

Report from EPSO-meeting in Bergen, Norway  
European Partnership for Supervisory Organisations in Health Services  
and Social Care

2. – 3. June 2008

**About the report and the meeting**

This report contains the presentations given at the meeting and documents the results of the final discussions on the future work in EPSO.

The meeting was accomplished according to the programme. Norwegian Board of Health Supervision was responsible for the technical arrangement and covered the costs connected to meeting facilities and meals. The participants covered themselves the costs for accommodation and travel.

The Dutch Inspectorate (IGZ) had made a proposal for the organisation for the future.

Every participating country was invited to give presentations about their organisations and national supervisory work and about systems for notification and follow up of suicides connected to psychiatric treatment.

Roland Bal from Erasmus University, Rotterdam presented results from an international comparative study of supervisory organisations (Netherlands, England, Spain, France, Switzerland, Germany, Norway). The results will be published later this summer.

Healthcare Commission (England) had presentations on information-based approach to regulation and supervision, and they also introduced a discussion on indicators for international comparisons.

The technical arrangement went quite uncomplicated. Several participants expressed that the initial presentations on national issues were less interesting than the rest of the programme, focusing more upon specific issues of general relevance to supervisory organisations.

**Decisions (matters to follow up)**

*1. Organisation of EPSO*

- The name should be changed to: “European Partnership for Supervisory Organisations”, with addition of “in Health Services and Social Care” when necessary for clarity.
- The Dutch Inspectorate continues the planning of a more permanent secretariat.
- No decisions still made on possible membership fees etc.

- Until further decisions every country covers own expenses related to the work in EPSO.
- Fee for participation at future meetings may be considered (for covering technical expenses related to arrangements).

## 2. *Governance of EPSO*

- No decisions were made upon permanent governing structures.
- For the coming year (till summer 2009) the EPSO working group consists of representatives from England (Fry), Netherlands (Vesseur, Robben) and Norway (Braut)
- The responsibility for the working group is to ensure that future events are planned, and prepare for setting up a working group for 2009-2010.

## 3. *Follow up from the Bergen-meeting*

- Healthcare Commission and Dutch Inspectorate shall continue work on clinical indicators. England (Hamblin) co-ordinates.
- Set up some considerations for supervisory organisations related to suicides in psychiatry. England (Deery) co-ordinates.
- Prepare a short bibliography on research done on supervision. (Braut).

## 4. *Work of EPSO 2008 – 2009*

- A set of possible *topics for future meetings* were presented/discussed:

Educational programmes for inspectors

Accreditation, certification

Independence

Risk assessment, indicators

(Learning) effects and research on other effects/effectiveness of supervisory activities

Use of patient experiences in supervision

Decisions were made on the *following meetings*:

Autumn 2008 – Accreditation/certification vs. gov. supervision

(Copenhagen, Oct/Nov 2008) (DK (co-ordinator), ENG, IRL)

Spring 2009 – Research on supervisory activities

(Cork, April 2009) (NL (co-ordinator), NOR, IRL)

Autumn 2009 – Educating inspectors

(Stockholm, September 2009, in connection with Nordic/Baltic conference)

(SE (co-ordinator), NOR, NL)

- The mentioned co-ordinators initiates the work in the meeting committees, and send copies of correspondence to the EPSO-working group for information.

**Attached material**

List of participants with e-mail addresses.

Programme.

EURinSPECT-document made by IGZ.

The presentations given at the meeting

- Jan Vesseur
- Seppo Ranta
- Tracy Cooper
- Anne Mette Dons
- Krist Debruyn
- Gerard van Blanken
- Annemiek Huisman
- Unni Rønneberg
- Anthony Deery
- Roland Bal
- Richard Hamblin

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**European Platform for Supervisory Organisations (EPSO)**  
**Preliminary programme for meeting in Bergen, Norway**  
**June 2<sup>nd</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008**

Venue and accommodation at:

Radisson SAS Royal Hotel Bergen Phone: +4755543000, Fax: +4755324808

Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008

- 1000 Welcome to Norway and Bergen  
Presentation of participants  
Purpose of the meeting  
Short “history” of EPSO (Jan Vesseur, NL)
- 1100 Break
- 1115 Presentation from each of the participating organisations on:  
- purpose  
- regulatory basis  
- main working methods  
(A short form with suggestions on this part will follow primo May)  
(20 min for each country)
- 1215 Lunch
- 1315 Presentations (continued)
- 1400 Break
- 1415 Notifications on suicides to the supervisory authorities  
- Introduction (Gerard van Blanken, NL)  
- Results from research on suicide notification in the Netherlands  
(Annemiek Huisman, NL)  
- Results from a survey of notifications to the authorities in Norway  
(Unni Rønneberg, NO)  
- Suicide notification in England (Anthony Deery, England)  
- Discussion  
(Break included)
- 1700 End of programme for the day (Dinner at 1900)

Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008

0900 Supervision in health care in Europe, a comparative study from five countries.

- Lecture (Roland Bal, NL)
- Discussion

1100 Break

1115 Information-based approach to regulation and supervision

- Presentation (Richard Hamblin, England)

1200 Lunch

1300 Developing indicators for international comparisons

- Introduction to discussion (England)

1345 Break

1400 Planning for future co-operation

- Evaluation of the meeting
- (Re)Organising the EPSO
- Frames for a next meeting

1530 End of programme