

Briefing for WG on Refugee Health

Introduction

At the CPME Board meeting in Tel Aviv on 19 November 2016, it was decided to create a CPME Working Group on healthcare for refugees and undocumented migrants to consolidate and elaborate CPME's policies in this area and facilitate the exchange of good practice among members.

Membership

WG Chair: GR Dr Marily Passakiotou

WG members: AT Dr Reiner Brettenthaler; BG Dr Yuliya Byankova; CPME President Dr Jacques de Haller; DE Mr Rudolf Reibel; DK Dr Andreas Rudkjober; DK Dr Lise Moller; EJD Dr Kitty Mohan; EJD Dr Tiia Monttinen; FEMS President Dr Enrico Reginato; FR Dr Patrick Romestaing; IL Dr Itzhak Siev-Ner; NL Dr Joost den Otter; NO Dr Svein Aarseth; NO Mr Bjorn Hoftved; SE Ms Milla Jarvelin; TR Dr Bayazit Ilhan; TR Dr Dilek Aslan; UK Dr Terry John

CPME Secretariat: Ms Sarada Das

Scope of activities

<i>Dossiers</i>	<i>Potential timeframe</i>
Review of CPME existing CPME policies and current discourse	tbc
Up-date of CPME policies, including national experiences, on a) health of refugees b) integration of doctors with a refugee background into the medical workforce	tbc
Outreach to other actors (e.g. supporting refugees, hospitals etc.)	tbc
Exploration of possible policy or project opportunities for implementation and elaboration of the policy	After outcomes of WG activities are available

Policy background

- [CPME Statement on the Medical Treatment of Refugees](#), adopted November 2016
- [European health professionals' declaration on access to healthcare for undocumented migrants](#), adopted in 2010
- [Access to health care for undocumented migrants: a CPME position paper](#), adopted in June 2008
- [Integrating refugee doctors into the European workforce : a suggested framework](#), adopted in March 2002
- [Statement concerning the integrating refugee doctors into the European workforce: the way forward](#), adopted in March 2003

CPME activities

- CPME Vice President Patrick Romestaing gave a [presentation](#) on the legal and regulatory challenges to integration of refugees into host community health systems in March 2017
- CPME Secretariat attended the interparliamentary committee meeting on the third reform of the Common European Asylum System on 28 February 2017. A report about it can be found [here](#). In this context, a letter was sent to Claude Moraes, Chair of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) in February 2017.
- CPME Secretariat attended the kick-off meeting of the EU Health Policy Platform's Thematic Network on Migration and Health on 30 May 2017. Information on the initiative can be found [here](#). Further interaction with the Thematic Network will be considered.