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The meeting started with the opening of the General Assembly.

Internal matters:

- Swedish delegation was accepted again as full member;
- Georgian delegation was ejected from the membership after not being contributing the fees for a longer time;
- Turkish membership was discussed again - this time representatives of young doctors from the TMA were present. They are NGO and as such may represent Turkey's young doctors in EJD.

Next on the agenda was a lecture on EWTD given by Mr. Laszlo Andor, EU Commissioner (Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion). After several presentations a brief discussion on EWTD followed.

Working part of the SM was continued with national interim reports, this time in a condensed format (3 minutes each). Here are presented only most interesting news:

☒ Sweden - extensive research was done, one in the three young doctors has experienced any kind of discrimination (personal, sexual, structural).

☒ Spain - continued cutting of health budgets reported, privatization of public hospitals is in progress.

☒ Slovenia - Forum on working conditions was held in Ljubljana in March, results are available as a separate EJD document.

☒ Portugal - new round of training posts was announced, the needs are determined by the geographical units. The proposal for categorizing hospitals in three categories is under preparation, which often do not follow specific needs.

☒ Norway - new research unmasked huge amount of unpaid working hours among doctors, process for the specialization awarding is reconstructed due to the huge influx of doctors outside of Norway. Discussions are led about the autonomy of doctors and patients' rights.

☒ Netherlands - continued cutting of health budgets reported, centralization of the emergency medical care, including a project on task shifting.

☒ Malta - a new Minister of Health appointed, they estimate the lack of doctors to be resolved in 5-7 years.

☒ Latvia - still low wages, the current issue is the retirement age for doctors and availability of training positions. Next year 3% of GDP will be available for health care service (4% this year).

☒ Ireland – Irish delegation showed the results and the background of the “24nomore Campaign”, they are trying hard to keep existing doctors and to attract new ones.

☒ Hungary - 965 doctors requested the necessary documentation to leave the country in 2013. (Number is declining but still significant, more than half of them being young doctors without specialist degree).

☒ Germany - current topics are collective agreements, foreign doctors in Germany and their assimilation in to the German health system (there exists even the Institute for integration). For the 4th time “Docsteps” career fair was organized in Berlin.

☒ Finland - the reform of the health and social systems is under preparation together with new regulation of the principles for assigning specializations.

☒ Estonia - among other things problems with recruiting new members for medical association.

☒ Czech Republic - a political crisis, but improved relations between Medical Association and the Czech government.

☒ Croatia – the report will be presented again during AEMH GA.

☒ Austria - news related to the EWTD - Austria is also in the warning process from the European Commission for violating the EWTD, though only in the first phase of alert.

☒ Italy - among other problems the most important is the constant increase of temporary contracts for physicians, not only in clinical medicine but also in science institutes – it is difficult to plan the future.

After national reports thematic sessions were held in parallel, I can show the data from sessions which I have attended:

EU/EEA Committee - Topics covered were as follows:

- Experiences from the countries that were warned for violation of EWTD - France, Ireland, Greece, and Austria at the latest.
- New developments related to the European reference networks - an official document (2013) which shows the visible contact points and places where you can get information on cross-border healthcare and cooperation in the same field within the EU.
- CPME - a broad discussion about professional card of health care professionals, all conclusions are presented in the report and the conclusions of that meeting.
- The biggest debate is currently about automatic recognition of qualifications. Automatic recognition is possible but it does not mean that one will automatically obtain a license to practice medicine, and is followed by a series of problems.

After EU/EEA the PGT (postgraduate training) Committee session was scheduled – it began with a proposal to refresh the EJD official position on PGT. Within this session the current EJD representatives to UEMS were presented. The most important novelty of the UEMS is that it has reapplied for EU funding for the development of universal solution for e-portfolio.

EJD finances are stable. The budget is balanced with a smaller deficit in 2013, which is within planned numbers.

Later on the General Assembly was continued.

First Dr Tamas Denes addressed the audience on behalf of Hungarian Resident Doctors' Association and briefly mentioned few details about the work of their organization.

This was followed by the President's and the treasurer's reports. Changes on the level of the Executive Board were proposed (suggested additional board member to be introduced because of the increased workload) and changes in the number of total possible terms for the board members.

Projects that are in progress:

- European Medical Mobility Project;
- Conclusions from the CME workshops in Frankfurt (January 2014);
- Report the EJD Forum in Slovenia (March 2014).

At the end of the meeting the most important developments from the other EMO's were reported.

Next meetings are scheduled as follows:

- ☒ EJD AM 2014 Strasbourg, France, October 17-18, 2014 (Sofitel hotel)
- ☒ EJD SM 2015 Vienna, Austria, May 8-9, 2015 (Hotel Savoyen)
- ☒ EJD AM 2015 Norway, date and place tbc.

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