommend policymakers to:

- Prioritise public health when making policies and ensure they make the healthy choice the easy choice
- Ensure that policy making is evidence based and ethical for the benefit of public health
- Maintain strict transparency and disclosure requirements for policymakers about their commercial interests and engagement with lobbyists
- Introduce health impact assessments when regulating new products or services
- Limit and regulate advertising particularly towards children and adolescents, and protect them from exposure to unhealthy products such as alcohol, tobacco and nicotine products, and food and drinks high in fat, salt and/or sugar
- Introduce effective measures to raise the price and decrease the accessibility of unhealthy products
- Raise requirements for product formulation and decrease the use of harmful ingredients or additives in products

Letter to the European Commission

READ NOW

Our demand is that the Clean Industrial Deal tackle air pollution, one of the top environmental risks to health in Europe. We ask for a **Clean Air Deal**.



New magazine focuses on health workforce and disease prevention

- Editorial from our President, Dr Ole Johan Bakke on investing in health
- Feature on conference on health workforce
- Presentation of new European Health Alliance on Alcohol and on alcohol control policy in Ireland
- Article on why paper package leaflets matter
- FEMS guest article on doctors in the digital age: rights, protections and the role of trade unions
- Read the magazine [here](#)



UKRAINE MEDICAL HELP FUND

With WMA and EFMA, around €3 million donated

Major shipments of medicines and medical devices purchased and transported, also including:

- Evacuation units (pictured on right)
- Tourniquets
- Birthing beds
- Intensive care materials
- Neurosurgical equipment
- Warming tents, generators (pictured)



Many thanks for your attention!

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