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SECC, Glasgow

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State of the art

EUNETIPS Member Societies

- Belgium: Belgian Infection Control Society (BICS) 
- Bulgaria: Bulgarian Association for Infection Prevention and Control
"BulNoso" 
- Croatia: Croatian Society for Medical Microbiology and Parasitology/ Section
for HAI prevention and Control
- Denmark:
 - Professional Society for Infection Control Nurses (FSFH)
 - Danish Society of Clinical Microbiology
- France: Société Française d'Hygiène Hospitalière (SF2H) 
- Germany: German Society for Hospital Hygiene (DGKH) 

EUNETIPS Member Societies

- Hungary: Hungarian Society for Infection Control
- Italy: Italian Multidisciplinary Society for the Prevention of Infections in Healthcare Organizations (SIMPIOS) 
- Kosovo: National Institute for Public Health of Kosovo (NIPHK) 
- Malta: MALTA College of pathologists
- Netherlands: Dutch Society of Infection Prevention and Control in the health care setting (VHIG) 

EUNETIPS Member Societies

- Romania: Romania Society of Microbiology (RSM)
- Serbia: Serbian Association of Prevention and Infection Control (SAPIC) 
- Spain: Spanish Society for Prevention Medicine, Public Health and Hospital Hygiene (SEMPSPH) 
- Sweden: Swedish Association for Infection Control (SAIC)
- United Kingdom:
 - British Infection Association (BIA)
 - Infection Prevention Society 
 - Healthcare Infection Society (HIS) 
 - Royal College of Nursing (RCN) 

Countries without a member society are:

- Austria
- Czech Republic
- Estonia
- Greece
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Norway
- Portugal
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Switzerland
- Turkey

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Towards a European network to promote infection prevention for patient safety

In the last years there have been some important EU institutional initiatives that impact on patient safety and specifically on Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI):

- ❑ The European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (ECDC) set a specific team on Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI).
- ❑ In 2009 European Commission published a "Council Recommendation on Patient Safety, including the prevention and control of Health-Care Associated Infections" where HAI risk and ways to control it are mentioned specifically.
- ❑ In April 2011 European Parliament and the Council formally adopted a Directive on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare, which provides more clarity about possibilities to seek healthcare in another Member State and clarifies who is responsible for quality and safety of care in cross-border settings.
- ❑ The European Commission adopted last November 2011 a legislative "Proposal for a new Health Growth Programme" where one of the objectives is increasing access to medical expertise and information for specific conditions also beyond national borders and developing shared solutions and guidelines to improve healthcare quality and patient safety.

A number of European scientific and professional societies involved in HAI prevention are convinced that the present epidemiological situation, the frequency of HAI, and cross-border movements of citizens, patients and healthcare staff needs international initiatives particularly at a European level. They propose that it is necessary to cooperate and to share their experiences in Europe considering it in a wider sense and not just on European Union political borders.

For these reasons they set up a "European network to promote infection prevention for patient safety" - EUNETIPS - to promote better cooperation among nations, to share experiences, to promote and support initiatives in infection prevention for patient safety particularly at a European level, recognizing and making the most of all single member societies.

EUNETIPS statutes were signed in October 2011 in Venice and formally the activity started from the beginning of 2012 through:

NEWS

Next meeting of EUNETIPS will be on December 6 in Berlin from 10 am to 5 pm. Please find more informations here soon.

EUNETIPS support the WHO campaign "SAVE LIVES: Clean Your Hands" ... (read more)

NEW DOCUMENTS

THE PREOPERATIVE SHOWER - A CARE IN ITS OWN RIGHT

Prevention of infections associated with totally implanted venous catheters

Infection prevention in long-term care facilities

Risk of fungal infections, and construction work in hospitals

Core competencies for infection control and hospital hygiene professionals in the European Union

REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL on the basis of Member States' reports on the implementation of the Council Recommendation (2009/C 151/01) on patient safety, including the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections

The new German hospital hygiene (infection prevention/control) law - short overview

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

Congress of the International Federation of Infection Control Buenos Aires, October 2nd-4th, 2013

