



## CPME MONTHLY BULLETIN

*Stay in the Loop!*



October 2020

*Dear colleagues,*

*We are pleased to share with you the latest edition of the CPME Monthly Bulletin including the outcomes of the virtual Executive Committee meeting held on 08 October 2020.*

*Several items were discussed at this meeting, including further discussion of the organisation of a European memorial to doctors fallen in the fight against COVID-19, a new modernised CPME digital identity and our upcoming digital General Assembly and Board meeting, scheduled to take place in November 2020.*

*Moreover, the Coalition for Vaccination's Campaign was re-launched with a particular focus on influenza vaccinations. As the overall current rise in the number of COVID-19 infections coincides with the upcoming flu season, vaccination against influenza is ever more important to not only mitigate the risk of more problematic cases of influenza itself, but also to stabilize the stress on our healthcare systems.*

*We hope the bulletin is informative and we invite you to consult our latest news and the members' section of our [website](#).*

*Kind regards – stay healthy!*

*Prof. Dr Frank Ulrich Montgomery  
CPME President*

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## Executive Committee meeting – 8 October 2020

### Finance

#### **Draft budget 2021**

*The Executive Committee was updated on the budget planning 2021.*

The General Assembly will decide on the draft budget 2021 during its virtual meeting on 21 November 2020.

### Internal affairs

#### **GA and Board, November 2020**

*The Executive Committee took note of the draft agendas and the vacant rapporteur ships which will be communicated to the members to allow for expressions of interest. Moreover, the EC members approved the budget for the hybrid conference taking place on 20 November 2020, which will be shared with the German Medical Association.*

CPME members will receive the draft agendas and all supporting documents on 30 October 2020.

#### **EC meeting, 19 November 2020**

*Given the ongoing epidemiological situation, the Executive Committee decided that the EC meeting initially planned to take place in Berlin on 19 November 2020, will be held in a virtual format.*

#### **EC meetings 2021**

*The Executive Committee approved the EC calendar 2021.*

The dates of the EC meetings in 2021 are available [here](#).

#### **New Logo**

*The Executive Committee decided to move forward with commissioning Mr Paulo Joliv to develop a modernised CPME digital identity, including 2-3 logo proposals and a digital toolbox. The Executive Committee will be involved in the process as appropriate aiming to present appropriate proposals to the General Assembly in spring 2021. Costs will be covered by the communication budget and reserves if needed (including savings from 2020 because of COVID-19).*

The CPME Secretariat was tasked on 23 January 2020 (see EC minutes [here](#)) to explore the market and find a designer competent to work on the new CPME digital identity. The logo and all visual material in use at CPME will be renewed.

## Policies

### European Skills Agenda

*The Executive Committee approved the CPME contribution to the [Pact for Skills](#).*

DG SANTE has informed CPME of a new skills initiative, which the Commission has pre-launched among stakeholders, before its official start in November. The [European Skills Agenda](#) targets employers and other stakeholders to promote the continuing development of skills, including re-skilling and up-skilling, with a focus on digital skills.

### Survey Commission investigating AI and Member States' civil liability regimes

*The Executive Committee decided to disseminate the survey amongst CPME members asking Members to copy the CPME secretariat in their replies.*

The Executive Committee took note of [Deloitte's study](#) to support the European Commission's policy development on a liability regime for artificial intelligence and of the corresponding survey launched in this regard.

### International calendar

*The Executive Committee considered the International calendar.*

The due to the Covid-19 outbreak newly turned virtual meetings and conferences were considered.

### Any other Business

#### European memorial to doctors fallen in the fight against COVID-19

*The Executive Committee took note of the concept note for the organisation of a European memorial to doctors fallen in the fight against COVID-19 which will be held in Italy.*

CPME and the Italian Medical Federation (Federazione Nazionale degli Ordini dei Medici Chirurghi e degli Odontoiatri - FNOMCeO) are planning to jointly organise a European memorial to doctors fallen in the fight against COVID-19. The commemoration event will take place in Codogno (Italy), the first city in Europe hit by the COVID-19 pandemics.

#### Public Consultation on the integration and inclusion of migrants and people with a migrant background

*The Executive Committee postponed a decision to written procedure to allow for the reading of the draft CPME response to the [public consultation](#) on the integration and inclusion of migrants and people with a migrant background.*

#### Electronic cigarettes

*The Executive Committee was informed that the European Commission and its Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks ([SCHEER](#)) has published the [preliminary opinion](#) on electronic cigarettes showing strong evidence that e-cigarettes are a gateway to regular smoking and that the nicotine in them leads to addiction.*

The Commission has also opened a [consultation to comment on the scientific evidence](#) but CPME

does not have capacity to review it. This assessment is in agreement with rapporteur, Dr O’Sullivan and in line with CPME partners such as SFP.

