



**EURACT Council Meeting Minutes  
4 to 5 October 2023**

**Council & Business Meeting**



## Day 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> October

1. Welcome
2. President's report (Attachment 1)  
Received
3. Honorary Secretary's report of Spring meeting 2023 –  
Received
4. Report from EURACT representative on WONCA Europe Executive Board (Adam)  
Received. (Attachment 2)
5. Election of 1) EURACT EB Hon. Treasurer & 2) EURACT EB Member at Large (Alex & Barbara)
  - Renzo was elected as treasurer
  - Esra was elected as Member at Large after 4 rounds of voting.
6. Representative WONCA Europe WP on Policy Advocacy: 2 candidates: Alex & Alessandra
  - Confirmed recommendations. Alex as representative and Alessandra as deputy
7. New task force
  - Online courses
  - Relational competences
  - POCUS

Vote was deferred between these due to time taken on election of EB members
8. EURACT trees  
Update on the new trees
9. CME PinPoint platform  
Update received.
10. Covid-19 Study  
This is an ongoing project update received.
11. Appraisal portfolio  
Update received.
12. EUSIT
  - Ukrainian support for teaching. Exchanges and visits organised.
  - MOUs between Uzhgorod and Geneva arranged.
  - Research symposia organised.
  - Online Lulaby teaching sessions
  - Visits to Ukraine arranged
  - POCUS group and task force proposed

### 13. WONCA Europe Conference 2024

Reminder that abstracts open **Feb 1st**. Members to think about the 2x workshops that are not peer reviewed

### 14. EURACT new communications manager

Bethan has stood down and members were asked to propose suitable candidates

### 15. Approval of new members & countries

The membership task force will discuss this matter further  
Approval and non-approvals were discussed and agreed  
Update re Israel members

### 16. Launching of new EURACT website

Maria introduced the new website and was congratulated

### 17. Online payment of fees

Cash is no longer accepted. All enquiries about group membership should go to Barbara.

**Action: Need to resolve how to send reminders when membership has lapsed, who should be responsible for chasing up this.** Again this was a matter deferred to the membership committee

### 18. Bled course 2023 & 2024

Report received

Date: 18-21 September 2024 and topic will be Emotions in GP

### 19. EURACT Educational Conference in 2025

Spring 2026 was agreed as the provisional date for this.

### 20. Leonardo Level 3 in Israel

12 participants confirmed in Tel Aviv

Communications between EB and Member Services Committee regarding participants were discussed. Need to be clear who can be invited from multiprofessional teams and allied healthcare workers.

2 Leonardo courses planned now. Call for those interested in facilitating and hosting.

Discussion about non GP members of EURACT. **Action: Member Service will discuss these topics. NB Due to the tragic events in Israel the BLED meeting was subsequently cancelled**

### 21. Next Council Meeting: Croatia (**4 to 6 April 2024**)

Accommodation and venue are arranged.

Able to book from January onwards

### 22. Next Council Meetings (Montenegro (Autumn 2024) & maybe Georgia (Spring 2025)). **Action for EB: The dates for these need arranging as a priority → NB Autumn meeting: Budva, 10-12 Oct 2024**

### 23. Specific requests from Committees and Task Forces (Chairs)

The reports of the Committees and Task Forces were received.

## Day 2 Business meeting

### Reports from committees

#### BME Helena

Report received from the group.

- European Survey completed. Analysis of results ongoing. The large variety in European UG medical education is apparent
- Tele-medicine innovations (glasses and video libraries) discussed
- History of the committee – idea for another workstream.
- Possibility of doing a WONCA Europe workshop depending on the dates.

#### ST Committee Joachim

Report received

- Ongoing project: Needs assessments
- Possible projects; SDL/SRL, upward feedback, competency-based education
- Future projects: Supervision of STs

#### CME Committee Arabelle

Report received

- EUSIT project – exchanges and visits between member countries especially Ukraine
- CME-CDP Database
- PinPoint Platform

#### Member services Nikos

Report received

- Sponsorship policy – form has been revised
- Website has been revised
- Leaflet needs to be revised
- Clarity about who is to be invited to courses / groups
- Articles of association revised
- Issues of payment raised by some countries; all membership to run for calendar years. Issue of follow up of non-payment raised. Council members encouraged to approach Barbara for lists of non-payers ? at end of Jan and Feb.
- Clarification of rules regarding honorary members
- Communication between MSC and EB. Clarification of articles regarding eligibility for membership with respect to members of multi-professional team in Primary Care.
  - **Decision; to take this suggestion to the EB**

#### Leonardo Task Force Renzo

Report received

- Course dates reviewed
- Clarification of facilitator characteristics summarised
- Sponsorship criteria reviewed
  - 12/36 will be sponsored = Euro 9,000
- Standardisation of teaching materials as ongoing project

## **Education materials**

- Warm up sessions and chill zones

## **Conference Working Group**

The work of this group was discussed previously

### **1 Slide 5-minute presentation Chloe**

A new 4 year ST programme (France) was described. Previously this had been 3 years. Chloe (and France) was congratulated for this progress

## **Choosing a new task group**

An election took place between 3 options

Quantitative data was collected by Odd Martin and confirmed by Nele

1. Relational competence task group (Nikos) 21
2. Online learning 0
3. POCUS (point of contact ultrasound) 7

**Decision: It was decided to progress with Relational Competence and POCUS task groups and to consider renaming the educational materials task group to reflect the emergence of online learning.**

## **3 Attachments:**

1. Attachment 1 – President's report October 2023
2. Attachment 2 - Report from WONCA Europe EB\_autumn 2023
3. Attachment 3 – Council meeting Bled 2023



## Attachment 1 - President's Report, May 2023 – October 2023

Time flies and here we are already! Almost, almost the time has come: our long-awaited conference will finally take place.

