



## Outcomes of the CPME meetings on 10 November 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland

On 10 November 2018, delegates from 32 National Medical Associations attended the biannual General Assembly and Board meetings of the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME). The General Assembly appointed the CPME Board members and elected the President, four Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer. The term of the office starts on 1 January 2019 for a period of three years until 31 December 2021 ([Elections' outcomes](#)).

The CPME Board adopted among other items:

### [CPME policy on Alcohol labelling](#)

The new CPME policy on alcohol labelling calls on the European Commission and the European co-legislators to end the exemption of alcoholic beverages from EU Regulation 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers. The information on ingredients and nutritional values should be displayed on the packaging. CPME also supports displaying additional labelling information such as allergens and different health warnings concerning legal age limits, drinking during pregnancy, drinking and driving, and alcohol's possible link to cancer and other diseases.

### [CPME Statement concerning the integration of refugee doctors into the European workforce updated](#)

The long-standing CPME policy on the integration of refugee doctors into the medical workforce of the countries in which they settle was up-dated. The statement reaffirms the supportive role of National Medical Associations can take in enabling refugee doctors to complete licensing procedures and continue their professional practice. As to providing medical treatment in 'hotspots' of refugee reception, it was confirmed that patients in such facilities have the right to being treated by a qualified doctor, on equal footing with any other patient.

### [CPME statement on Europeanisation of basic medical training](#)

CPME supports the increasing Europeanisation of medical studies. The new policy reaffirms that high quality education is the underpinning to high quality medical care. CPME underlines the need to accommodate innovative approaches of organising medical education within the framework of the Professional Qualifications Directive 2005/36/EC. At the same time, the new policy highlights the importance of universities' infrastructure and a balance of theory and practice in the education process.

### [CPME admits Kosovo\\* Doctors Chamber as new CPME observer](#)

The General Assembly of CPME admitted the Kosovo\* Doctors Chamber as observer.

CPME President Dr Jacques de Haller concluded *"I would like to thank all CPME members for their active contributions to the successful CPME meetings. We will not accept that political complacency or commercial power set the health policy agenda. Our decisions show that European doctors are committed to defending public health, human rights and high-quality healthcare."*

\*References to Kosovo are without prejudice to positions on status. They are in line with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244/1999 and the opinion by the International Court of Justice on the Kosovo declaration of independence

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