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Treasurer of UEMO (2023-2026)
Porto, May 16th, 2025


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Members

23 active members
Ap. 276000 FD/GP



Outreach

- **Bosnia and Herzegovina** – expressed interest in joining as Member in 2025
- **Kosovo** – expressed interest in joining as Member in 2025
- **Latvia** – ongoing contact with new GP organization, Methodological Management Centre for Family Medicine , Riga Stradins University, expressed interest in joining as Observer
- **Montenegro** – expressed interest in joining as Member in 2025
- **Estonia** – ESFD approached, might come to GA in Helsinki
- **Germany** – Bundesartzekammer and DEGAM both said no
- **Greece** – ongoing contact with Pan-Hellenic Medical Association
- **Georgia** – expressed interest in joining as observer in 2025
- **Turkey** – ongoing contact with TAHUD

Meetings

- **2024**
- October 22 – Launch of WHO mental health survey (online)
- October 28 – Dr Jaim Jatic , Bosnia and Herzegovina (online)
- November 15 – Round Table, Convention of Spanish Medical Association, **Madrid**
- November 22 – EMA Media Seminar on shortages of medicines, **Amsterdam**
- November 23 – EMOs Presidents meeting**, Brussels**
- December 4, 17 - In Extremis (online)
- December 17 – WHO (online)
- December 18 – Caroline Broderick (The Economist - online)
- December 18 – Jan Ole Bakke (CPME, online)

2025

- January 14 – WHO (online)
- January 16 - A Joint Forum on Primary Care Education in Europe + meeting with EC and EP, **Brussels**
- January 27 – Meeting with team of Andras Juljas MEP (online)
- February 4 – WHO (online)
- February 6 – Meeting with Spanish Secretary of State of Health (online)
- February 11 – 1st meeting of the European Forum of Primary Care Education (online)

Meetings

- 2025
  - 20 February - Caroline Norstrom, Swedish Board of Health and Welfare, and Petra Ferngren, Ministry of Social Affairs (online)
  - 25 February - WHO (online)
  - 4 March – MHD Protech (online)
  - 12 March – DG EMPL (online)
  - 18 March – UEMO event at the European Parliament, **Brussels**
  - 21 March – EMOs Presidents meeting (online)
  - 26 March – WHO (online)
  - 2 April – meeting with Board of Pan-Hellenic Medical Association (online)
  - 4 April - Board meeting, **Brussels**
  - 8 April – meeting with MEP Adam Jarubas, SANT Chair, **Brussels**
  - 10 April – meeting with European Agency for Health and Safety at Work - OSHA (online)
  - 29 April – meeting with MEP Margarida de la Pisa Carrión (online)
  - 15-16 May – North Macedonian Congress of Family Medicine, **Skopje**

Shortage of FD/GP

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Líderes médicos europeos resaltan la necesidad de rediseñar la formación para los profesionales del futuro

Por **Sara Narvaiza Amengual** 15 de noviembre de 2024

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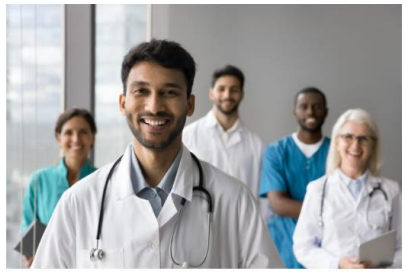
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Make general practice great again

There is a shortage of GPs throughout Europe and it is not just a question of remuneration. According to Tiago Villanueva, President of UEMO, ways must be found to keep the younger generation within the general practice pathway

di **Michela Perrone** 24 December 2024 Tempo di lettura: 6 min Italian

Source: https://trendsanita.it/en/make-general-practice-great-again/

https://voxeurop.eu/en/europe-shortage-doctors/

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Europe is short of general practitioners

Europe is facing a shortage of doctors in all specialities. The shortage of general practitioners is a particular problem. GPs are ageing and unevenly distributed, and the profession is struggling to attract new recruits, data show.

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Adrian Burtin

Translated by **Harry Bowden**

Source: https://voxeurop.eu/en/europe-shortage-doctors/

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Annie Lennon
January 24, 2025

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Specialty recognition

- Family Medicine = first-contact, continuous, comprehensive care
- Requires specialized training (3-6 years)
- EU facing critical shortage of family doctors; major disparities between countries
- Many GPs still practising without specialist training
- Benefits: better safety, equity, reduced hospital use and costs
- Organizations call for urgent legislative change









Next steps

- Joint group with WONCA Europe and European Forum for Primary Care
- SANT Committee outreach
- Advocacy document on the recognition of the specialty of Family Medicine (Recognition_Family_Medicine_EU.pdf)
- New website

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