When I was still president-elect, we already started organizing this conference. It was to take place in Budapest, September 2020. Peter, together with the Semmelweis University, wanted to put his shoulders under it with us and make the conference coincide with the celebration of their 250th anniversary. The conference website was online, first abstracts already submitted, when we unfortunately had to decide to postpone the conference. We all know why. A disappointment, of course, but look: postponement would not be a cancellation.

So we moved everything to 2021. Little did we know. Also 2021 was not feasible and neither was 2022 ....

Not with the idea in mind that was so important to us. We wanted a real conference, and by that, I mean a 'live' conference. One where we can obviously present and show what we are doing, where we can actively work on educational themes and issues and where we can make plans for future projects and collaborations. But therefore, also one where we can actually meet people, in person. This meeting-aspect, this networking-aspect was the reason we decided not to go for an online or at least a hybrid conference.

That was a clear decision, matching with our shared vision. A vision that indicates that we want to support family medicine education, make it better and future-proof. A vision that says we want to train, inspire, and empower people to do this. And for this, connecting with each other is important. That human aspect, namely, being able to look each other in the eyes.

And now we are 2023; the world changed. Our location changed too. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> EURACT educational conference will be held in Bled. Thanks to Vesna and the ever-incredible help of Barbara. Also Nynke, as chair of the scientific committee and the scientific committee itself, worked very hard in the last period. Eternal gratitude for this!

Since our warm meeting in Madeira, also a lot of other issues past the timeline. Alex was elected as our new Honorary Secretary. He took over the torch from Denise, who did a fantastic job for years! Welcome Alex to our EB, which configuration - as it goes - will change again after this meeting in Bled. Nynke decided to resign and Esra, who for years has been our consistent Honorary Treasurer, also has to make room for someone else. People who leave is always a bit of losing, but also making room for a lot of gratitude, beautiful memories and new people and opportunities.

In June, many of us attended the WONCA Europe conference in Brussel. I was happy to welcome you in my city, my capital. We held workshops which were very well attended, and we were once again able to get people excited about teaching and training students and GP trainees. For our Belgian GP trainers, we organized a special training day: during the day they could attend the conference and later meet and greet some of you to look at GP education across borders. That was a real success! A success was also the Bled course in September; Vesna and her team organised for the 32<sup>nd</sup> time a wonderful course. This year the theme was 'Teaching and Learning Self-Care in Family Medicine'. As regards our other courses, I noticed that the Leonardo Course task force and Martine did already a lot of work to organise our next Leonardo Course. This time it is a level 3 course with Israel as receiving country.

I'm sure all our committees and task forces did a lot of efforts in the last period to organise workshops for our conference but also to proceed with their projects. In Bled, we will make time to hear what is going on and what is to come. It is always nice to be able to see that the EURACT Council really does consist of very motivated and knowledgeable people!

Last but not least, our new website. Drum roll and a glass to toast because it is ready to be launched! And here I am very happy to make the jump to the opportunity we will have very soon to hear those drums live in Bled and to be able to toast while we look each other in the eyes as a big EURACT family: with each other and with all our supporters and friends at the conference!

Nele Michels

October 2023

## **Attachment 2 - Report of the EURACT representative in WONCA Europe Executive Board.**

Since the last report, the WONCA Europe Executive Board has held face-to-face meetings twice immediately before and after WONCA Europe Conference in Brussels, Belgium. In July and September also monthly online meetings took place. The following issues on the agenda of WONCA Europe may be of interest to members of the EURACT Council:

### **European Council meeting**

The European Council of WONCA had its annual meeting on 6 June 2023, immediately before 28th WONCA Europe Conference held in Brussels, Belgium. The following decisions were made by the Council:

- The update of the definition of General Practice/Family Medicine was anonymously approved (see the website)
- The statements on the following topics were endorsed:
  - Shortage of European Primary Health Care Workforce
  - Point of Care Ultrasonography (POCUS)
  - Desirable qualifications for general practice university posts
- WONCA Europe Scholarship Program was approved
- The following Bylaws changes were approved:
  - Structural Changes to Article 19 (Bylaws amendment response deadline)
  - Standardisation of spelling and terminology
  - Clarifications in terminology to reflect current practice
  - Inclusion of EUROPREV representative in the Executive Board
- Paris was chosen as place of the 2026 WONCA Europe conference
- New working group on Policy Advocacy was approved for the next three years
- The following award winners were announced:
  - WONCA Europe 5-Star Doctor 2023: Pavlo Kolesnyk, Ukraine
  - Montegut Global Scholar 2023: Mihai Iacob, Romania
- Two projects WONCA Europe Special Project were awarded:
  - EURODATA Study presented by semFYC, the Spanish Scientific Society of Family and Community Medicine with partners.
  - Lessons Learned in Primary Care of Value to the Health Sector from the COVID-19 pandemic presented by EQUIP, with partners.

Both winning projects will be awarded a prize of 5,000 EUR each.

### **Other core activities**

- WHO Regional Meeting for Europe, Astana, Kazakhstan, 24–26 October 2023  
WONCA World and WONCA Europe will contribute to the event with a virtual booth, featuring various materials and will participate in roundtable discussions. During a regional WHO meeting scheduled for October 24-26 WONCA Europe will present a statement on the PHC workforce shortage. Action points include approving virtual booth materials, deciding on webinars, and seeking endorsements for the statement. The statement will be shared with other NGOs to ask for their support.
- Working group on Policy Advocacy

The Working Group on Policy Advocacy had been approved for a three-year duration during the WE conference in Brussels. The Steering Committee includes two members from WONCA Europe EB, Eva Hummers and Radost Asenova. The group will contribute to the two workshops set to be organized for WHO in Astana. All the networks of WONCA Europe have been invited to contribute to the activities of the group (representatives from EUROPREV and EURACT are still pending).

