



Activity report

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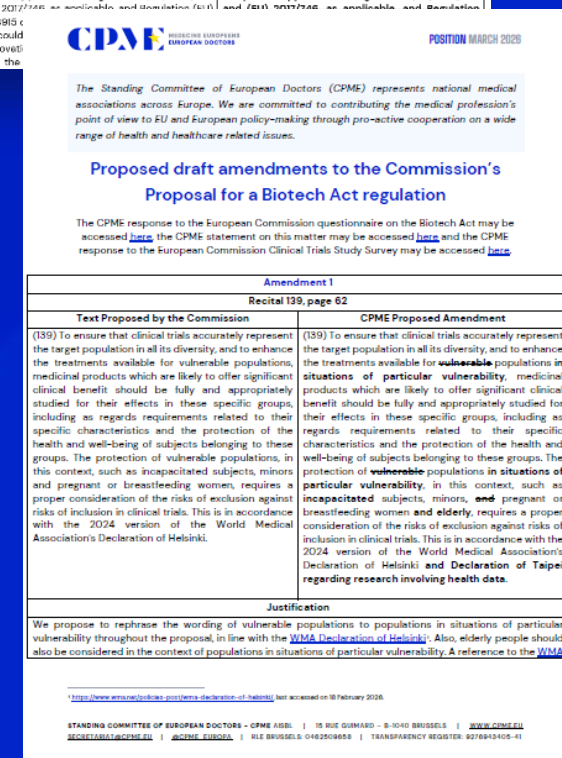
Digital health

- **Amending the EU Digital Omnibus on AI:**
CPME has successfully advocated for amendments to ensure medical devices are maintained within the scope of the AI Act and apply the requirements for high-risk AI systems. The topic is now readdressed under the Medical Devices Regulation.
- **Revision of WMA Declaration of Taipei:**
CPME presented at the **Open Expert** in Oslo, comparing the European Health Data Space with the Declaration of Taipei
- **EU Kids Act:**
CPME is reviewing the proposal announced in the State of the European Union address. It foresees social media restrictions under the age of 15 and a ban under 13.
- **Other ongoing / future activities:**
 - Lobbying on EU Digital Omnibus on Data
 - Implementation of EU EHDS
 - Upcoming Policy on Digital Health Literacy



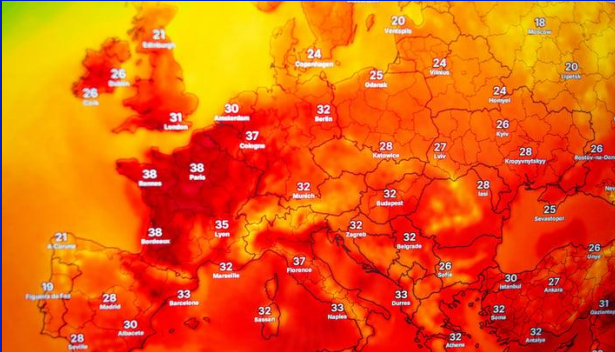
Pharmaceuticals & healthcare

- **EU Biotech Act:**
 - CPME recommends that the Biotech Act extends ethical considerations in early-stage or pre-clinical development and in pre-commercial testing or clinical trials.
 - Member States shall ensure that ethics committees are adequately resourced, have appropriate multidisciplinary composition, and robust conflict-of-interest rules to enable them to perform their functions independently and effectively.
- **Revision of EU Medical Devices Regulations:**
CPME amendments aim to safeguard current level of safety for medical devices, in particular to continue to apply the
- **Other ongoing / future activities :**
 - Upcoming Members' survey on access to medicines



Public health & disease prevention

- **European doctors call for comprehensive heat action plans:**
CPME published a statement discussing extreme heat as a critical and escalating public health issue and recommends to follow the new WHO/Europe guidance and to support effective risk communication with the public.
- **EU Screening week:**
CPME is supporting the campaign launched by the European Commission from 28 September to 4 October 2026 to promote more awareness among citizens for their own health
- **Other ongoing / future activities :**
 - Upcoming revision of the EU Tobacco Products Directive
 - Upcoming policy on mis/disinformation
 - Upcoming members' survey on emergency preparedness



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🗨 Speak to a doctor or other health professional about health checks such as screening of blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar.

❤ This week, the European Commission organises the first ever EU Screening Week, as part of their wider **#KnowYourNumbers** campaign, aiming is to raise awareness of key cardiometabolic risk factors

📌 Learn more here:
Know Your Numbers: <https://lnkd.in/eKN3citM>
EU Screening Week: <https://lnkd.in/efHKMB5K>

📄 Moreover, the **European Commission** adopted a proposal for a Council Recommendation on cardiovascular health checks to improve early detection and screening and reduce premature deaths from cardiovascular diseases. It will support countries in designing and implementing cardiovascular health checks at national level, and address particularly the needs of high-risk and vulnerable groups.

