



On 5 June 2014, the CPME Executive Committee adopted the 'CPME response to Consultation on introducing the European Professional Card (EPC) for nurses, doctors, pharmacists, physiotherapists, engineers, mountain guides & real estate agents'

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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 comment on the consultation on introducing the European Professional Card (EPC). Building on CPME's past contributions to the discussions on implementing to Directive 2005/36/EC as amended by Directive 2013/55/EU, in particular the 'CPME position on the EPC'².

CPME would like to highlight the following points for consideration:

- CPME would support the introduction of the EPC as the result of a implementation process that foresees that the European Commission cooperates fully with the medical profession and its competent authorities to ensure that the profession's concerns with regard to the operational aspects are respected; and any potential threat by the EPC to patient safety are dealt with before the EPC is introduced to the profession. To address any issues arising from the implementation process, the regime should be subjected to thorough testing prior to its entry into force.
- The time periods for processing applications may not be prohibitively short, so as to ensure the validity and accuracy of the documents with which recognition is sought can be sufficiently safeguarded.
- Also it is necessary to clarify the circumstances of validity of recognitions under this regime, as well as that of the supporting documentation and its accessibility. The applicant must be able to produce the original documents submitted in support of the application for a EPC upon request, especially in the case of online applications.

¹ CPME is registered in the Transparency Register with the ID number 9276943405-41. More information about CPME's activities can be found under www.cpme.eu.

² Please find the full text of the 'CPME position on the EPC' [here](#).