- **WONCA Europe Webinars**

Three webinars were held in the summer period (July - September 2023):

- From vaccination hesitancy to health - bridging the gap.
- Prevention in the elderly with a special focus on vaccination
- CKD in primary care: early identification and intervention for improved outcomes

- **EJGP matters**

The new IF for The European Journal of General Practice (EJGP) is 3.4. The journal keeps its first quartile (Q1) position in the SCIE category of Primary Health Care (4 out of 17 journals). After 15 years of successful service, the current Editor-in-Chief, Jelle Stoffers, will step down in June 2024. Therefore, WONCA Europe is looking for his successor. The deadline for applications is 12 November 2023.

### **WONCA Europe Conferences**

- WONCA World Conference 2023 will be hosted by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and will take place on 26-29 October 2023, International Convention Centre (ICC) Sydney, Australia
- 29<sup>th</sup> WONCA Europe conference will be held in Dublin, Ireland on 25 - 28 Sep 2024.
- In 2025 WONCA Europe will host WONCA World conference in Lisbon, Portugal. So, in this year there will be no separate scientific meeting organized on European level.
- 30<sup>th</sup> WONCA Europe conference will be held in Paris, France on 29 June – 3 July 2026.

Adam Windak, EURACT representative  
WONCA Europe EB member at large

Krakow, 21 September 2023



## Attachment 3



**EURACT AUTUMN Meeting Oct 2023**


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**04 TO 05 OCTOBER 2023**



### agenda

04 October - 1st & 2nd council session



15.00 - 17.00h	warm-up session (APAHA) welcome & business meeting (Nele & Alex & others) updates on committees' and task groups' work (chairs)
17.15 - 18.45h	Committees' session (first part) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BME (Helena)</li><li>• ST (Joachym)</li><li>• CPD/CME (Pavlo/Arabelle)</li><li>• Member services (Nikos)</li></ul>
19.30h	dinner & late evening walk around the lake

## business meeting

1. welcome
2. president's report (Nele)
3. report EURACT's Spring meeting / Madeira 23 (Denise - Alex)
4. WONCA representative's report (Adam)



## Report of the EURACT representative in WONCA Europe Executive Board

ADAM WINDAK

FOR EURACT COUNCIL MEETING IN BLED  
4 – 5 OCTOBER 2023



## WONCA Europe Council - 6 June 2023, Brussels, Belgium

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- u The statements on:
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  - u Inclusion of EUROPREV representative in the Executive Board
- u Paris to host the 2026 WONCA Europe conference
- u New WONCA Europe SIG on Policy Advocacy
- u Award winners:
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## Core activities

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## business meeting

5. Elections (Alex & Barbara)
  - u EURACT EB Honorary Treasurer
  - u EURACT EB member at large
6. EURACT representative in WONCA Europe WP on Policy Advocacy
7. New task force?



thanks to  
our  
Honorary  
Treasurer,  
Esra



## elections Honorary Treasurer



Renzo (Malta)



## elections EB Member at Large

3 candidates

Arabelle (Switzerland)  
Esra (Turkye)  
Pavlo (Ukraine)



Esra (Turkye)



## business meeting

5. Elections (Alex & Barbara)
  - u EURACT EB Honorary Treasurer
  - u EURACT EB member at large
6. EURACT representative in WONCA Europe WP on Policy Advocacy
  - u 2 candidates: Alessandra (Kazachtsan) & Alex (UK)
  - u 2 representatives à first (Alex) & deputy (Alessandra)
7. New task force?



## business meeting

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  - u EURACT EB member at large
6. EURACT representative in WONCA Europe WP on Policy Advocacy
7. **New task force?**



## task forces

- I. Education materials
- II. Leonardo courses
- III. 3rd EURACT medical education conference - Bled
- IV. new website
- V. appraisal portfolio
- VI. **new**  
?



## business meeting

8. EURACT trees
9. CME PinPoint platform (Nele)
10. Covid-19 Study (Nele)
11. Appraisal portfolio (Adam)
12. EUSIT (Vesna & Pavlo)



## trees ...



## trees ...



Ukraine - Maple tree



Slovakia - Sorb tree



Finland - Oak tree



Servia - X tree



Greece - Palm tree



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## CME PinPointPlatform

CME for GP/FM via competitive grant

programmes: COVID-19 (MSD and Gilead;  
2020)

Chronic pain due to osteoarthritis (Pfizer-Lilly and European Pain  
Federation (EFIC); 2021)

**COVID-19 & vaccinations (Pfizer; 2022)**

**COVID-19 - revision & follow up therapies & long COVID (Pfizer; 2022)**

(Grant applications together with ISSECAM, a not-for-profit organisation for CME, that developed the PPCP & The funders were in no way involved in the content production and review of the materials)



## CME PinPointPlatform

COVID-19 & vaccinations (Pfizer; 2022)

COVID-19 - revision & follow up therapies & long COVID (Pfizer; 2022)

- u workshop @ EURACT conference
- u online seminar: 17th of October 23 19.00-20.00 CEST

do not forget **to promote & use it**: à for all GP's of your country - via national organisations, newsletters, conferences, social media, ... à [mediakit](#) to facilitate dissemination



WEBINAR

### Latest insights into managing COVID-19 in family medicine

Tuesday 17/10/2023  
19:00 – 20:00 CEST

Join us for an interactive session focusing on  
two important topics:

