

# Medical Education and CME in Europe

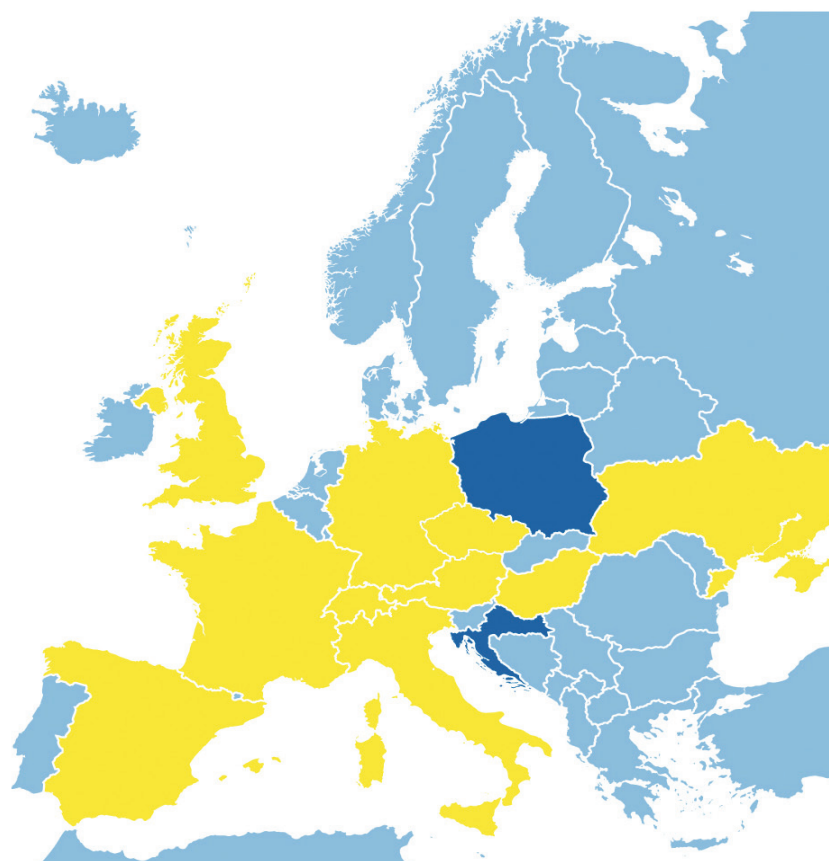
## A comprehensive compendium



The compendium was realized by EIMSED in co-operation with **White Cube Health Care** between October 2010 and October 2011 and covers three main aspects of medical education and CME in eleven European Countries:

■ Austria  
Belarus  
Czech Republic  
France  
Germany  
Great Britain  
Italy  
Hungary  
Spain  
Switzerland  
Ukraine

■ Ongoing in  
Croatia  
Poland



### 1. Terminology

Based on a structured questionnaire, the meanings of a number of often used terms (e.g. accreditation, certification, validation, approbation) were analyzed via online and offline research within the respective country and compared to the term's meanings in the other countries.

The compendium informs about what the term means in one country and about what term is used to describe a certain situation.

Moreover, it was assessed in detail per country what are the basic definitions for education and what categories of educational interventions are described.

#### Example:

##### *Approbation*

→ means in Germany the authorization to practice as a physician

→ means in Austria the recognition of an educational activity

→ is not used in France in conjunction with medical education

## 2. Health care system

The detailed assessment of medical education (from university education to post-graduate CME and specialization) in the respective country is in the focus of the compendium as well as how education is integrated and structured within the health care system.

Moreover, the compendium includes information regarding the structure of the health care system and the stakeholders' network including pharma industry.

### Example:

*... In Italy, medical education is divided into a six-year study at medical school, which is concluded by a state examination followed by the registration at the medical chamber and the license to practice.*

*After this, a specialist training can be started (not mandatory). CME is mandatory according to the Codex Deontologicus ...*

## 3. CME system

Within the compendium, a separate section is dedicated to the CME system that also includes the accreditation system on EU level (UEMS/EACCME).

The compendium includes general information regarding the rules of CME in the respective country as well as detailed information regarding the accreditation process, important contact authorities, links and documentation. Moreover it informs in detail about the requirements for CME providers, legal requirements and financial requirements and conditions.

### Example:

*... In the Ukraine, there is no accreditation for CME activities nor providers, only for universities that authorizes them to realize medical education and CME (<http://kmapo.edu.ua/en/home/>)*

*Prior to starting activities in the Ukraine, a foreign CME provider should seek contact to a university as well as coordination with MOZ ...*

The results of the study on which the compendium is based were presented in June 2011 at the annual meeting of the Global Alliance for Medical Education (GAME) in Munich as a scientific poster and as speech and are currently in the publication process.

The detailed data can be provided in form of the following modules:

- 1. Complete compendium:** includes all data for aspects 1-3 above for Austria, Belarus, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Hungary, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine as well as Europe (accreditation system). The annex to each country includes a detailed bibliography as well as a list of the most important contacts and information websites.
- 2. Country compendium:** includes all data for aspects 1-3 above for one specific country. The annex to the respective country includes a detailed bibliography as well as a list of the most important contacts and information websites.
- 3. Contact and bibliography compendium:** includes contact details, bibliography and important websites.

Moreover, further countries can be analyzed upon request.

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