NATIONAL MEETINGS



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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

2009 - 2014

Plenary sitting

A7-0320/2013

4.10.2013

REPORT

on the report from the Commission to the Council on the basis of Member States' reports on the implementation of the Council Recommendation (2009/C 151/01) on patient safety, including the prevention and control of healthcare-associated infections (2013/2022(INI))

Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

Rapporteur: Oreste Rossi

e) European and international cooperation

56. Calls on the Member States and the Commission , in conjunction with the WHO and the OECD, to improve cooperation with a view to developing standardised definitions, terminology and indicators in the area of patient safety, in particular so as to ensure that high-risk patients can be isolated should a pandemic or cross-border threat emerge;
57. Emphasises the importance of establishing an effective European network of national surveillance systems which would work, on the basis of standardised criteria to be adopted by the Commission and the Member States, to identify and monitor places where contamination with HAIs occurs (including facilities outside hospitals), as well as the way in which HAIs spread; urges the Member States to continue their efforts to collect comparable, up-to-date reference data on general patient safety and HAIs; calls on the Member States to publish the data concerned on an annual basis;
58. Calls on the Member States to share, where they exist, good practice benchmarks in the area of general patient safety, and, in particular in the area of the prevention and control of HAIs and the transmission of multi-resistant bacteria (e.g. measures to prevent the spread of legionella bacteria in hospital hot-water systems);

e) European and international cooperation

59. Acknowledges the importance of the ECDC's Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-associated Infections Programme (ARHAI), particularly in its efforts to support and standardise the monitoring of HAIs, offer scientific advice, and provide training and communication;
60. Calls on the Member States collaborate in the creation of platforms which allow the sharing of information concerning adverse events in healthcare, encouraging the use of all relevant data collection mechanisms whilst ensuring that such activities respect the applicable European data protection legislation; stresses that patients must be dealt with in accordance with ethical principles and their personal data must be protected;
61. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to cooperate in introducing incentives for the development of new antibacterial medicines; considers that such incentives should be introduced as part of an appropriate EU legislative framework, with a view to fostering cooperation between the public and private sectors in order to revitalise antimicrobials-related research and development;

PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY OF HEALTHCARE:

ACTIONS AT EU LEVEL

Background paper for a public consultation

November 2013

Objective of the consultation

Results of this consultation would assist reflection on the future of EU policies on patient safety and quality of care. The specific **objective** of this consultation is to seek opinion of civil society on:

- Whether patient safety measures included in the Recommendation 2009 are implemented and contribute to improving patient safety in the EU;
- Which areas of patient safety are not covered by the Recommendation and should be;
- What should be done at EU level on patient safety beyond the Recommendation;
- Whether quality of healthcare should be given more importance in the future EU activities.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY OF CARE

Fields marked with * are mandatory.

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For background information please consult the below document

[background.doc](#)

Please consult the privacy statement on this consultation

[privacy-statement-consultation.doc](#)

Practicalities

The consultation is open until 28 February 2014.

In case of any questions please contact SANCO-CONSULTATION-SAFETY-QUALITY@ec.europa.eu

2. Implementation of the Council Recommendation 2009/C 151/01

The Council Recommendation on patient safety, including the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections (2009/C 151/01) envisaged a number of measures to be implemented by EU Member States to increase patient safety in all types of healthcare settings.

2.1. Is patient safety an issue in your country?

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

2.2. To your knowledge, was the Recommendation implemented in your country?

- Yes, fully
- Yes, partially implemented
- No, it has not been implemented
- I don't know

2.2.1. If the Recommendation was fully or partially implemented, do you think it contributed to improving patient safety in your country?

Yes, definitely
 Yes, to certain extent
 No

2.2.1.1. Why not?

2.2.2. If the Recommendation was fully or partially implemented, how the necessary changes were introduced?

2.2.3. If the Recommendation was not or only partially implemented, which tools could help better implementation (*more than 1 answer possible*)?