## Monitoring

### Parliament voted on the European Climate Law

On 7 October, the European Parliament adopted its negotiating mandate on the EU climate law. The new law aims to transform political promises that the EU will become climate neutral by 2050 into a binding obligation. The EU’s current emissions reductions target for 2030 is 40% compared to 1990. The Commission recently proposed to increase this target to at least 55%. The MEPs want to increase this target to 60%. Moreover, they want the EU and its member states to phase out fossil fuel subsidies by the end of 2025. The Parliament is now ready to start negotiations with member states once Council has agreed upon a common position. Please find more [here](#).

### Renew Europe takes the lead in the EU’s cancer plan

On 28 September, MEP and medical oncologist Véronique Trillet-Lenoir (FR/Renew) was appointed as the rapporteur for the European Parliament’s cancer report in the recently established special cancer committee BECA. The European Commission is expected to publish its Cancer Plan in December 2020.

### Commission opinion and a consultation on e-cigarettes

On 23 September, the European Commission and its Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks (SCHEER) published the preliminary [Opinion](#) on electronic cigarettes. It shows strong evidence that e-cigarettes are a gateway to regular smoking for young people and that the nicotine in them leads to addiction. The report continues that the evidence that vaping helps people quit smoking is weak. It also states that the evidence for risks of long-term systemic effects on the cardiovascular system is strong but points out that the potential for vaping to cause respiratory cancers has only a weak to moderate evidence.

## Council conclusions on the Farm to Fork strategy

On 19 October, the Council of the EU adopted a set of [conclusions](#) on the European Commission's Farm to Fork strategy, endorsing the goal of developing a European sustainable food system. In general, they highlight ensuring sufficient and affordable food while contributing to EU climate neutrality by 2050 and ensuring a fair income and strong support for primary producers. They also emphasize that food labelling, marketing practices, pricing, easy access, nutrient quality, nutrition education and awareness-raising campaigns play an essential role in supporting healthy and sustainable diets. Moreover, they welcome the fact that the Commission is seeking a harmonised science-based front-of-pack nutrition labelling scheme, taking into account existing national experience and will propose a harmonised framework for the labelling of sustainable food.

## WEBINAR: Covid-19 health response package 29 October 2020 at 15.00 CET, Brussels time.

The EU Health Policy Platform will host the webinar on Covid-19 health response package on 29 October 2020 at 15.00 CET, Brussels time.

The Webinar will be attended by the Vice-President Margaritis SCHINAS and the Commissioner for Health and Food Safety Stella Kyriakides.

We would be grateful if you could participate and support us in the dissemination of this event among your organisations.

The webinar is open to the public, no registration required.

Agenda and technical details to join the webinar are duly available [here](#).

## EU interoperability gateway of contact tracing apps goes live

On 19 October, the first round of national contact tracing apps are now linked through the [European Interoperability Gateway](#). The apps linked are Germany's Corona-Warn-App, Ireland's COVID tracker and Italy's immune. They have become [joint controllers](#) concerning the information shared therein and datasets created. In total, 20 apps based on decentralised systems can be interoperable through the gateway service. The gateway ensures that apps work cross-borders. Users will only need to install one app and when they travel to another participating European country they will still benefit from contact tracing and receiving alerts, be it in their home country or abroad. The information handled by the Gateway is pseudonymised, encrypted, kept to the minimum, and only stored as long as necessary to trace back infections. It does not allow the identification of individual persons, nor to track location or movement of devices. See further information [here](#).

## Regulation on European data governance delayed

On 19 October, the Commission made aware on a [new delay](#) to adopt a regulation on data governance. It is now expected for 11 November 11 (tbc). This legislation is part of the Commission's data strategy that aims to create an internal market for industrial data. Data governance sets out a framework with clear roles, and the responsibilities and interdependencies of those roles.

## Commission Work Programme sets out action to strengthen 'European Health Union'

The [Commission Work Programme 2021: A Union of vitality in a world of fragility](#) focusses on the management of and recovery from the pandemic as well as future preparedness, including a European Health Union. There is also emphasis on the digital transformation. Some of the key policies relevant to CPME will be:

- strengthening capacities to identify and deal with serious cross-border health threats;
- strengthening the roles of existing agencies, e.g. EMA and ECDC;
- creating a new agency for biomedical advanced research and development;
- launching a new pharmaceutical strategy i.a. on the supply chain and safety, affordability and quality of medicines;
- launching a European health data space;
- legislation covering the safety, liability, fundamental rights and data aspects of artificial intelligence;
- a Data Act to set the right conditions for better control and conditions for data sharing;
- a new European digital identity
- promoting rules-based multilateralism, by i.a. taking the lead on the WHO reform;
- promoting skills building, in particular digital skills
- revision of Tobacco Tax Directive.