- Vaccination
- Managing long COVID

Presentations and case discussions with interactive voting

#### Presenters

Prof Nisreen A Alwan  
(University of Southampton, UK)

Prof Pierre Van Damme  
(University of Antwerp, Belgium)

#### Family medicine expert panel

Prof Nele Michels (Belgium)

Dr Ilir Meçini (Kosovo)

Dr Darinka Punosevac (Serbia)

More information and registration

<https://www.euract.com/2023/10/17/>



## EURACT COVID-19 study

- ? RQ à What was the impact of COVID-19 on FM/GP education?
- BME, ST, CME level
- survey - 2 key persons per country à **manuscript BME**



## EUSIT – EUSIT exchange project

### Outlining the idea

- The idea was accepted during the meeting in Madeira but is already very actively moving
- Personal connections
- Hosting small groups (even at home)
- Planning activities in practices, conferences, lectures
- Memorandums between universities - optional

### Visits Ukrainians to EURACT partners

April 2023

Bled, Vesna hosted

Pocus training,

FM book project - 3 doctors from Uzhgorod, practice visits

June 2023

Zeneva, Arabelle hosted,

Conference and practice visits, 3 doctors

May 2023

Bratislava: Marek hosted

Leonardo 1 for Czech and Slovak doctors March,

Pavlo was invited as a speaker

### Visits Ukrainians to EURACT partners

- November 2023,
- Zeneva, Arabelle will be a host
- Memorandum of collaboration was signed between universities,
- 3 doctors are going to participate in the conference and to conduct a workshop
- November 3 2023,
- Tallinn, Ruth will be a host
- Conference about the crisis management in health care

## EUSIT further activities (blended)

- Sybil (Belgium) – blended teaching in research (how to conduct a qualitative study in GP)
- ABC teaching of early career researchers in GP/FM
  - Pavlo and Prof Michael Harris, Prof Gordon Tailor (IK)
  - In parallel with EGPRN 3 sessions of 2-day teaching seminars
  - already 3 countries: Ukraine in 2019-2021
  - In Bulgaria and Hungary are ongoing
- Lullaby with an English Professor – monthly online blended case PBL meetings
  - Translation of the E-Book by Alex Harding in GP – the project
  - Alex and Pavlo and an InterFamily team

## Visits of experts to Ukraine

- 2024 Uzhgorod, winter?
  - Pavlo will host
  - Vesna and Arabelle are welcomed to Uzhgorod
- 2024 Uzhgorod, early spring?
  - Pavlo will host
  - Jachym and his wife are welcome for POCUS training

## Visits of experts to Ukraine

- May 2024, Uzhgorod
  - Pavlo will host
  - Jachym, Denice, Marek, Arabelle, Marta + Ukrainian teachers who passed Leonardo courses
  - Local Leonardo 1 to be conducted for teachers from Ukraine

## business meeting

13. WONCA Europe Conference 2024 (Barbara)
14. EURACT new communications manager (Nele & Barbara)
15. Approval of new members (Alex & Barbara)
16. Launching of New EURACT website (Barbara & Maria)
17. Online payment of fees (Barbara)







## communication management

- u [Bethan Bottomley](#)
- u Social Media
  - u Twitter & LinkedIn account
  - u Facebook ...
- u Newsletters 2/year
- u Projects
  - u CME PinPoint Platform
  - u EURACT Med Ed Conference
  - u ?



## approval of new EURACT members

Josef Pesi, Czech Republic

Inga Marthe Granseth, Buvika, Norway

Emmi Lautamatti, Tampere, Finland

Elizabeta KOSTOVSKA PRILEPCHANSKA, Skopje, / North Macedonia

Sashka JANEVSKA, Skopje, / North Macedonia

Annette Stokroos, Groningen, Netherlands

Guy Overdijk, Groningen, Netherlands

Rita Robalo Amadora, Almada / Portugal

Elézer Cerdas Loulé, Faro / Portugal

Diab Kabha, Ummel kutuf, Israel

Shai Krontal, Tel Aviv, Israel

אביר טימורם, ישראל / Israel

Ana Lesac Brižić Kaslav, Primorsko-goranska / Croatia

Tiberiu Constantin Ionescu, Bucharest, / Romania

Nursah ÖZKAN BAYRAKCI, Istanbul/Istanbul / Turkey

Sena Nur Giris Hatay, / Turkey

Karolina Stankevičienė- Kaunas, / Lithuania

Shorena Meunargia, Tbilisi, / Georgia

Mariam Abisonashvili, Tbilisi, / Georgia

Jane Kirby, Leeds, / United Kingdom

Adrian Brown, London, Middx / United Kingdom

IASON VOVOULIS, ATHENS-GREECE, Attiki / Greece



## our new website!!



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  - u Dubrovnik (Croatia), Spring 24 - 4-6 April 24
23. Next Council Meetings
  - u Budva? (Montenegro), Autumn 24
  - u ??, Spring 25



## EURACT spring meeting 2024.

### Dubrovnik, CAAS

Don Frane Bulića 4, Dubrovnik, Croatia



VENIJA AND BARBARA



## General informations

- u CAAS, Dubrovnik
- u [Link](#)
- u 04-06 April 2024
- u CAAS is reserved for EURACT
  - Thursday 14:00 - 19:00
  - Friday 8:30 – 19:00
  - Saturday 8:30 – 19:00
- u 1 hall 40 participants (technically equipped); first floor
- u 3 halls 25 participants (technically equipped); first floor



## Dormitory

- u 21 single rooms
- u 13 double rooms
- u 7 double apartments
- u Reservation: [office@dormitory.hr](mailto:office@dormitory.hr)
- u Currency in Croatia: EURO
- u Credit cards or cash



