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Working Conditions of the European Doctors

Common Working Group (FEMS, AEMH, EJD)

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Questionnaires:

- 1.- Working Time (Public Health System)
- 2.- Professional Career
- 3.- Specialities

Questionnaires (Answered):

- 1.- Austria- At MedCham
- 2.- Hungary MOSZ
- 3.- Romania RFCPTU-CFSMR
- 4.- Slovakia- LOV/LUP
- 5.- Netherlands- LAD
- 6.- Italy- ANAOO ASSOMED
- 7.- Portugal- FNAM
- 8.- Turkish Cyprus- CTMA
- 9.- Slovenia- FIDES
- 10.- AEMH:

Sweden (1st Vice President, Prof Thomas Zilling) Romania (2nd Vice President, Prof Vlad Tica), Greece, Norway, and Denmark.

Questionnaires (Not yet answered):

- 1.- Belgium- GBS- VBS
- 2.- Czech Republic- LOK-SCL
- 3.- France- FPS/ SNPHARe/UNMS
- 4.- Poland- OZZL
- 5.- Turkey- Istanbul MedCh

*A response per country is sufficient.

1º Working Time (Public Health Care System):

What is the maximum working time hours per week? Romania and Greece (35), Denmark (37), Spain (37,5), Italy (48), Slovenia (40), Portugal (40-42), Cyprus (40), Sweden (48), Austria (48-55), Hungary and Netherlands (60), Slovakia (40-56).

(Various responses regarding reference period)

Working time higher compared with other workers:

Yes: Austria, Hungary, Slovakia, Italy, Portugal, Sweden

No: Netherlands, Romania, Cyprus, Greece, Slovenia.

Most countries: **Rest inmeaditely after work** (diversity on national provisions regulating the number of hours of compulsory rest). Not compulsory eg. Romania.

1ºWorking Time (Public Health Care System):

Countries that allow to skip limit of 48 hours per week (art. 6 b EWTD 2003/88/CE):

Yes: Austria (until june 2021), Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia, Greece, Denmark (head departament).

No: Hungary, Italy, Portugal, Cyprus, Sweden, Denmark, Spain.

Extra working time hours, are they compensated?

Yes: Austria and Netherlands (free time and financial compensation), Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Cyprus, Greece, Portugal, Sweden.

No: Italy, Spain (public employee)

1ºWorking Time (Public Health Care System):

Stand by duties (non presence oncall) is effective work?

Yes: Austria (only if physically presence in hospital), Portugal(50% /hour), Greece.

No: Hungary, Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia, Italy, Cyprus, Sweden, Spain (paid 50%/hour)

Age limit to do oncall duties :

55 years old: Spain, Slovakia, Slovenia, Portugal, Netherlands (60)

No age limit: France, Poland, Czech Republic, Belgium, Austria.

2º Professional Career:

Yes: Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Greece, Portugal, Sweden, Romania, Norway (individually based).

No: Hungary, Netherlands (Only during study at university), Slovakia,

Other: Austria (Performance related bonus payment).

Diverse situations: Supplement on salary related to results, or realted to seniorety, or both, but not related to the knowledge/exprience acquired during their careers.

- 1. Anaesthetics
- 2. General Surgery
- 3. Neurosurgery
- 4. Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- 5. General (internal) medicine
- 6. Ophthalmology
- 7. Otolaryngology
- 8. Paediatrics
- 9. Respiratory medicine
- 10. Urology
- 11. Trauma and orthopaedic surgery

- 12. Hystopathology
- 13. Neurology
- 14. General Psychiatric
- 15. Clinical radiology
- 16. Clinical oncology
- 17. Clinical analyzes
- 18. Hematology
- 19. Medical microbiology and virology
- 20. Chemical pathology
- 21. Immunology
- 22. Plastic Surgery

- 23. Cardo-thoracic surgery
- 24. Paediatric surgery
- 25. Vascular surgery
- 26. Cardiology
- 27. Gastro-enterology
- 28. Rheumatology
- 29. Haematology
- 30. Endocrynology and diabetes mellitus
- 31. Functional rehabilitation
- 32. Stomatology
- 33. Dermatology

- 34. Dermatology
- 35. Tropical medicine
- 36. Child and adolescent psychiatry
- 37.Geriatrics
- 38. Renal Medicine
- 39. Infectious diseases
- 40. Public health medicine
- 41. Clinical pharmacology and therapeutics
- 42. Occupational medicine
- 43. Allergology
- 44. Visceral and digestive surgery

- 45. Nuclear medicine
- 46. Sport medicine
- 47. Accidente and emergency medicine
- 48. Clinical neurophysiology
- 49. Oral and maxilo-facial surgery
- 50. Medical oncology
- 51. Neonatology
- 52. Intensive care
- 53. Legal and forensic medicine
- 54. Medical genetic
- 55. Hydrology

- 56. Anatomy
- 57. Serology and transfusion medicine
- 58. Forensic medicine
- 59. Cardio- surgery
- 60. Physical and rehabilitative medicine
- 61. Histology and embryology
- 62. Medical biophysics
- 63. Exercise physiology
- 64. Neubiology
- 65. Neuropathology
- 66. Pathological Physiology

- 67. Physiology
- 68. Thoracic surgery
- 69. Traumasurgery
- 70. Virology

First overlook not all European countries share specialities such as vascular surgery, pediatric surgery, medical oncology, renal medicine, rheumatology, neonatology, hematology.

Other data:

Proportion men versus women (aprox):

Austria (53,7% men versus 48,3% women), Italy (60% men versus 40% women), Sweden, Hungary and Slovaquia (70% men versus 30%), Netherlands and Romania (50% men versus 50% women), Portugal (52,2% women versus 47,8%men)

Retirement age:

Austria (65), Hungary (65), Netherlands (65), Romania (65), Italy (65), Greece (65), Spain (65-67), Portugal (66), Slovakia (62-65), Cyprus (60), France (67).

Previous conclusions:

General tendency: No to opt-out clause. Work on European level and national level to enact legislation to implement EWTD in this sense.

Targets EWTD 2003/88/CE: High level of protection of workers, greater entrepreneurial flexibility in working time, greater compatibility between work and family life.

Time at work place (physical presence) is effective working time.

Professional Career: Ideal to reward knowledge & experience. Minimum 3 levels: Junior, Senior and consultant.

Suggestions:

- Elaborate questionnaire about private practice (in Public Hospitals).
- Consider the possiblity to draft a new survey about how the national healthcare systems are funded (impact of budget spent).

Important to know if europeans countries want to proritize investment on patient security and how much.

Thank you for your collaboration

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1º Working Time (Public Health Care System):

Negotiation of working hours:

- -Negotiated by unions in collective agreements (Portugal, Spain, Cyprus Turkish, Sweden, Greece, Slovenia)
- -Negotiated by Medical Chamber (Austria)
- -Negotiated by employee and employer (Italy, Slovenia)
- -Frames collective Labour Agreement and employee/unions, negotiate implementation of personal working hours (Netherlands, Hungary)
- Labour provisions, no negotiation (Slovakia, Romania)