



On 5 April 2014, the CPME Board adopted the ' CPME response to the public consultation on a "European Area of Skills and Qualifications"' (CPME 2014/021 FINAL)

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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.¹

CPME welcomes the opportunity to respond to the public consultation on a "European Area of Skills and Qualifications".

CPME strongly supports the mobility of doctors as this exchange benefits not only individual professionals, but also the medical profession as a whole.

CPME is also committed to contributing to the development of the profession, in terms of exchanging good practice on education and training to inform decision-makers on future workforce needs. In this context the discussion on skills and competences is highly relevant.

CPME is however concerned by the roll-out of EU-level initiatives seeking to establish a framework describing skills and competences, which neither adequately reflect the need to respect the Member States' competences to determine the regulation of healthcare professions according to national specificities, nor enshrine the necessary expertise to safeguard the validity and quality of outcomes. The multitude of initiatives and their distribution across various Directorate-Generals further contributes to the confusion as to the objective and status of the individual activities.

CPME therefore does not support any policy initiatives which risk creating structures that, regardless of their degree of binding force, imply the creation of a valid reference framework, despite lacking the necessary legal legitimacy and coherence. At EU-level, the framework enshrined in Directive 2013/55/EU amending Directive 2005/36/EC on the mutual recognition of professional qualifications must be affirmed as the sole valid reference point for EU-level competences for the regulation of healthcare professions.

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This approach does not preclude the exchange of good practice between Member States and the facilitation of closer cooperation between the national competent authorities under the auspices of the European Commission. CPME looks forward to contributing to future activities to this end.