## Staircase



## First floor



## Hall 1



## Caffe atrium



## Dormitory corridor



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## business meeting

23. Specific requests from Committees & Task forces



## BME committee



**Present:** Milena Cojić, Alex Harding, Helena Karppinen (chair), Nino Kiknadze, Mar Inguna Ločmele, Anne Simmenroth, Odd Martin Vallersnes, Sonata Varvuolyte, Na Zarbailov

(10 members)

**Absent:** Francesco Carelli, Alessandra Clementi, Valentina Madjova (3 members)

**Zoom sessions after Madeira (6):**

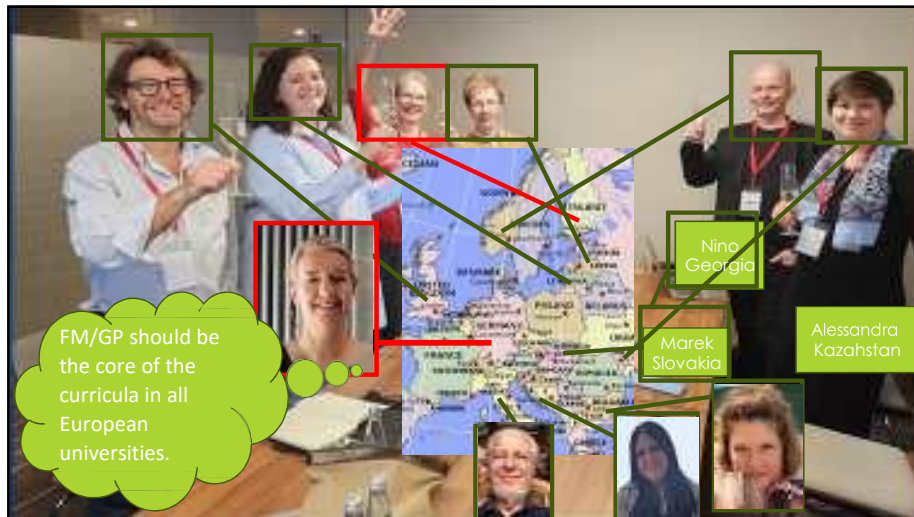
✓ WONCA Brussels 6/2023: Workshop on early clinical exposure

üSurvey: Provision and resources of GP/FM BME

✓ 89 responses, 31 countries

üBled congress: Oral presentation (Fri 12.30) and Workshop 5.2 (Saturday 9.00)

üHistory of the BMECommittee



## ST committee



## Speciality Training Committee Euract

- Euract Conference in Bled
  - Three workshops
    - Getting the best out of your hospital placements.
    - How to make the trainee train the trainer (Upward feedback).
    - Self regulated learning.
- General work with speciality training
  - Collecting ST-training programs from all over Europe
  - POCUS
    - New project (What is EURACT's part of UltraSound Training and curriculum development across Europe?)

## CME committee



## CME/CPD plan

Bled, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### EU SIT



And of course...

### ONGOING PROJECTS:

- u **EUSIT:** New exchange with Switzerland planned in November after the successful participation in June
- u **PINPOINT CASE PLATFORM:** new COVID topics (vaccination, long Covid) (Nele has more news on this)

### CONTRIBUTIONS ON CONFERENCES & EVENTS:

- u **3<sup>rd</sup> EURACT EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE:** 3 submissions 🍀
- u **WONCA DUBLIN 25. – 28. Sept. 2024:** How to contribute?

### DATABASE:

- u **To update the CME/CPD database:** new website - task for all CMs



## MS committee



## EURACT MS Committee

Adam Windak, Barbara Toplek, Denise Alexandra Cunha Velho, Esra Saatçi, Monica J. Boikoska, Maria Wendler, Nikos Georgiannos, Renzo de Gabriele, Spyros Klinis, Yolanda Ortega Vila

### Activities since last Council meeting, Madeira – April 2023 :

- development of the new website, which has now been launched
- working on revised / updated version of the EURACT leaflet
- sponsorships: sponsorship application form has been revised
  - sponsorships - Bled International Course, Bled, Slovenia, September 2023
    - 5 sponsorship applications received
    - 2 Georgia, 1 Serbia, 2 Ukraine
    - 5 sponsorships available / 4 sponsored places offered
    - 2 Georgia, 1 Serbia, 1 Ukraine
  - sponsorships - EURACT Leonardo Level 3, Tel Aviv, Israel, November 2023
    - 9 sponsorship applications received
    - 2 Czech R, 1 Greece, 1 Israel, 2 Moldova, 3 Ukraine
    - 6 sponsorships available / 6 sponsored places offered
    - 1 Czech R, 1 Greece, 1 Israel, 1 Moldova, 2 Ukraine



