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Dear Dr. João Grenho
Secretary General
Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes (UEMS)

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Assunto: Formal request for the establishment of a Hematology Specialty Section within UEMS

Dear Secretary General of UEMS,

In our respective capacities as representatives of the Portuguese Medical Association and the College of Clinical Hematology, we hereby formally request the establishment of a dedicated UEMS Specialty Section in Hematology.

Hematology is a recognized specialty under the EU Directive 2005/36/EC on the Recognition of Professional Qualifications, acknowledged in over 20 Member States. Despite this, there remains a structural gap at the European level: hematology currently lacks formal representation within UEMS as a standalone specialty section. This absence hinders harmonization of training, complicates cross-border recognition of qualifications, and limits the specialty's voice in shaping European medical standards and policy.

The European Hematology Association EHA, in collaboration with national societies, has developed a comprehensive European Training Requirements (ETR) document for hematology, reflecting the consensus of the hematology community across Europe. This ETR has been submitted to UEMS, has recently been reviewed by the UEMS Internal Medicine Section and we are planning to finalise the draft and submit it for the autumn Council meeting. It is fully aligned with the Madrid Declaration and the EHA Curriculum, covering both clinical and diagnostic hematology.



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We believe that the creation of a Hematology Section will:

- Provide a formal platform for hematologists to contribute to UEMS deliberations.
- Enable structured collaboration between UEMS and EHA on training, accreditation, and policy.
- Address the fragmentation caused by varying national classifications (e.g., clinical, laboratory, biological hematology).
- Strengthen the visibility and influence of hematology in European healthcare systems.

We are aware that only full UEMS members may submit such a request. As the Portuguese Medical Association is a full member, we are pleased to sign this letter and formally initiate the application process. We are prepared to present this request at the upcoming UEMS Council meeting and provide any additional documentation required.

We respectfully request that this proposal be added to the agenda of the April 2026 UEMS Council meeting. We are also open to engaging with other Sections and stakeholders to ensure alignment and address any concerns.

As a part of this letter, we are also submitting evidence against the criteria listed below; It derives from the UEMS Statutory documents that any specialty that aims to become a Specialist Section has to meet 5 criteria:

- Recognized as an independent specialty in at least 1/3 EU
- Registered in the EU Official Journal (Directive 2005/36/EC)
- Practiced in exclusive practice by trained medical specialists
- Practiced by a significant number of medical doctors
- Practiced in recognized training institutions

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to your support in advancing hematology's role within the European medical framework.

Yours sincerely,

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