National binding legislation
 EU co-operation on patient safety
 Involvement of patient organisations
 Involvement of health professionals
 Others

2.2.3.1. If other, please specify.

2.3. What are the barriers to implementation of patient safety recommendation?

2.4. Which provisions of the Recommendation are of particular relevance in your country?

Please refer to the recommendation on patient safety http://ec.europa.eu/health/patient_safety/docs/council_2009_en.pdf

	Very relevant	Relevant	Not particularly relevant	Not relevant at all
Placing patient safety high at public health agenda	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Empowering patients	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Creating patient safety culture among health professionals (education and training, blame-free reporting systems, learning from errors)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Learning from experience of other countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developing research on patient safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2.5. Which areas of patient safety, not covered by the Recommendation, are important for increasing safety of patients in the EU?

3. Future EU action on patient safety and quality of healthcare

The European Commission has supported since 2005 co-operation of EU Member States and stakeholders on patient safety and quality of care, by organising and co-funding different fora of information exchange and practical mutual learning (ex. Working Group of Patient Safety and Quality of Care, EU Network on Patient Safety and Quality of Care, research projects). Some of these activities are time-limited and will end in the next months.

3.1. What next should EU do on patient safety and in which specific patient safety areas beyond the existing Recommendation?

3.2. Do you think there is an added value in enlarging EU work from patient safety only to wider quality of care?

- Yes
 No
 No opinion

3.2.1. If yes, please specify.

3.2.2. If no, please specify.

3.2.3. If no opinion, please comment.

3.3. In the box below you can provide additional contribution related to EU action on patient safety and quality of care

400 character(s) maximum



What can we do ?

- Keep in contact with DGSANCO
- Participate to the consultation
- Consider to develop
 - Guidelines (or review of guidelines)
 - Promote good practices
 - Safety standards acceptable by our society
- other?



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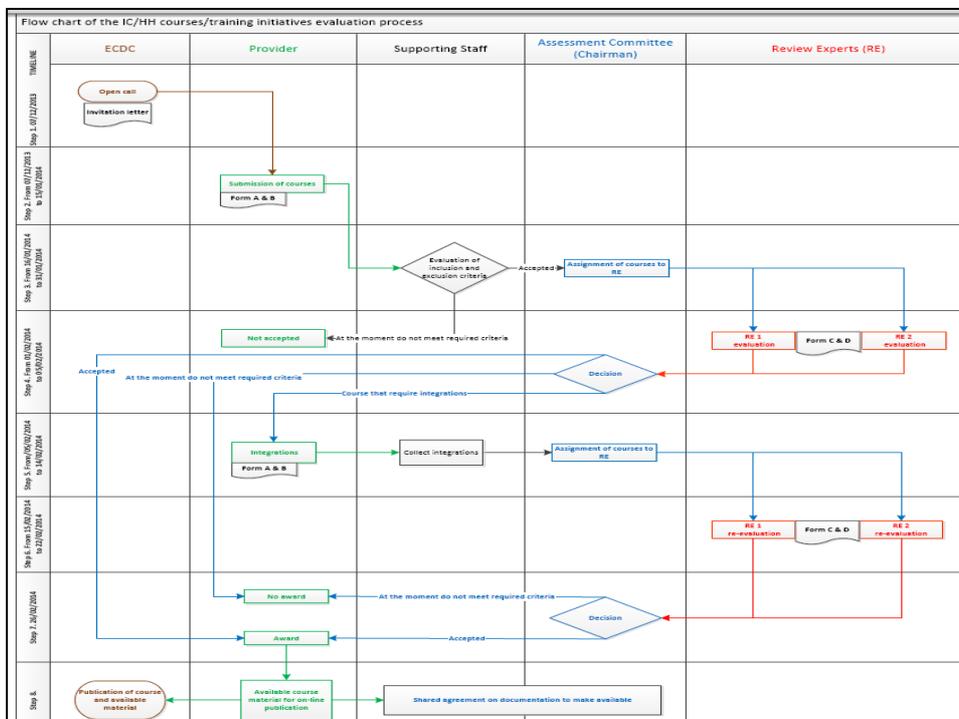
**Call for the evaluation of
Infection Control / Hospital
Hygiene (IC/HH) courses**

TRICE – I.S. goals:

- to evaluate courses on HAI prevention and control in EU Member States, EEA/EFTA countries and EU acceding countries and establish a catalogue of courses ;
- to develop and edit an “Infection Control / Hospital Hygiene Wiki” as an “e-learning tool” for trainers.