## Educational Conference taskforce



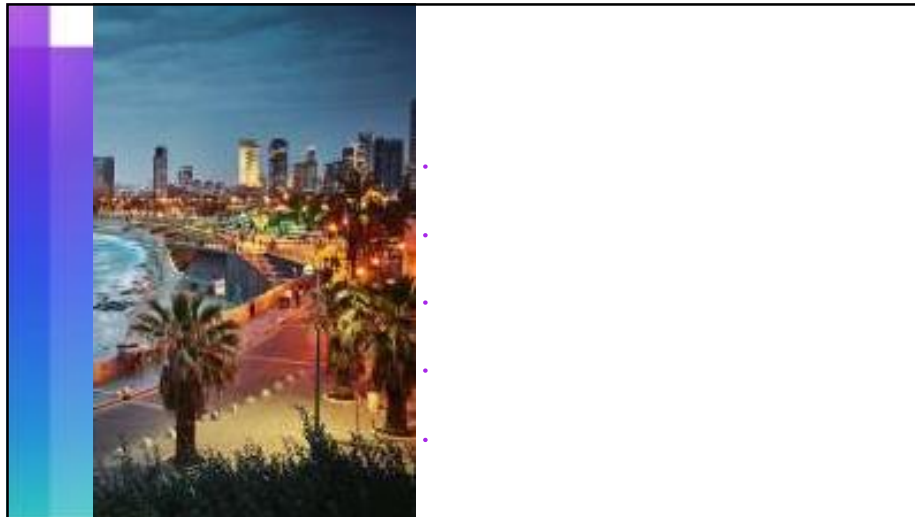
## Leonardo courses taskforce



## Leonardo Courses Task Force

Renzo, Martine,  
Yolanda, Adam, Marek,  
Spyros, Esra, Jachym





## Criteria for Faculty (recap of EB decision)

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- CV – different courses require different expertise (3 tier system)
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## Leonardo Courses Cycle



- Level 1 – 2023 and 2025 (local courses not to clash with EURACT dates)
- Level 2 – 2024 (probably 2 year cycle)
- Level 3 (physical) – end of 2023 and online meetings in between to close within 6 months. Probably a 3 year cycle. Sustainable target probably achieved!
- Assessment Course – 2024 (probably a 3 year cycle)
- Patient Safety and Learning from Medical Errors Course – Spyros proposal to discuss







## Education materials and methods taskforce



## agenda

### 04 October - 2nd council session

15.00 - 17.00h	warm-up session (APAHA) welcome & business meeting (Nels & Alex & others) updates on committees' and task groups' work (chairs)
17.15 - 18.45h	Committees' session (firstpart) • BME (Helena) • ST (Joachym) • CPD/CME (Pavlo/Arabelle) • Member services (Nikos)
19.30h	dinner & late evening walk around the lake



## agenda

### 05 October - 3rd & 4th council session

08.45 - 09.00h	warm-up sessions (APAHA)
09.00 - 10.30h	committees' session (2)
10.30 - 11.00h	coffee break
11.00 - 12.30h	Task groups session • Education Materials (Arabelle/Pavlo) • Leonardo courses (Renzo) • Conference 2023 (Nynke)
12.30 - 14.00h	lunch



## agenda

## 05 October - 5th council session

14.00 - 14.45h	3rd EURACT educational conference (Nynke)
14.45 - 15.00h	photo shoot (outside?)



## agenda

## 05 October - 6th council session

15.00 - 16.00h	Reports from committees and task groups (chairs) Business Meeting Conclusion, review of the meeting 1-slide 5-minute presentations (approved and led by Alex, Hon. Secretary) Business Meeting Conclusion, review of the meeting (Nele & Alex & all)
16.00 - 16.30h	coffee break
16.30 - 17.30h	continue 6th Council session
17.30h	registration & visit conference room
19.00	START conference! -- Devil's Cafe & Bar



## BME committee

BME Committee in Bled, 4-5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023

**Present:** Milena Cojić, Alex Harding, Helena Karppinen (chair), Nino Kiknadze, Marek Kučera, Inguna Ločmele, Anne Simmenroth, Odd Martin Vallersnes, Sonata Varvuolyte, Natalia Zarbailov (10 members)

**Absent:** Francesco Carelli, Alessandra Clementi, Valentina Madjova (3 members)

✓ Bled congress: Oral presentation (Fri 12.30) and Workshop 5.2 (Saturday 9.00)

ü Survey: Provision and resources of GP/FM BME

✓ Data analyses end of Oct

ü For the next year:

ü UG teaching of telemedicine

ü Variety in BME in European context: medical studies in other countries

ü History of the BME Committee

ü Maybe Wonca Europe (depending on autumn meeting)

## ST committee



## Speciality Training Committee Euract

- **Members:**
  - Venija, Nynke, Karena, Martine, Llukan, Jachym and Joachim
- **Work during council-meeting**
  - Workshops for the Conference
- **We could use more members.**

## Speciality Training Committee Euract

- **Ongoing Projects**
  - Needs assessment
- **Possible projects**
  - SRL
  - Upward Feedback
  - How is competency-based education implemented and understood.
- **Future projects:**
  - What is going on during the supervision-time.
  - Black box of the one-to-one supervision (Martine and Joachim).
  - What is highly valued.
  - What could be taken out.
  - What do trainees value vs. what do trainers value.
  - Methodologies
  - Competency methods.

## CME committee



# CME – CPD COMMITTEE

EURACT COUNCIL MEETING BLED 4-5 October 2023

## Participants

• Nele, Arabelle, Vesna, Ruth, Milena, Pavlo, Razvan

## AGENDA –

- 1 , EUSIT project
- 2 , CME – CPD database

## 1. EUSIT Project

**First steps already shown – personal connection, hosting small group , Slovenia, Switzerland...**

**Extend the previous experience into a more developed teaching and training activities for other countries for the future**

**Search for funding**

**Develop a guide for future EUSIT**

**Update the EURACT website in order to facilitate an easy access to this project (application, subscription etc). Anyone interested?**

## Visits Ukrainians to EURACTpartners

April 2023  
Bled, Vesna hosted  
Pocus training,  
FM book project - 3 doctors from Uzhgorod, practice visits

June 2023  
Geneva, Arabellehosted,  
Conference and practice visits, 3 doctors

May 2023  
Bratislava: Marek hosted  
Leonardo 1 for Czech and Slovak doctors March,  
Pavlo was invited as a speaker

## 2. CME- CPD Database

- Update the Committee database?  
GP accreditation/certification

- Develop a second questionnaire about faculty development ?

