

2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY - CTF WORKSHOP PREVIEW

The Common Training Framework workshops of the EAHP General Assembly (GA) 2016 will seek member feedback and input in respect to 3 aspects of the project:

1. Headline remarks on the draft framework
2. The proposed strategy for consulting and validating the draft framework 2016-17, ahead of a confirming vote on its content at the 2017 General Assembly
3. The manner in which the agreed CTF should be quality assured across countries.

What follows is a brief description of these matters. Further associated documentation will be shared with GA delegates in advance of the meeting.

1) Headline remarks on the draft framework

The first draft of a common training framework for hospital pharmacy will be shared with GA delegates on Friday 13th May 2016. Ahead of a further meeting of CTF WG1 on 25 June to refine its articulation, and taking into consideration the document will not be of a public nature until Autumn 2016 and subject to extensive public consultation thereafter, delegates will be invited to give headline reflections that could be of value to CTF WG1 considerations ahead of publication. Detailed remarks are intended to be collected via the consultation strategy (see point 2 below).

2) Strategy for consulting and validating the draft framework 2016-17

The CTF project team takes within its guiding mission and spirit, the objective of conducting the initiative in a transparent manner at all times. This is good practice in respect to a major undertaking of this nature that impacts so many stakeholders. The substance of the framework will be enriched by taking on board and being responsive to matters raised by the diversity of impacted interest group. It also has importance in respect to EU legal expectancies that common training frameworks are created following a “transparent due process”.

Accordingly, following the GA and the 25 June meeting of CTF WG1, it is intended that a consultation strategy be deployed at International, European and national levels. Comment from GA delegates will be sought in respect to the methodology of consultation (e.g. Delphi and other forms of consultation), means, timings and other practical elements of communication, including budgetary impacts.

3) CTF quality assurance processes

It is increasingly clear that the answer to the posed question of “how will a common training framework for hospital pharmacy be quality assured” (i.e. confidence gained that the provision of education provided against the framework is being delivered to similar standard across countries) requires further development.

GA delegates will be invited to comment on some of the potential strategic options available to EAHP, which include, but are not limited to:

- Using an external accreditation/quality assurance service provider or similar
- EAHP becoming an independent accreditation/quality assurance provider
- EAHP becoming an accreditation/quality assurance provider through an organization already conducting such roles (e.g. the European Union of Medical Specialists – UEMS)