



History of EPSO

European Platform of Supervising Organisations in Health Care

EPSO meeting
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First EPSO Meeting

12th – 14th June 1996, Noordwijk, The Netherlands

Participating countries

- Belgium
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- The Netherlands
- Portugal
- Sweden
- United Kingdom



First EPSO Meeting, 1996

Aim:

- forming a network of supervisory organisations in all the European countries. (also of experts involved in state supervision)
- Exchange information about organisation, working methods, etc.
- Discussing cross border health care issues



First EPSO Meeting, 1996

- General presentations on the position, organisation and tasks of their supervising systems
- Specific presentations
 - Assuring quality of care in times of market oriented health system reforms
 - Medical practice and disciplinary measures in the European Union
 - Free traffic of health care professionals
 - Inspection program for blood(products)
 - Certification and supervision in health care



Second EPSO Meeting

13th – 14th November 1997, Lisbon, Portugal

Participating countries

- Belgium
- The Netherlands
- Norway
- Portugal
- Sweden
- United Kingdom



Second EPSO Meeting, 1997

- General presentations on the position, organisation and tasks of their supervising systems
- Specific presentations
 - Portuguese Blood Institute
 - The Portuguese inspectorate for drugs and Pharmacy
 - Supervision on hospitals in the Netherlands
 - Infectious diseases and multiresistant antibiotics



Third EPSO Meeting

3rd – 4th June 1999, Stavanger, Norway

Participating countries

- Belgium
- England
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- The Netherlands
- Norway
- Sweden
- Portugal



Third EPSO Meeting, 1999

- Risk assessment
- Supervision of quality and professional and institutional standards
- The need for cooperation between supervisory organisations
- Methods of audit
- Grading of deviations, reactions at different levels
- Open sessions



Fourth EPSO Meeting

- 24nd – 25th October 2002, Gardermoen, Norway
- Discussion about a Declaration of Intent
- EPSO should represent central supervisory agencies that have similar problems
- EPSO should be an arena for the discussion of common issues and problems
- Only problems experienced by participating organisations should be addressed
- EPSO should focus on how to get better at what organisations do, rather than how they could do things differently



Topics to discuss

- Risky health professionals
- Education of supervising personnel
- Overview of organisations involved in supervision and their responsibilities
- Development of supervision methodology
- Relationship between control and advising
- Root cause analysis of incidents
- Developing a web-site for EPSO
- Quality indicators
- Financial effectiveness of health care institutions
- Accreditation/certification of health care institutions



EU Chair The Netherlands

Conference Amsterdam, December 2004

- Addressing the problems of health care personnel crossing borders
- All EU and EFTA countries were present (departments of health and supervisory bodies)
- Declaration of Amsterdam
- UK took over the topic and organised a meeting in Edinbrough in October 2005
- Result: a certificate of good professional standing



Thank you!

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