Faculty development - definition, process - training the trainers, research, education materials, skills, teaching the mentors, quality of education etc

- Coordinate with ST and BME Committees about the questionnaire
- Aim – to make a mapping situation of faculty development in medical education of GP ?
- The Results could be published

## MS committee



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### Sponsorships policy & process:

application form has been revised, available

policy: in special cases, MSC reserves the right to make a final decision based not only in listed criteria



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### EURACT new website:

old website to be closed down asap, the new can be launched and be used instead  
free access to news – messengers – publications – databases,

members access to document-policies-summary of teaching material contents,

members access to policies-documents,

course participants access to course material through the faculty

as explanation of restriction:

*"Please note: Internal documents of the Academy as well as course materials may be restricted to members and/or course participants. This is due to copyright reasons or because the materials can only be used in the context of course participation or with additional qualifications/information.*

*Please log in to access or ask for them via the secretariat ([office@euract.eu](mailto:office@euract.eu)). In general, all materials and documents presented/displayed are subject of the [Creative Commons Copyright: CC BY-NC-ND](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/) (or BY-NC-SA - that has to be discussed) if not explicitly stated otherwise."*



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Revision of the EURACT leaflet:

The ambition is that it could be presented for approval during the next council meeting



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Committees / Task force groups:

project ideas presents and approves by Council

at least four weeks prior to start an open call to all council members for participation (on website, via email)

including of country members to be decided



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- 585. On the nomination of the Executive Board the general meeting shall have the power to determine different contributions for ordinary members and junior members per country.
- 881. The Association shall have departments, which may exist geographically per country. Every ordinary member of the Association shall be affiliated with a department of the Association depending on his/her place of residence.
- 882. A department shall exist in so far as more than 3 (three) ordinary members reside in a country affiliated with WONCA Europe. There can only be one department for each country.
- 1851. The financial resources of the Association shall consist of contributions of the members, donations of the donors, gifts, inheritances, bequests and all other benefits.
- 1852. Every member shall pay a contribution, whose amount shall be determined annually by the general meeting.
- Obligations of EURACT Council members

-All Council members including new members must read and be familiar with EURACT Bylaws and the EURACT guidelines when attending Council meetings.

-Council members will report to the secretariat the members who have paid and who have not paid by December 1st in a format provided by EURACT.

-Council members collect the membership fees for the current year and transfer the money to the Hon Treasurer before December 1st of that year either cash at the Council meeting in spring or autumn or by bank.

The following disciplinary procedure was adopted by Council in April 2002:

- If a Council member should be absent for more than two consecutive meetings, or fail to collect membership subscriptions, or pay them to the treasurer annually Council will be entitled to suspend their membership forthwith and arrange new elections.



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### Timeline, membership fee payment:

MSC advises to follow up the functionality of the new website during the period until the next CM, identify challenges and then provide a membership fee payment timeline and policy.

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Following up by the national representative, payment list available by Barbara when requested.

New membership: fee payment follows the EBs approval

Active membership: fee payment during the actual calendar year



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A plain questionnaire to be sent directly to existing EURACT members:

Plain and easy to be answered, max two questions, focus on the attractiveness of EURACT in different member countries

Create the option for online attending of the EURACT Council meeting:

- members with necessary contribution
- member applies, justifies the reason
- EB decides

Appraisal portfolio:

EB and MSC follows this, solution regarding a coordinator needs to be found



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Honorary members:

-4§1.the Association has ordinary members, junior members, honorary members and donors, and also Organizations in Collaboration.

-4§4.Honorary members are those persons who have been appointed as such by the general meeting for their exceptional merits for the Association or for the objective of the Association"

-4§7.Where these articles mention members this term shall include the ordinary members, the junior members and the honorary members, unless the opposite is apparent.

nomination by 3 council members - motivation describes, MSC advises, EB approves, listed on website

special benefits:

no membership fee, free registration to EURACT Educ. Conference, invitation to special events (EB)

not eligible for sponsorship,

update/ revise the bylaws



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Who can become a EURACT member?

### Article 5

1. Ordinary members may only be natural persons who work as teachers in the field of general practice/family medicine/primary health care in one of the countries affiliated with WONCA Europe.

MSCs request to the Council:

Do we need to work on clarification, revision of this and other EURACT articles?

Consideration needs to be taken : action under the WONCA umbrella



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What about the Leonardo framework? A framework for GPs



- This resource was funded with support from the European Commission under the Leonardo da Vinci Programme (Project no. 2010-1-PL1-LEO05-11460): Framework for Continuing Educational Development of Trainers in General Practice in Europe (CEDiNGP). The resource reflects the views only of the authors, and the Commission cannot be held responsible for any use which may be made of the information contained therein.
- The objective of the **Framework for Continuing Educational Development of Trainers in General Practice in Europe (CEDiNGP)** project was to propose, develop and implement an educational framework for family medicine teachers working in GP education in Europe. The framework provides the basis for the development of educational courses for GP/FM teachers on 3 levels:
  - level 1 course (competent educator)
  - level 2 course (proficient educator)
  - level 3 course (educational expert)

The processes described in this Framework can only be the first step on the road to growing new educational experts. The momentum must be maintained and increased to ensure that future generations of family doctors in Europe are properly trained by GPs who are expert teachers. It is

GPs embarking on the path towards becoming a GP educator will need to collect evidence of their experiences;

