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# CPME Activities



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## Introducing CPME

- CPME represents national medical associations across Europe, covering roughly 1.6 million European Doctors.
- 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.
- CPME promotes the highest level of medical training and practice but also the provision of evidence-based, ethical and equitable healthcare services.



# European Health Union Package - Draft Regulation on serious cross-border health threats

- European doctors:
  - highlight the need to act on prevention of disease
  - support strengthening the Health Security Committee which should be able to formally adopt guidance and opinions
  - call to develop concrete recommendations for ratios for resources per population unit for Member States to use as a benchmark for preparedness
  - support the creation of training modules for health professionals and highlight the need for a 'One Health' approach
  - welcome commitment to cooperate with non-EU countries and call for coordinated action in border regions
  - alert for the need to respect fundamental rights concerning health surveillance measures and for how health data will be used in the digital platform for epidemiological surveillance.
- The full position can be accessed [here](#).



# European Health Union Package - Draft Regulation on ECDC mandate

- European doctors:
  - propose that the precise health data that ECDC will have access to is listed in a separate Annex
  - underline the need for human oversight in data usage
  - support strengthening the collection, analysis and follow-up of data on national system's public health capacities, including workforce, facilities and technologies.
- The full position can be accessed [here](#).



# European Health Union Package - Draft Regulation on EMA mandate

- European doctors:
  - support reinforcing EMA structure to also monitor and advise on the supply of medical devices in health emergencies
  - ask for closer involvement of healthcare professionals in the proposed framework to improve communication
  - call for the imposition of sanctions for non-compliance with reporting obligations by the marketing authorisation holders
  - call for the inclusion of additional transparency provisions.
- The full position can be accessed [here](#).



## Status quo: European Health Union negotiations

- Since the adoption of the CPME position papers in April 2021, CPME has met the lead MEPs, including an MEP doctors' roundtable, as well as Member States' representation, in particular the current Slovenian presidency.
  - The EP has adopted almost all of CPME's proposals for improving the legislation.
  - The Council, is more conservative in its position, so the upcoming negotiations will have to seek a compromise on most points
- CPME will maintain dialogue with the institutions
- CPME is currently analysing the proposal for a Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA)



## Draft Regulation on Artificial Intelligence

- European doctors:
  - welcome the overall risk-based approach for AI, the creation of the European Artificial Board, the development of the EU database for high-risk AI and the proposed risk management system
  - suggest specific provision with an obligation to conduct standardised audits by an AI external auditor
  - calls for ‘high quality’ human oversight and medical regulators supervision on AI resulting medical obligations
- The full position can be accessed [here](#).



## Draft Regulation on e-Evidence

- CPME is currently lobbying to safeguard professional secrecy in a new draft law on cross-border access to electronic evidence for serious crimes, which can affect electronic health data.
- European doctors:
  - consider the current text of draft e-Evidence Regulation a threat to medical confidentiality and patient trust, as well as use of digital tools in healthcare
  - urges the respect of professional secrecy and medical confidentiality that doctors have to comply with
  - ask that an exemption to the scope of regulation is added for professional secrecy holders (or at least an ex ante review mechanism by national courts)
- The full position can be accessed [here](#).



## European Health Data Space (EHDS)

- European doctors:
  - welcome the EHDS objective to improve disease prevention, patient-oriented health care and better treatment options
  - observe that the EHDS should have a clear legal framework, independent oversight, and transparent policies concerning the processing of patient data available for business and government
  - state that this transparency is particularly needed in terms of medical confidentiality, data access, secondary use of data and information
  - note that a Code of Conduct should be developed and applied to both public and private entities relating to EHDS.
- The full policy can be accessed [here](#).



## Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe

- European doctors:
  - propose measures to achieve European Commission's objectives across four work strands
  - emphasise the role of healthcare professional organisations in implementing reforms in the public interest
  - confirm their readiness to contribute to this process.
- The full position can be accessed [here](#).



## EU pharmaceutical policy

- European doctors are participating in numerous initiatives taken in the context of the pharmaceutical strategy's implementation.
- Over the last months, CPME contributed:
  - response to public consultation on EU rules on medicines for children and rare diseases – see [here](#).
  - response to the evaluation roadmap on the revision of the general pharmaceutical legislation – see [here](#).
  - response to public consultation on the new Health Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) – see [here](#).
  - statement on the Oslo Medicines Initiative – see [here](#).



## Vaccination

- The two-year-long IMMUNION project started in April 2021 (led by EuroHealthNet)
- One of its aims is to strengthen the Coalition for Vaccination which is co-chaired by CPME
- CPME is also involved in the VAC-PACT project to improve uptake and confidence in vaccines for patients with chronic diseases, families and supporting communities (led by the European Patients' Forum (EPF))
- CPME participates in the European Commission's COVID-19 vaccine campaign activities by disseminating communication materials
- CPME is a stakeholder in the three-year EU Joint Action on Vaccination (EU-JAV).



## Other activities

- **Reserving antibiotics for human health:** CPME lobbied to oppose a delegated act to the Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulation due to loopholes in the criteria for identifying antibiotics reserved for human medicine only. CPME wanted to definitively exclude the use of last-resort antibiotics in animal husbandry. The European Parliament's vote was close but finally did not follow this recommendation. The Commission however recognised the need to engage with doctors.
- **Roadmap on labelling of alcoholic products:** CPME believes that industry self-regulation is not an appropriate way to protect the population from alcohol-related harm and calls to revoke the exemption of all alcoholic beverages from EU Regulation 1169/2011 and require all indications of the list of ingredients and the nutrition declaration on-label.
- **WHO-Europe Regional Committee:** CPME was re-confirmed as non-state actor in the WHO-Europe framework. CPME submitted a number of written statements to the Regional Committee in September, i.a. a joint statement on the role of the health workforce during the pandemic.



## Save the date!

- Next CPME meetings: Oslo, 26-27 November 2021
- CPME members' conference on 'The power of data and its use for policy-making': Oslo, 26 November 2021
- Roundtable with Doctor MEPs – hosted by MEP Dr Liese and MEP Dr Pizarro: online, date tbc



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# Thank you for your attention!

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