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## **UEMS Statement on**

### **“Promoting Continuing Professional Development in the EU”**

*Endorsed by the UEMS Council*

On the occasion of its meeting in Brussels on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013, the Council of UEMS considered recent developments relating to the revision process of the EU Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications (2005/36/EC), particularly its Article 22 related to “continued education and training”.

In doing so, the Members of Council endorsed the following statement:

***It is essential, in order to ensure patient safety and effective practice, to establish a dialogue on continuing professional development (CPD) within the EU for the purpose of optimising Member States’ CPD systems.***

***To achieve this, the EU must establish a network to support harmonisation and co-operation between Member States to:***

- ***Exchange information on, and best practice in CPD***
- ***Promote CPD to ensure patient safety and the safe and effective practice of health professionals.***

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