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UEMO

- Founded in Paris 1967 by the **five member states of the European Economic Community** (Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands, and Italy)
- At the present, with **25 member states** (geographic, not political Europe/EU; includes Switzerland, Turkey, UK); holds 2 Gas (Spring and Fall)

AIMS



Defending the role of GPs/FDs
in the Healthcare System

Represent GPs/FDs to
European authorities and
international organizations.

Collaborate with other
European medical groups to
strengthen the position of the
profession



Why Does UEMO Matter?

- UEMO supports and promotes Family Medicine/General Practice – the base of all cost-effective Health Care Systems



Health systems based on effective primary care, with **highly trained professionals** working in the community deliver care more effectively, both **cost-effectively and clinically**, compared to systems with a weak focus on primary care.

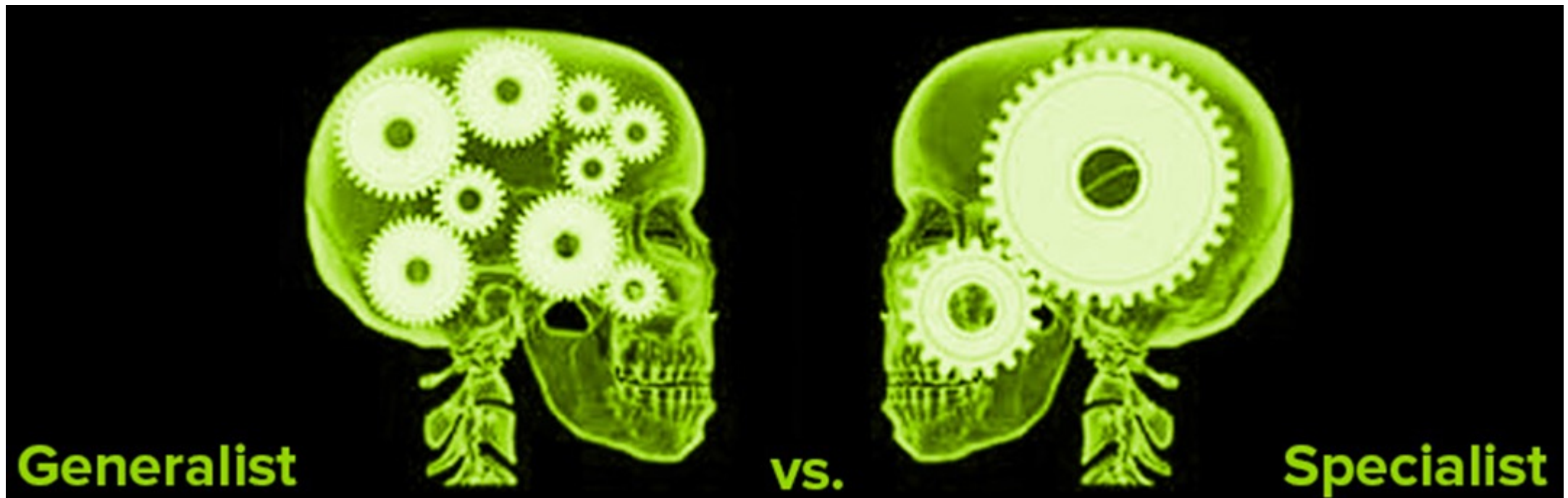
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- UEMO Policy Statements are issued regularly - on Covid, Vaccination, the Value of GPs, e-Health, AMR, childhood obesity
- UEMO gives support for National Medical Associations facing challenges
Letters to Romania, Portugal, Turkey and Spain



Why Does UEMO Matter?

- Value of General Practitioners/Family Doctors





Represent GPs/FDs to European authorities and international organizations.

Liases with and informs other EU bodies



EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY
SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH

ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE:
NEW EU ONE HEALTH ACTION PLAN

MAKING THE EU A BEST PRACTICE REGION ON AMR | BOOSTING RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT & INNOVATION ON AMR | SHAPING THE GLOBAL AGENDA ON AMR



#EUAMRaction

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT (HTA)

WHAT IS A HEALTH TECHNOLOGY?
The term refers to any aspect of healthcare such as:

- Organisational and supportive procedures
- Diagnostic tests and treatment methods
- Medical equipment and devices
- Rehabilitation and prevention programmes
- Pharmaceuticals

WHAT IS HTA?
Health technology assessment (HTA) measures the added value of a new health technology in comparison to existing technologies/current standard of care.



European Health Emergency preparedness and Response Authority (HERA):

Getting ready for future health emergencies



Coalition for Vaccination

The Coalition for Vaccination brings together European associations of healthcare professionals and relevant student associations in the field. It was convened by the European Commission in 2019 based on the 2018 Council recommendation on strengthened cooperation against vaccine-preventable diseases. It aims to support delivering accurate information to the public, combating myths around vaccines and vaccination, and exchanging best practices on vaccination.



