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Cross-border recognition of CME/CPD

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Cross-border recognition

Case study: Bavaria and Austria



- Physicians are obliged by Professional Codes of the chambers of physicians to earn CME credits.
- In 2004, the Social Code also made it compulsory by law.
- A 2005 agreement between the Bavarian State Chamber of Physicians and the Austrian Medical Chamber
 - enables physicians in either one of these chambers to attend CME events in the region of the respective other chamber and to have their earned credits recognised as proof.
- Each physician is expected to coordinate his or her continuing medical education requirements independently.

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Case study: Bavaria and South Tyrol



- Different motives, different conditions.
 - South Tyrol is bilingual, Italian and German. The number of German-language CME events offered is negligible.
 - Contractual arrangement more complicated – required the involvement of the Italian umbrella organisation:
 - South Tyrolean Medical Chamber has an autonomous status within the umbrella organisation of the Italian Chambers of Physicians and Dentists, FNOMCeO.

- Autumn 2010: Trilateral declaration with the Austrian Medical Chamber and the German Medical Association.

- July 2014: Bilateral agreement between the FNOMCeO, the South Tyrolean Medical Chamber and the Bavarian State Chamber of Physicians allowing for the mutual recognition of CME credits.

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- Three important conditions:
 1. The medical chambers must be the competent authority for CME. Situation similar in Italy and Austria.
 2. The criteria that must be met in order to earn CME credits must be comparable or identical in the countries participating in the agreement.
 3. Automatic recognition of CME credits only makes sense in cases where an event is held in the participant's native language.

- Similar pilot projects might be plausible in neighbouring countries with a high degree of linguistic compatibility.



Thank you!

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