



On 8 May 2014, the CPME Executive Committee adopted the 'CPME letter on the Public consultation on the preliminary opinion on the 'Definition of a frame of reference in relation to primary care with a special emphasis on financing systems and referral systems''

Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health (EXPH)

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Public consultation on the preliminary opinion on the 'Definition of a frame of reference in relation to primary care with a special emphasis on financing systems and referral systems'

Dear members of the Expert Panel,

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.

CPME welcomes the opportunity to react to the preliminary opinion of the on the 'Definition of a frame of reference in relation to primary care with a special emphasis on financing systems and referral systems'.

While CPME's profile is not suited to developing technical input on the analysis of financing systems and their relative impact on primary care, CPME believes that the medical profession has valuable observations to share with the Expert Panel on this issue. CPME continuously promotes the importance of ensuring equity in access to healthcare¹ and strives for patient safety and quality of care to be at the heart of all policies.

Building on this basis, CPME would be pleased to engage with the Expert Panel in order to provide the medical profession's input on this topic and rests at the Expert Panel's disposal for further clarification.

¹ Please find more information on this position in the "[CPME Policy on Health Inequalities](#)", adopted in 2011; '[European Declaration of Health Professionals](#)', adopted in 2010, [CPME mission statement](#).

Sincerely,

signed

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