

# UEMS STATEMENT ON PREVENTING ALCOHOL AND ILLICIT DRUG USE IN THE WORKPLACE

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# Union of European Medical Specialists

- Members: National Medical Associations of the 28 European Member States + European Economic Area (Iceland & Norway) + Switzerland + countries of the Council of Europe (Georgia, Israel, Turkey)
- established in 1958
- 1 million specialists
- 50 medical specialties including Occupational medicine



# THE UEMS STRUCTURE



**GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**  
The "UEMS Council"  
35 National Associations of Medical Specialists

UEMS Executive

**Specialty Representation & standard setting**

**41 Specialist Sections** & European Boards  
21 divisions within Sections  
10 Multidisciplinary Joint Committees  
3 thematic federations

**Advocacy**

Policy recommendation on EU initiatives and legislation  
Provide expertise to EU institutions  
Involvement in EU-funded projects

**Specialist Accreditation**

Accreditation of CME (EACCME®)  
Accreditation of PGT (ECAMSQ®)  
Accreditation of Quality Assurance (EACQM)



# THE UEMS

## UEMS Objectives

Promote free movement through the harmonization of the highest level of specialist training and medical care

## Vision

Set standards in the fields of

- Postgraduate Specialist Medical Training
- Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development
- Quality Assurance in specialist medical practice



## UEMS Sections' Objectives

- Setting Standard of Medical training at the European level
- Promoting their discipline at the EU level
- Analyse the free movement of medical specialists within the EU
- Raise awareness on the needs and expectations of specialists
- Liaise with relevant European Scientific Societies and engage in fruitful co-operation

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# 1. Preventing alcohol and illicit drug use in the workplace

- ... it is on the first place the role of all employers to define their tasks and obligations ...



## **2. Medical Specialists in Occupational Medicine – key player in preventing alcohol and illicit drug use**

- **... develop programs and models for action and prevention,**
- **develop and promote tools to be used,**
- **provide training programs for occupational service teams ...**



### **3. Recommendation from the UEMS Occupational Medicine Section**

- **... the rate of (zero) tolerance must be defined and declared by the employer,**
- **testing for alcohol and/or illicit drugs – informed consent,**
- **role of employers and coworkers in detecting problem,**
- **current tendencies ... work related activities outside work.**





- **Levels to interact and help workers:**
  - 1. The legislative level**
  - 2. Human resources department**
  - 3. Advisors (... medical specialists in occupational medicine ...)**



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