The Commission will release its plan to create a European version of the U.S. Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), as well as its anticipated European health data space in the last quarter of 2021. Moreover, in the third quarter of 2021, the Commission will propose a revision of the Tobacco Tax Directive, followed by an amendment to the directive on general arrangements for excise duties in the fourth quarter. All of these 2021 plans are legislative proposals and require impact assessments.

## CPME News

### CPME social media

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### Vaccination Campaign re-launch

CPME continues co-chairing the Coalition for Vaccination. Together with the other members of the Coalition, we have re-launched the advocacy campaign to promote the uptake of vaccines among health professionals and their patients. The campaign, originally launched in April, was re-launched simultaneously with the WHO Europe's flu awareness week with the campaigns focus now being particularly on influenza vaccines. You are invited to participate throughout the flu season. Please find the campaign materials in the toolkit for doctors [here](#) and join!

### CPME joins two occupational health campaigns

CPME has renewed its partnership with the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work's (EU-OSHA) Healthy Workplaces campaign. The new "[Lighten the Load](#)" campaign focuses on the prevention of work-related musculoskeletal disorders and will run until 2022. Moreover, CPME has joined forces with other professional organisations, trade unions and patient groups to launch a "[Stop Cancer at Work](#)" campaign aiming to ensure that the current fourth revision of the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive (CMD) includes reprotoxins as well as groups of carcinogenic and mutagenic hazardous drugs, which cause cancer.

### Farm to Fork 2020 online Conference

CPME attended the European Commission's Farm to Fork 2020 Conference "Building sustainable food systems together" (October 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>), which was held online and presented the first annual gathering of European stakeholders with an interest in helping shape the EU's path towards sustainable food systems. A comprehensive report can be found [here](#).

### Mutual recognition of doctors' qualifications post-transition

CPME, together with the European Medical Organisations (EMOs), formulated a letter regarding the mutual recognition of doctors' qualifications post Brexit- transitions and met with DG TRADE negotiators and EMO representatives on October 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss this topic. The joint letter can be found [here](#).



## CPME response on integration and inclusion of migrants and people with migrant backgrounds

On 20 October 2020, the CPME Executive Committee adopted the CPME response to the public consultation on the integration and inclusion of migrants and people with a migrant background by written procedure available [here](#). The consultation response, which was prepared by the CPME WG on Refugee Health, highlights CPME recommendations on ensuring access to healthcare for refugees and undocumented migrants, as well as underlining the importance of integrating refugee doctors into the medical workforce.

## SEPEN Closing Event

### SEPEN and beyond: how can EU support to Member States' health workforce planning policies contribute to healthier societies?

The aim of the “Support for the health workforce planning and forecasting expert network” joint tender was to activate a community and to establish an expert network on health workforce planning and forecasting. The closing event of the SEPEN joint tender will summarize the results and key messages of the SEPEN joint tender, looking at the achievements of the past three years, and also looking at opportunities for future of EU level actions on health workforce planning. We are glad to present information about our SEPEN community, the SEPEN eBook comprising country profiles mapping national health workforce policies in EU-28 that has been compiled, in addition the outputs of 5 European workshops and 3 national exchanges of expertise concerning national implementation of health workforce planning in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Let us meet and continue the dialogue on our online closing event on the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020!

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### How to participate in this webinar

Click on the link below before the webinar starts:

Wednesday 28 October 2020, 13.00 – 15.30 CEST, Brussels time

Link to join as attendee:

<https://europaevent.webex.com/europaevent/onstage/g.php?MTID=e484ede54f3346676fbe12b2e9715f154>

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## Recent publications on the CPME website

### Members' section:

[2nd Survey Deloitte on Options for Civil Liability and AI, 13 October 2020](#)

[Report of Deloitte's Webinar on the Liability for Artificial Intelligence, 16 October 2020](#)

[Report of Second AI Alliance Assembly, 9 October 2020](#)

[Report of the European Commission's Farm to Fork 2020 conference - 15-16 October 2020](#)

[Report of the GA of the EU Joint Action on Vaccination \(EU-JAV\) - 30 Sept – 1 Oct 2020](#)

[Products, 21 September 2002, web-meeting](#)

[Report on the 3rd Meeting of the Stakeholder Dialogue Platform on Pricing of Medicinal](#)

[Report on Public Hearing: How to secure access to COVID-19 vaccines for EU citizens, 22](#)

[September 2020 web-meeting](#)

[Slides Deloitte DG JUST Study on Liability for AI](#)

[CPME Response Public Consultation Review NIS Directive REV2](#)

[CPME Draft Policy on Digital Skills REV4](#)

### CPME news section:

[Stop Cancer at Work](#)

[CPME joins the European campaign on work-related musculoskeletal disorders](#)

[Coalition for Vaccination launches a campaign on influenza](#)

[CPME Response to the Public Consultation on the Review of the NIS Directive](#)