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On 7 April 2017, the CPME Executive Committee adopted the 'CPME comments on survey on the experiences with the European Professional Card and the Alert Mechanism procedures' (CPME 2016/032 FINAL).

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**CPME comments on survey on the experiences with the European Professional Card and the Alert Mechanism procedures**

*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 and European policy-making through pro-active cooperation on a wide range of health and healthcare related issues.<sup>1</sup>*

CPME welcomes the opportunity to comment on the survey on the European Professional Card (EPC) and the Alert Mechanism procedures, as introduced by Directive 2013/55/EU.

CPME would like to highlight the following experiences from the implementation of the Directive:

*Alert mechanism*

- The implementation of the alert mechanism is complicated, as national regimes on when alerts are sent differ greatly. This leads to a high volume of alerts of differing importance. It appears that there is a need for clarification of the alert mechanism's scope of application regarding restrictions on the licence to practise.
- In cases in which a restriction to or loss of a licence to practise triggers procedures in both home and host Member States, there have been cases in which professionals have challenged these sanctions. It should be clarified that the Directive does not prevent both home and host Member States from taking action, including withdrawing the licence to practise.

*European Professional Card (EPC)*

- CPME confirms that its position<sup>2</sup> on the EPC is still valid. To better inform the future evaluation of whether to introduce an EPC for the medical profession, CPME invites the Commission to present evidence on the use and added value of the EPC's first phase roll-out.

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<sup>1</sup> CPME is registered in the Transparency Register with the ID number 9276943405-41.

<sup>2</sup> [CPME position on the EPC](#), adopted in April 2014