

Notes to Editors

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)

The [Standing Committee of European Doctors \(CPME\)](#) represents national medical associations across Europe. 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 believe the best possible quality of health and access to healthcare should be a reality for everyone.
- We see the patient-doctor relationship as fundamental in achieving these objectives.
- We are committed to interdisciplinary cooperation among doctors and with other health professions.
- We strongly advocate a 'health in all policies' approach to encourage cross-sectorial awareness for and action on the determinants of health.

The European Association of Pharmacy Technicians (EAPT)

[EAPT](#) is a non-profit making association and supports pharmacy technicians in the provision of a safe, effective and efficient pharmaceutical service for the benefit of the patient in all EAPT member countries. The purpose and role of EAPT is to provide and compare information on the role and education of pharmacy technicians across Europe. Following a meeting of the Committee of European Pharmacy Technicians (CEPT) in Lisbon 2010, it was agreed to move the committee forward to become an association. From this the European Association of Pharmacy Technicians (EAPT) was founded by eleven professional pharmacy technician associations within Europe.

The first EAPT board was elected at the inaugural meeting in Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom in April 2011.

The European Biosafety Network (EBN)

The [European Biosafety Network \(EBN\)](#) was established in 2010 following the adoption of the European Directive on Preventing Sharps Injuries in Hospitals and Healthcare Settings (2010/32/EU) with a commitment to improve the safety of patients and healthcare and non-healthcare workers. The Network is an inclusive organisation made up of its founder members, UNISON and the Spanish General Nursing Council, national and European professional institutions, representative associations, unions and other interested parties committed to biological and occupational safety in healthcare throughout the European Union. The Network's focus has been on promoting and encouraging the early legislative implementation of the Sharps Directive and the clauses in the MDR which prevent sharps injuries by the use of safety mechanisms by working with key EU stakeholders and raising awareness, providing guidance, the dissemination of information and effective reporting and monitoring. The EBN has been active more recently in the prevention of occupational exposure to hazardous drugs and reprotoxins and the amendment of the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive. It will extend its focus to other significant exposure areas as the need

arises, particularly regarding the safe handling of toxic and dangerous biologic and chemical substances in healthcare setting, including anesthetic gases.

The European Cancer Patient Coalition

[European Cancer Patient Coalition \(ECPC\)](#) is the voice of cancer patients in Europe. With over 450 members, ECPC is Europe's largest umbrella cancer patients' association, covering all EU member states and many other European and non-European countries. ECPC represents patients affected by all types of cancers, from the rarest to the most common.

The European Federation of Nursing Associations (EFN)

The [European Federation of Nurses Associations \(EFN\)](#), formerly Standing Committee of Nurses of the EU (PCN), was established in 1971 to represent the nursing profession and its interests to the European Institutions, based on the nursing education and free movement Directives being drafted by the European Commission then. Representing more than one million nurses over 36 National Nurses Associations at European Level, the EFN is the independent voice of the nursing profession. Its official working language is English. EFN members are drawn from the National Nurses' Associations from the twenty-eight EU Member States + Norway, Iceland, Switzerland, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Albania which are in membership of the European Union and/or of the Council of Europe.

The European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU)

[EPSU](#) is the largest federation of the ETUC and comprises 8 million public service workers from over 260 trade unions across Europe. EPSU organises workers in the energy, water and waste sectors, health and social services and local, regional and central government, in all European countries including the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood. In our sectors we organise workers in the public, the non-profit, mixed and private sector including in multinational companies. It is the recognised regional organisation of Public Services International (PSI).

The European Specialist Nurses Organisation (ESNO)

The [European Specialist Nurses Organisation \(ESNO\)](#) is a non-profit organisation and the goal is to facilitate and provide an effective framework for communication and co-operation between the European Specialist Nurses Organisations and its constituent members. ESNO represents the mutual interests and benefits of these organisations to the wider European community in the interest of the public health. Members of ESNO consist of individual European specialist nurses organizations, including the European Oncology Nursing Society. ESNO promotes and represents the interests of Specialist Nurses in Europe. Through collaboration with stakeholder organisations and utilising advanced science, we pursue recognition under the Directive of Professional qualification. We contribute to effective co-

operation between health professionals, organisations, institutes and agencies, thus setting professional standards for education and continuing development. ESNO implements long term strategies and policies to cohesively advance professional development and health projects in Europe. We achieve this through consultation with member colleagues and management associates. Through this cooperation we participate in a number of European Union institutions, forums and platforms, often with our partners in the health workforce.

The European Trades Union Confederation (ETUC)

The [ETUC](#) is the voice of workers and represents 45 million members from 90 trade union organisations in 38 European countries, plus 10 European Trade Union Federations. The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) speaks with a single voice on behalf of European workers to have a stronger say in EU decision-making. The ETUC aims to ensure that the EU is not just a single market for goods and services, but is also a Social Europe, where improving the wellbeing of workers and their families is an equally important priority. The European social model – until the onset of the crisis – helped Europe to become a prosperous, competitive region with high living standards. The ETUC defends fundamental social values such as solidarity, equality, democracy, social justice and cohesion. The last ETUC Congress in Vienna in 2019 adopted a Manifesto that lays out demands in the areas of economic governance and employment policy, trade union rights and social dialogue, ambitious social standards and fair globalisation.

The European Trade Union Institute (ETUI)

The [European Trade Union Institute \(ETUI\)](#) is the independent research and training centre of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC). Its mission is to build bridges between the world of research and the world of labour, to support, strengthen and stimulate the European trade union movement.

The ETUI places its expertise – acquired in particular in the context of its links with universities and specific academic and expert networks – in the service of workers' interests at European level and of the strengthening of the social dimension of the European Union.