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Paediatrics Section, UEMS (Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes)

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Ref: EBP/UEMS – Request for Creation of Subspecialty Divisions

To:

Prof. Vassilios Papalois, President of UEMS

Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes (UEMS)

Rue de l'Industrie 24, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

cc: UEMS Secretary General; UEMS Council Members

Subject: Formal request for the creation of Divisions for all Paediatric Subspecialties under the European Board of Paediatrics (Paediatrics Section, UEMS)

Dear Prof. Papalois / Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the European Board of Paediatrics (EBP), Paediatrics Section of the UEMS, I am writing to formally request the creation of dedicated Divisions within the UEMS structure for each of the paediatric subspecialties listed below. This request is submitted for consideration and formal action by the UEMS Council at its next scheduled meeting.

The establishment of formal Divisions for these subspecialties is essential to ensure harmonised training standards, appropriate recognition of specialist expertise, and consistent representation of these fields across European Union and EEA member states. Each subspecialty listed represents a distinct and recognised area of paediatric practice with its own body of knowledge, training requirements, and professional community, and would benefit from the governance, visibility, and coordination that a formal UEMS Division provides.

The EBP therefore respectfully requests the creation of Divisions for the following paediatric subspecialties:

1. Neonatology
2. Paediatric Cardiology
3. Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes
4. Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition
5. Paediatric Neurology
6. Paediatric Nephrology
7. Paediatric Pulmonology
8. Paediatric Haematology and Oncology
9. Paediatric Rheumatology
10. Paediatric Allergology
11. Paediatric Inherited Metabolic Medicine
12. Paediatric Infectious Diseases
13. Paediatric Emergency Medicine





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We kindly ask that this request be formally registered and placed on the agenda of the next UEMS Council meeting.

The EBP remains available to provide any additional documentation, justification, or supporting material that the UEMS Council may require to evaluate this request, including details on the scope of practice, training curricula, and the number of specialists and training centres associated with each division.

We thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and look forward to your confirmation that this request has been received and will be considered by the Council.

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Ann De Guchteneare
President, European Board of Paediatrics (EBP)
Paediatrics Section, UEMS