👤 European doctors are pleased to see that the Commission highlights the role of health literacy in empowering citizens to take control of their health as well as targeted campaigns and screening programmes in community settings.

**#EUScreeningWeek #WorldHeartDay
#CardiovascularHealth #CVDPrevention**

Professional practice & patient rights

- **European Parliament report on health workforce crisis:**
CPME has successfully lobbied on the own-initiative report which was adopted in September. It calls for a comprehensive EU Health Workforce Strategy , a key CPME objective. The European Commission must consider the report.
- **EU Fair Mobility Package:**
The WG on Professional Practice had a Q&A with the European Commission the on the proposed Skills Portability Act, and the revision of the Professional Qualifications Directive. Key changes proposed include the facilitated recognition of qualifications from non-EU countries, including the option to grant certain universities and medical programmes quasi 'automatic' recognition. CPME will adopt a position paper on this.
- **Other ongoing / future activities :**
 - Policy on Retention of Doctors



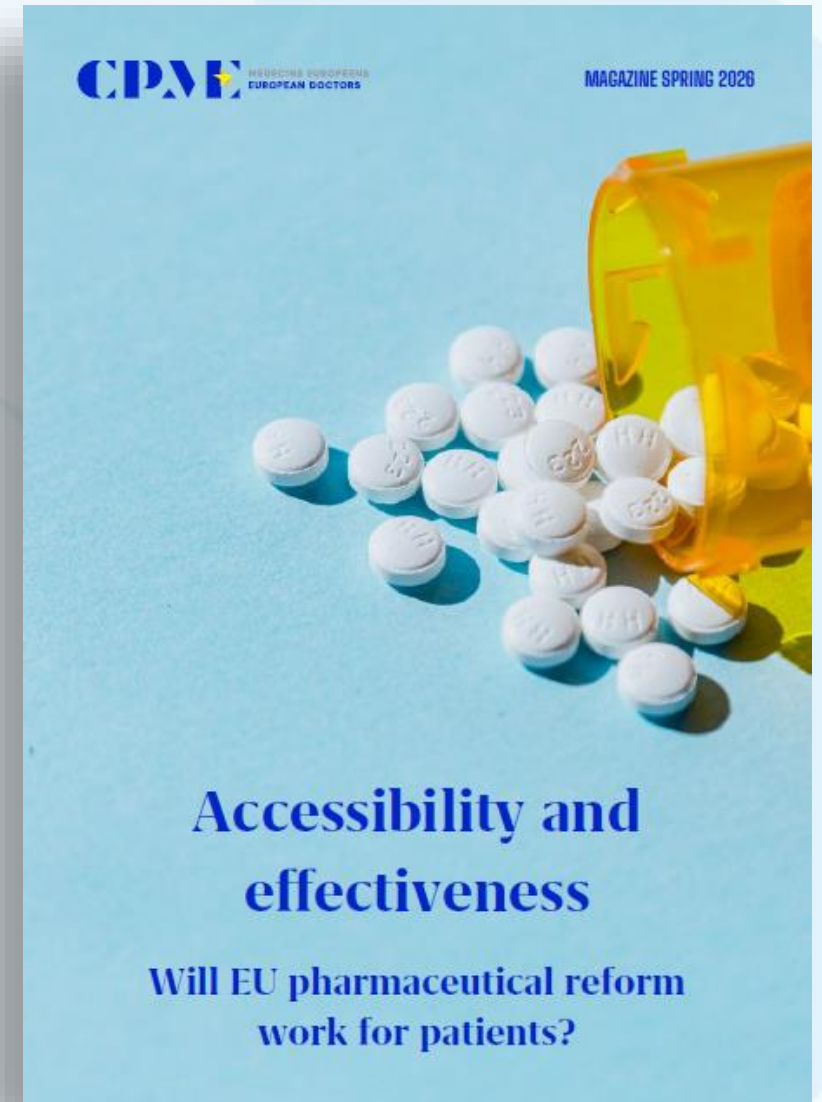
Discussion panel with European Medical Organisations on ‘How to enforce better retention of the health workforce?’

- Panelists from AEMH, CEOM, EJD, EMSA, FEMS, UEMO, and UEMS shared their expertise on how to retain professionals throughout careers.
- Vice-President Dr Andreas Botzlar chaired the discussion panel and introduced CPME’s concept note on the topic.
- The outcomes will contribute to the preparation of a policy on the retention of the health workforce.
- Next EMOs’ panel on **Independence of the medical profession at risk**



Recent magazine on the EU pharmaceutical reform

- Editorial from Dr Péter Álmos, CPME Vice President
- Event report: Safeguarding bioethics in clinical trials in a competitiveness-driven EU
- Interview with Emer Cooke, Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency
- Guest article from the European Social Insurance Platform
- Next magazine to be published October 2026



AGENDA

Upcoming events

- 12–14 November 2026: CPME General Assembly, Berlin
- 12–13 March 2027: CPME General Assembly, Sofia
- 12–13 November 2027: CPME General Assembly, Oslo



Many thanks for your attention!

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