



Connecting European Doctors to European Health Policy

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We represent national medical associations across Europe, covering roughly:

1.7 million European Doctors from 37 countries

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 promote the highest level of medical training and practice but also the provision of evidence-based, ethical and equitable healthcare services.

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(Romanian College of Physicians)



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(Icelandic Medical Association)



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(Slovak Medical Chamber)



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(Medical Chamber of Slovenia)



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Ljekarska Komora Crne Gore
(The Medical Chamber of Montenegro)



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(Czech Medical Chamber)



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Земски лекарски колеџ на Република Македонија
(Doctor's Chamber of North Macedonia)



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Lægeforeningen
(Danish Medical Association)



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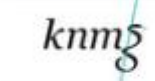
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(Serbian Medical Chamber)



Estonia
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(Estonian Medical Association)



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Lietuvos gydytojų sąjunga
(Lithuanian Medical Association)



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(Royal Dutch Medical Association)



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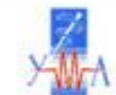
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Finland
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(Finnish Medical Association)



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General Assembly, Ljubljana, March 2024





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Key priorities

Policy clusters

Priorities include

Digital Health

AI, EU Health Data Space, Skills, eHealth

Pharmaceuticals & Healthcare Products

Shortages, Antibiotics, Legislation

Public Health & Disease Prevention

Vaccination, Environment, Labelling

Professional Practice & Health Systems

Workforce, Qualifications, Inequalities

Principles, Patients & Ethics

European Health Union, Ukraine



Action at European level

Bringing voice of European doctors to European health policy:

- Defence of high quality of medical education & practice and independence of the profession, e.g. support to WHO/Europe on survey of doctors' mental health and wellbeing
- Successful lobbying on EU legislation, e.g. air quality legislation, approximating EU thresholds with WHO guidelines
- Representation of doctors in institutions e.g. EU bodies, e.g. European Medical Agency, EU eHealth Stakeholder Group, Council of Europe conference of INGOs, WHO/Europe non-state actors
- Continuous contribution to European policy debates, e.g. on deployment of AI



"We need more,
better and
happier doctors"

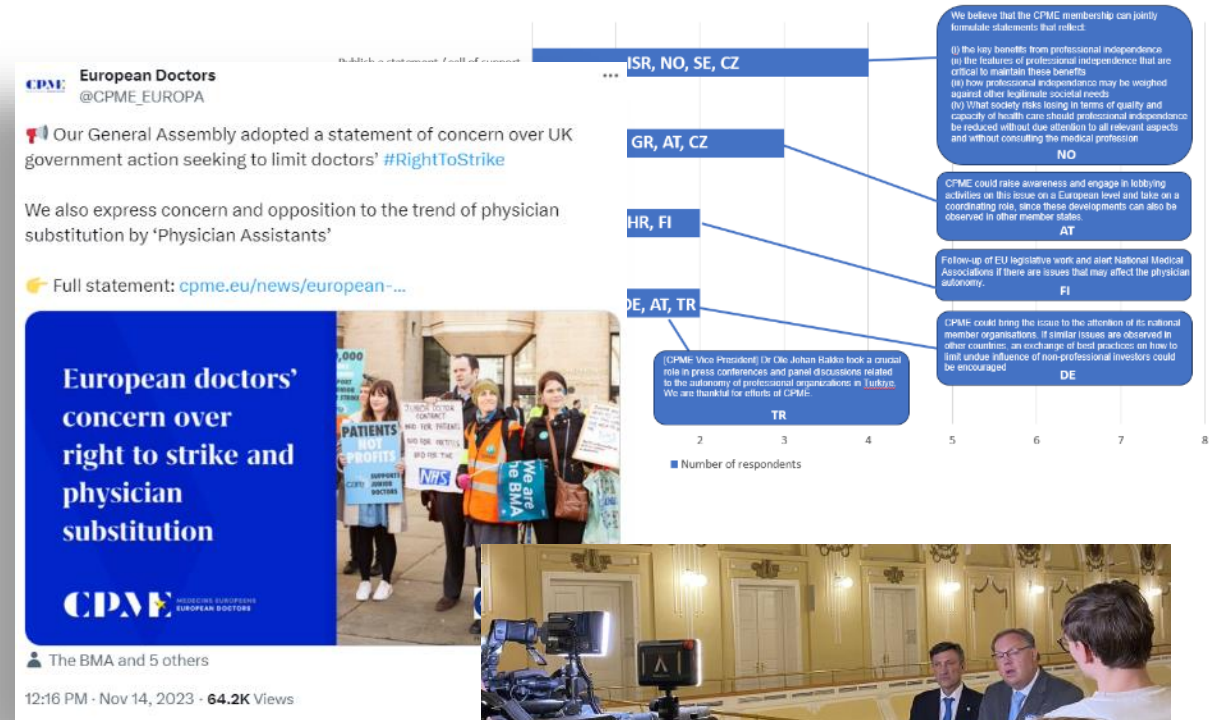
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Following members' requests for support in national activities:

- Statements of support, e.g. on physician substitution for BMA, on fair remuneration for PhMA, on access to healthcare for migrants in Finland in coordination with FMA
- Direct engagement with media, e.g. press conference on doctors' right to strike with Medical Chamber of Slovenia
- Letters to officials, e.g. to Albanian parliament on situation of Order of Physicians of Albania

What support can CPME offer on this topic?



Cooperation across range of policy areas:

- Application of WMA framework policies at European level, e.g. ensuring new EU-level European Health Data Space respects Declaration of Helsinki
- Joint efforts in support of members, e.g. campaign for Turkish Medical Association, Ukraine Medical Help Fund
- Endorsement of WMA policies, e.g. WMA Council Resolution on the protection of healthcare in Israel and Gaza



20 DECEMBER 2022

International medical community calls for release of leading Turkish doctor

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME), together with the World Medical Association and four European Medical Organisations, calls for the immediate release of Prof. Şebnem Korur Fincancı, President of the Turkish Medical Association, who has been in pre-trial detention since 26 October.



Thank you for your attention!

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