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**Financial situation in the Croatian health sector**

Croatian Minister of Finances decided to pay out the whole debt of Croatian hospitals (5 billion Kuna in April 2013) and then “start from scratch” by implementing financial recovery systems and temporary management as leaders of cca 25 Croatian Hospitals. The plan is to finish with this process by the June 2016. by which time it is expected that new hospital management would prevent from making new debts. Temporary managements’ goal is to supervise the consumption of medicines, to minimise costs by establishing centralised public procurement of equipment and medical materials, out-sourcing of non-medical services (cleaning, laundry etc.). Politicians assure the public that this financial recovery process will have no impact on the health services especially with regard to access to expensive medicines.

**Health legislation**

The Republic of Croatia is about to become a full member of the European Union; as a result of that and the fact that European legislative is now to be implemented in the Croatian legal system, *Directive 2005/36/EC of the European parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on the recognition of professional qualifications* is to be applied. Croatian Medical Chamber should become the competent authority in Croatia for the recognition of professional qualifications of the EU- and EEA doctors coming to work (temporarily or permanently) in Croatia. In order to promote the free movement of professionals, while ensuring an adequate level of qualification, the Directive’s rules have to be incorporated in the national Health Care Act, Act on Physicians as well as statutes and regulations in the Croatian Medical Chamber.

**19. ZEVA meeting of the Medical Chambers of Central and East European Countries, Zagreb, Croatia, September 2012**

Croatian Medical Chamber, was a host of the 19. ZEVA meeting of the Medical Chambers of Central and East European Countries; 13 countries represented by 30 delegates met to exchange experiences on this multilateral meeting of medical chambers.

Main topics were „Mediation – a form of alternative dispute resolution” and „Professional Liability Insurance of doctors“. Conclusions were that alternative dispute resolution methods should be taken under consideration for the implementation in legal systems of the countries in which it is possible – for the resolution of the situations arising during or after providing of medical service; health systems should promote mediation and arbitration as advisable methods of alternative dispute resolution. Regarding the professional liability insurance issues, ZEVA participants agreed that professional liability insurance becomes a necessary prerequisite of quality work in medicine and implementation of obligatory insurance of all health care providers should be endorsed.

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