Evaluation of IC / HH courses

- The process is based on :
 - the eligibility of the courses and training materials based on the inclusion and exclusion criteria
 - a set of standards for the courses evaluation
 - a defined process (see flow chart)
 - a group of Review experts identified among IC/HH professional expert in IC/HH training
 - the guarantee of the privacy of the data



Exclusion criteria

1. The proposed course is organised by industries.
2. The proposed course is sponsored by industries (unless it is clear that they are run independently from such sponsorship and this is openly declared).

Inclusion criteria

1. The proposed course is developed at the post graduate level only.
2. The proposed course is designed following the Bologna Process (http://ec.europa.eu/education/higher-education/bologna_en.htm).
3. The proposed course is run and/or done at least once in the last three years (included the case of an on-going course).
4. The proposed course is based on methods of active teaching/learning.

Inclusion criteria

5. The proposed course is organised by one or more of the following categories (Educational Institution, Member State Ministry of Health, Public Health Institutes, Regional Health Authority, Health Care Organization, Professional/Scientific Society, Private hospitals).
5. The proposed course has a minimum number of European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS)/hours (2 ECTS or 30 hours direct teaching courses with final examination).
6. The proposed course covers domains and competencies of at least one area, that can be identified as common or similar to those reflected in the ECDC Technical Document “Core Competencies for infection control and hospital hygiene professionals in the European Union” (<http://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications/Publications/infection-control-core-competencies.pdf>).

Evaluation criteria (1)

1. The course denomination (title) is present.
2. The course includes the possibility of distance learning.
3. The course has the specifications about the professionals allowed to participate.
4. The course specifies educational background of the students allowed to attend according to different countries.
5. The course specifies competencies of the students allowed to attend according to different countries.
6. The course specifies whether the attendees need to be employed in a job with sufficient IC/HH experiences that allows to gain, otherwise they cannot pass the course.
7. The duration of course is defined.
8. The frequency of running of the course is defined.

Evaluation criteria (2)

9. The number of attendees per course is defined (the maximum and the minimum of the seats is specified).
10. The faculty name and qualification are present.
11. An official recognition of the course exists.
12. The professional development points are available.
13. The number of hours of formal lectures (including preparation) and of practical experience is present.
14. The students have access to a library.
15. The students have access to study rooms.
16. The number of hours for each topic of each module is defined.
17. The course requires a pre-course assessment.

Evaluation criteria (3)

18. The course is evaluated. The students' assessments needed for accreditation are present in the course.
19. The responses to the students' assessments are reviewed.
20. The course includes a questionnaire, sent a few months after the course, so that students can reflect on the course's impact in their work.
21. How students fund the course fellowships or grants available is specified in the course.
22. Whether there is dedicated time given to students by their Health Care Organizations is explored in the course.
23. The course defines the methods adopted to achieve learning goals.
24. Learning goals within knowledge skill and competencies are formulated in the course.
25. It is specified in the course if the students are examined.

5 reasons to apply to the call

- Potentially to be one of the first providers being recognized by ECDC as compliant with the European IC/HH core competencies.
- To participate right from the beginning in a training standardization process that will strengthen the European programmes for prevention and control of HAI.
- To have a world-wide visibility, as a training provider.
- To contribute to a better definition of the standards for IC/HH courses evaluation process.
- To contribute (if the course applicants agree) to the support of the development of IC/HH training standards through the participation in the IC/HH WIKI development.

