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List of Abbreviations and Acronyms commonly used

A

AEMH	A ssociation E uropéenne des M édecins des H ôpitaux – European Association of Senior Hospital Physicians
Acquis communautaire	The "acquis" refers to the body of existing EU legislation to be adopted by countries before they can become full members of the European Union. The statistical 'acquis' refers to EU legislation in the field of statistics, but is often interpreted as including also the agreed definitions, nomenclatures, methods and questionnaires for collecting data in other statistical fields not covered by legislation and usually referred to as data collected by Gentlemen's agreement
AGRI	Directorate-General "Agriculture and Rural Development"
ALDE	A lliance of L iberals and D emocrats E urope (Political Group in the European Parliament)

B

BEUC	B ureau E uropéen des U nions des C onsommateurs
BIT - ILO	B ureau I nternational du T ravail – I nternational L abour O ffice

C

CE	C ouncil of the E uropean U nion
CEN	European Committee for Standardisation (FR: C omité E uropéen de N ormalisation)
CEOM	C onférence E uropéenne des O rdres M édicaux – International Conference of Medical Orders
CJEC	C ourt of J ustice of the E uropean U nion
CoE	C ouncil of E urope
CoR	C ommittee of the R egions
CORDIS	C ommunity R esearch and D evelopment I nformation S ervice
COREPER	C omité des R éprésentants P ermanents – Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Member States
COST	European C ooperation in S cience and T echnology
COSTEFF	Alliance for C ost- e fficiency in Healthcare
CME /CPD	C ontinuous M edical E ducatio / C ontinuous P rofessional D evelopment
CPME	C omité P ermanent des M édecins E uropéens – Standing Committee of European Doctors

D

DG	D irectorate- G eneral (24 DGs European Commission)
DRG	D iagnosis R elated G roups

E

EAAD	European A ntibiotic A wareness D ay
EACCME	European A ccreditation C ouncil for C ontinuing M edical E ducation
EAHM	European A ssociation of H ospital M anagers
EAHP	European A ssociation of H ospital P harmacists
EANA	Europäische A rbeitsgemeinschaft der N iedergelassenen Ä rzte – European Working Group of Practitioners and Specialists in Free Practice
EC	European C ommission
ECC COPD	European C OPD C oalition C hronic O bstructive P ulmonary D isease
ECDC	European C entre for D isease P revention and C ontrol
ECJ	European C ourt of J ustice
ECOFIN	Council (E conomic and F inancial A ffairs)
EEA	European E conomic A rea (= EU + EFTA)
EFTA	European F ree T rade A ssociation (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland)
EESC	European E conomic and S ocial C ommittee
EFMA	European F ederation of M edical A ssociations
EFQM	European F oundation for Q uality M anagement
EFN	European F orum of N urses A ssociations
EFPIA	European F ederation of P harmaceutical I ndustries and A ssociations
EFSA	European F ood S afety A uthority
EHFG	European H ealth F orum G astein
EHMA	European H ealth M anagement A ssociation
EJD	European J unior D octors P ermanent W orking G roup
EMCDDA	European M onitoring C enter for D rugs and D rugs A ddiction
EMA	European M edicines A gency
EMEA	European M iddle E ast and A frica
EMO	European M edical O rganisations
EMSA	European M edical S tudents' A ssociation
ENVI	European P arliament's C ommittee on E nvironment, P ublic H ealth and F ood S afety
EP	European P arliament
EPF	European P atients' F orum
EPHA	European P ublic H ealth A lliance
EPPEP	European P eople's P arty and E uropean D emocrats (Political of the European P arliament)
EPSCO	Council (E mloi, P olitique S ociale, santé et C onsommateurs). Employment, Social Policy, Health and C onsumer A ffairs).
EPSU	European F ederation of P ublic S ervice U nions
ESICM	European S ociety of I ntensive C are M edicine
ESDP	European S ecurity and D efense P olicy
ETUC - CES	European T rade U nion C onfederation – C onfédération E uropéenne des S yndicats