Collaborate with other European medical groups to strengthen the position of the profession

Collaboration with other European Medical Organizations to strengthen a **unanimous position of the medical profession** in Europe for maintaining the highest possible **standards of training, ethics, and care.**



JOINT STATEMENT

UEMO joins the international medical community in calling for autonomy of the Turkish Medical Association to be safeguarded.

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UEMO stands with the Croatian medical organizations

Read our statement: <https://www.uemo.eu/uemo-croatian-medical-organizations/>

EJD - European Junior Doctors Association
 EMSA - European Medical Students' Association
 European Doctors - CPME
 AEMH - European Association of Senior Hospital Physicians
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 #FEMS
 European Union of Medical Specialists - UEMS

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Tiago Villanueva, UEMO President, is attending the meeting of Presidents of European Medical Organizations, hosted by European Doctors - CPME.

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Working Groups

- Competencies of GPs in management of complexity - chronic disease
- Preventive Activities - vaccination, screening
- Ad Hoc - Specialty recognition, Cross Border Care, Organizational changes
- E-Health
- The value of GPs – surveys on workload and scope of practice
- CME/CPD





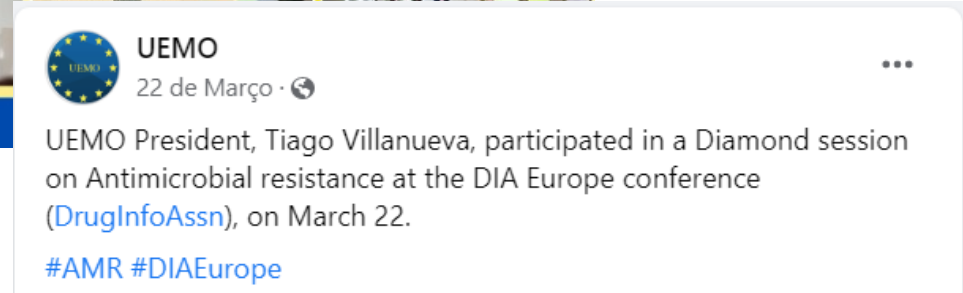
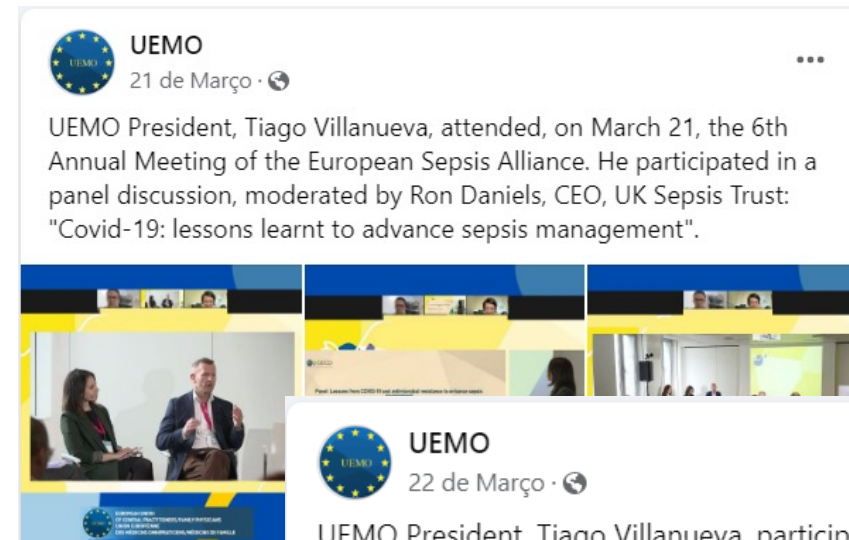
Fall General Assembly - Ljubljana November 4th/5th 2022

- Discussions on Chronic Disease Management – Ireland
- Care of Adolescents & Young Adults – Professor Michaud
- Videos on vaccination to improve uptake – Slovenia
- IT use in General Practice
- End of Romanian Presidency
- Portuguese team elected for 2023-2026
- Two new Vice Presidents elected for 2023-26: Dr Lasic (Serbia) and Dr Holden (UK)





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UEMO STATEMENT

UEMO issued a statement following the participation in the two-day meeting on March 1 and 2, regarding shortages of medicines, at the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

[Read our statement.](#)

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UEMO Statement on the adoption of the Bucharest declaration

[Read our statement.](#)

UEMO STATEMENT

How to recruit and retain young doctors in general practice/ family medicine

[Read UEMO statement.](#)

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UEMO Statement on the World Health Day.

[Read our statement.](#)





General Practice/family Medicine Challenges

- Changing demographics/older population
- Increase in Chronic Disease – Diabetes/CVD
- Retirement of senior doctors
- Shortage of medical graduates choosing a career in FM
- Increasing demand; Burnout
- Undervalued; Poor academic recognition
- Bureaucracy
- European specialty recognition





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