Call for the evaluation of IC/HH courses

- More information could be retrieved contacting elisa.fabbro@uniud.it
- The submissions should be sent to:
elisa.fabbro@uniud.it
ECDC.Course@ecdc.europa.eu
within the midnight of **January the 15th 2014**

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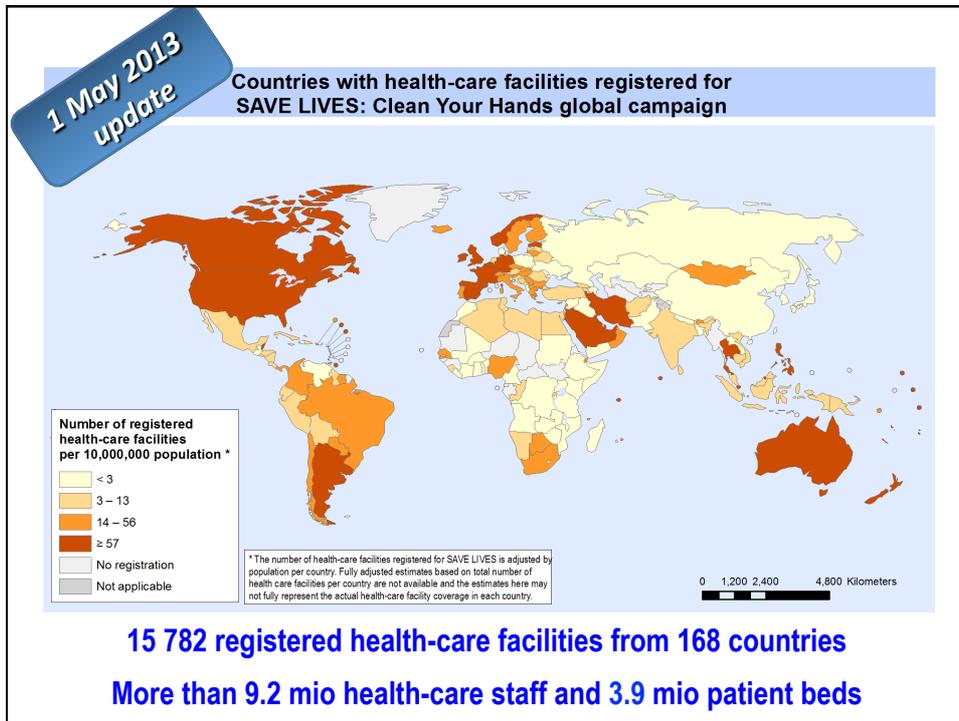
5 May 2014
WHO Call to Action

Dr. B. Allegranzi

Team Lead, Clean Care is Safer Care
Service Delivery and Safety
World Health Organization

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What can we do?



5 May 2014

Role of hand hygiene to combat antimicrobial resistance

Register your healthcare facility at

<http://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/register/en/index.html>

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For more information:

- **Contact information**

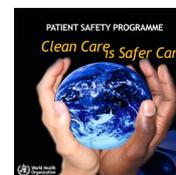
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Welcome

This is a biennial international conference and this year we're pleased to be holding the event in association with our counterparts from the French Society for Hospital Hygiene.

The meeting is driven by an excellent scientific programme covering topics including, but not limited to, epidemiology, surveillance and IT in infection prevention and control, decontamination, blood borne viruses, antibiotic resistance and rapid diagnostic methods. The event will provide a unique opportunity for everyone involved to learn about the latest developments in this rapidly expanding and changing field.

The programme also allows for plenty of exhibition viewing time across the three core conference days.

This website includes all the information you require for the event so please take time to explore the site.

Accueil

Le neuvième congrès international de la Healthcare Infection Society (HIS) se déroulera au Centre des Congrès de Lyon du 16 au 18 novembre 2014, en association avec la Société Française d'Hygiène Hospitalière (SF2H).

Ce congrès se tient tous les deux ans et nous sommes très heureux cette année de partager l'évènement avec la Société Française d'Hygiène Hospitalière. Lyon est une grande métropole facilement accessible de Grande-Bretagne et d'Europe Continentale, grâce à un aéroport international et le TGV.

Le comité scientifique élabore actuellement un programme scientifique de haut niveau qui inclut l'épidémiologie, la surveillance, la prévention et le contrôle de l'infection, la résistance aux antibiotiques et les méthodes diagnostiques rapides, les virus sanguins. D'autres thèmes seront développés.

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We wish you a
Fruitful and Successful
2014