

REPORT of MEETING

Name and position:	Dr. Roberto Frontini, President	
Name of the project/meeting:	Workshop on Continuous Professional Development (CPD) and Life Long Learning (LLL) for Healthprofessionals	
Date and place of meeting:	20/06/14 Brussels	
Purpose of the meeting:	Development of CPD in Europe	
By invitation, from whom:	Yes by CPME	
Present at the meeting:	R. Frontini	
<p>Introduction by C. Hager, DG SANCO: CPD in relation to patient safety, professional recognition and cross-border directives. CPD is requested but unfortunately patient safety is not topic in most of education activities.</p> <p>Report of the study consortium (K. Radziwill, CPME): s. attached file. This is the best overview of the workshop.</p> <p>Breakout sessions: I attended "Barriers and incentives" and (by chance?) all pharmaceutical groups where there (Industry, PGEU, Academia). The outcome was not impressive, just that we need more money for CPD. At the very beginning there was a long semantic discussion on CPD and LLL, in my opinion not fruitful, as it makes no difference whether CPD is partially part of professional qualification or starts later. LLL was not seen as helpful as not necessarily linked to the professional life (e.g. music). CPD is a shared responsibility of individuals, employer and professional associations but also for governments.</p> <p>Accreditation: sets standards for high quality but there is huge diversity in the regulation bodies and harmonisation is needed. Commercial influence must be avoided at any price. Transferability of credits should be implemented. No clear outcome about the bodies responsible for accreditation!</p> <p>CPD is generally supported but there is a lack of evidence of positive impact. CPD should be not only on core competencies but also on multi-professional communication. Patient safety is important but cannot be tackled only through CPD. It was stressed, that CPD is not a qualification (like a diploma or master) but has the scope to keep updated competence.</p> <p>In the final discussion the problem of CPD and mobility was addressed. Harmonisation is needed but very difficult across Europe. Major problems are the fact that in some country CPD is mandatory, in other is not. A second problem is the size of the country. A voluntary accreditation was proposed as solution. In fact is what we have with our congress, where some national associations accept our credentials.</p> <p>In summary not really new information and ideas.</p>		
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