EULAR	European League Against Rheumatism
EUnetHTA	EUropean Network on Health Technology Assessment
EU-OSHA	European Agency for Safety and Health at Work
EURORDIS	European Programme on Rare Diseases
EUROSTAT	Statistical Office of the European Communities

F

FEMS	F édération Européenne des M édecins S alariés – European Federation of Salaried Doctors
FAQ	F requently A sksed Q uestions
FP7	Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development. The EU's main instrument for funding research in Europe which will run from 2007-2013.

G

GIPEF	G reece, I taly, P ortugal, E spagne, F rance
GP	G eneral P ractitioner
GAERC	European Council (G eneral A ffairs and E xternal R elations C ouncil)
GDP	G ross D omestic P roduct
GMC	G eneral M edical C ouncil
GREENS/EFA	Greens/ E uropean F ree A lliance
GUE/NGL	European United Left/ N ordic G reen L eft

H

HOPE	European Healthcare and Hospital Federation
HPCB	H ealth P rofessionals C rossing B orders
HTA	H ealth T echnology A ssessment
HLG	H igh L evel G roup (on health services and medical care), installed by the Commission gathering MS and stakeholders (CPME)
HR	H igh R epresentative
HOSPEEM	

I

IAPO	I nternational A lliance of P atients O rganisations
IFMSA	I nternational F ederation of M edical S tudents A ssociations
ILO - BIT	I nternational L abour O ffice – B ureau I nternational du T ravail
IMCO	I nternal M arket and C onsumer P rotection
IMI	I nternal M arket I nformation S ystem
IND/DEM	I ndependence/ D emocracy group
INGO	I nternational N on- G overnmental O rganisation
IGC	I ntergovernmental C onference
ISO	I nternational O rganisation for S tandardisation
ISQua	I nternational S ociety for Q uality in H ealthcare

J

JHA	European Council (Justice and H ome A ffairs)
JRC	Joint Research Center (European Commission)

K

KBS	K nowledge- b ased system
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L

LLL	L ife-long learning
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M

MoU	M emorandum of U nderstanding
MS	M ember S tates (of the European Union)

N

NGO	N on- G overnmental O rganisation
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O

OECD	O rganisation for E conomic C o- O peration and D evelopment
OLAF	European Anti-Fraud Office
OSE	European S ocial O bservatory
OTC	O ver- t he-counter

P

PCom	Presidents' Committee
PHEA	P ublic H ealth E xecutive A gency
PWG	P ermanent W orking G roup of European Junior Doctors
PGEU	P harmaceutical G roup of the E uropean U nion
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
PPPs	Public-private partnerships
PPS	Purchasing Power Standard
PSE	S ocialist Group in the E uropean P arliament
PwC	P ricewaterhouse C oopers

Q

Q & A	Q uestions and A nswers
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R

RCP	R oyal C ollege of P hysicians
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S

SANCO	S anté et C onsommateurs (Health and Consumer)
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SG	Secretary General
SWOT	Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats

T

tbc	To be confirmed
tba	To be announced

U

UEMO	Union Européenne des Médecins Omnipraticiens – European Union of General Practitioners
UEMS	Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes – European Union of Medical Specialists
UEHP	Union Européenne de Hospitalisation Privée - European Union of Private Hospitals

V

VLK	Verband der Leitenden Krankenhausärzte (German Association of Senior Hospital Physicians)
VLKÖ	Verband der Leitenden Krankenhausärzte Österreichs
V4	Visegrád Group , also called the Visegrád Four or V4 , is an alliance of four Central European states – Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia

W

WFME	World Federation for Medical Education
WHO	World Health Organisation
WMA	World Medical Association
WONCA	World Organisation of National Colleges, Academies and Academic Associations of General Practitioners/Family Physicians