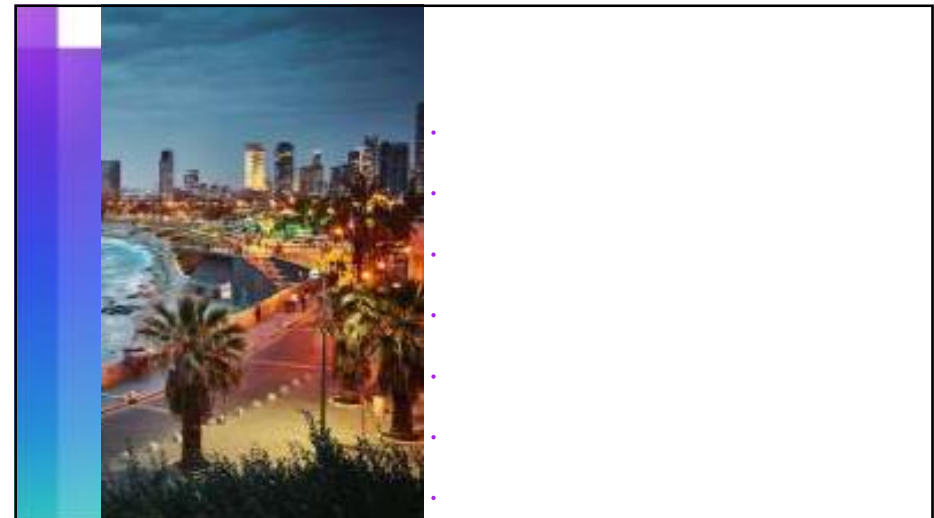


## Leonardo courses taskforce



## Leonardo Courses Task Force

Renzo, Martine, Nikos, Venija, Adam, Denise, Ruth, Maria, Spyros, Esra, Jachym, Karena





## Leonardo Courses Cycle



- Level 3 closure (online) – end of 2024. Sustainability target probably achieved!
- Assessment Course – Autumn 2024; EOI for faculty and host country (? Malta)
- Level 1 – Spring 2025 ? **Estonia**; EOI for faculty and host country
- Level 2 – Autumn 2025 with new module on Patient Safety (Spyros); EOI for faculty and host country

## Criteria for Faculty (recap of EB decision)

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## Funding of Leonardo Course level 1, 2 and Assessment Course (3 day courses)

- 12 places sponsored out of maximum 36 participants
- €9,000 EURACT grant which covers
  - Attendance, food and lodging of the 12 sponsored (shared rooms) – **not** travel
  - attendance, food, lodging, travelling and honoraria of the faculty (4 members)
- Course fees are retained by the participating country (potentially 24 participants)
  - € 400 (non-EURACT members), €350 (EURACT members) – meals and social programme only are provided.





## Education materials and methods taskforce



Bled, 5th October 2023

## Education Materials Task Force



Lukan, Inguna, Milena, Razvan, Sonata, Alex, Pavlo, Nino, Helena, Milena, Anne, Chloé, Joaquim, Odd Martin, Arabelle

## Warm-up session

Warm-up sessions:

for next EURACT meeting in April 2024:

- 1) Dance and music
- 2) Pantomime
- 3) Chilling zone



## Snowballs

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## New Snowballs




### Concept

2 snowballs this season (2023-2024) 2 hours last Tuesday of the month Warm-upsessions  
 1 leader with team and extra facilitators for breakoutrooms  
 15 minutes of (evidence-based) theory included  
 Co-construction of content during session, building a community of practice of teachers  
 Logistics via new website (flyer, invitations, email reminders?)

## Educational Conference taskforce

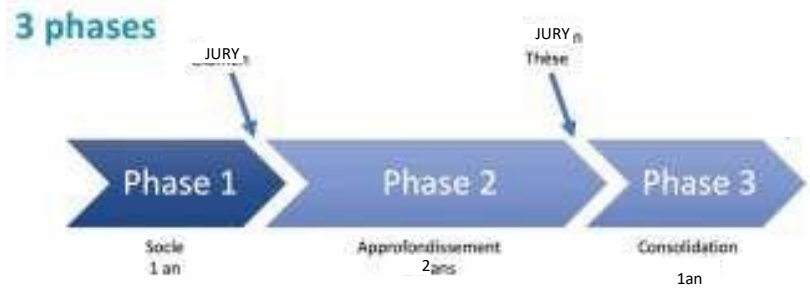


1 slide 5 minutes ...




### What's new for the french curriculum in 2023?

3 phases



Chloé Delacour, Strasbourg France

new task forces?




**New task group:**  
 highlighting teaching the components of relational competence, the ability to initiate, establish, develop and maintain effective relationships with patients, trainees, co-workers.

- serving relational continuity and promoting patient empowerment
- person-centred approach  
 sympathy, empathy, respectful curiosity  
 compassion
- attitude  
 awareness and management (self- and social)  
 emotional intelligence
- sharing and caring vs holding and controlling strategies
- GP identity,  
 sustainability and satisfaction  
 quality and safety

Nikos Georgiannos, Bled, October 2023

## New task-force: Online training

- Experience with Snowballs: 2021-2022, 2022-2023
- EURACT brand
- Aims of new task-force:
  - continue to organise Snowballs
  - develop other online training: quality circles? Pedagogical quality circles? Lullabies? ....
  - other possibility: change name of Education materials taskforce?

## POCUS Taskforce

The aim of this taskforce is to design EURACT recommendations on how to teach POCUS on all levels of GP/FM education.

- Collaboration with existing interest groups
- Goals:
  - Overview of the current situation of POCUS teaching in EURACT countries
  - Recommendation of the use of POCUS for the BME
  - Recommendation of the use of POCUS for the ST
  - Recommendation of the use of POCUS for the CME
- Invited members: representatives from all standing committees
- Predicted time-span of this task group is 2 years

saying  
goodbye



## agenda

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thank you, have a nice  
conference  
spread the word & vibe  
of EURACT!

