



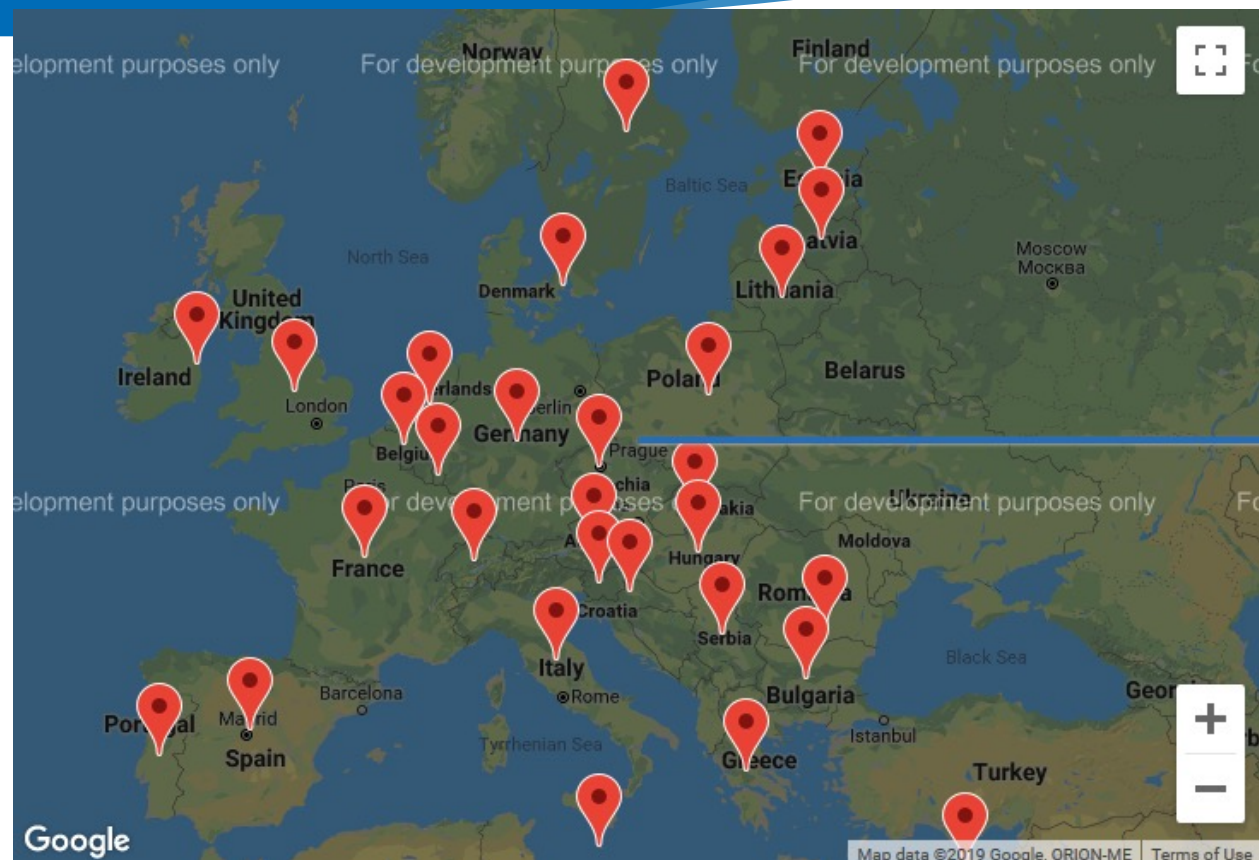
# Presentation

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# Membership Organization

- ▶ Created in 1966 in Rome
- ▶ 36 organizations: in the 27 EU Member States + Switzerland, Serbia and the UK
- ▶ Covering almost 80% of hospital activity in the EU and almost all the research developed in hospitals (+ primary care centre, social care, ...)



# Membership

- ▶ Mirror of European diversity
- ▶ Public or private, public and private
- ▶ Three kinds of members: national hospital associations, federations of local and regional authorities, national health services/ministries of health



# HOPE Governance

- ▶ Governors
- ▶ Presidents' Committee
- ▶ Liaison Officers
- ▶ National Coordinators
- ▶ Central Office (Brussels)

One country, one vote, one fee

Financing through fees, European projects, publication

# Main activities

## Influence and representation

What:

- ▶ EU has influence on hospitals and healthcare
- ▶ Identification of impact at national level
- ▶ Common position advocated

How:

- ▶ Monitoring
- ▶ Participation in public consultations
- ▶ Direct contacts with Commission
- ▶ Amendments
- ▶ Partnerships and joint actions
- ▶ Advisor in projects, boards and programmes

## Knowledge and exchange

- ▶ Comparative studies (produced in EU Projects or internally)
- ▶ Publications, newsletters, social networks and website
- ▶ Exchange Programme for health professionals and Study Tours
- ▶ Conferences
- ▶ EU Projects

# Influence and representation

## **Subsidiarity**

- ▶ Responsibility of Member states
- ▶ EU competences are in principle limited

*Article 168 “Union action in the field of public health shall fully respect the responsibilities of the Member States for the definition of their health policy and for the organisation and delivery of health services and medical care and the allocation of the resources assigned to them.”*

## **Internal market**

- ▶ Free movement: the key principle
- ▶ Persons, goods, services and capital

# Influence and representation

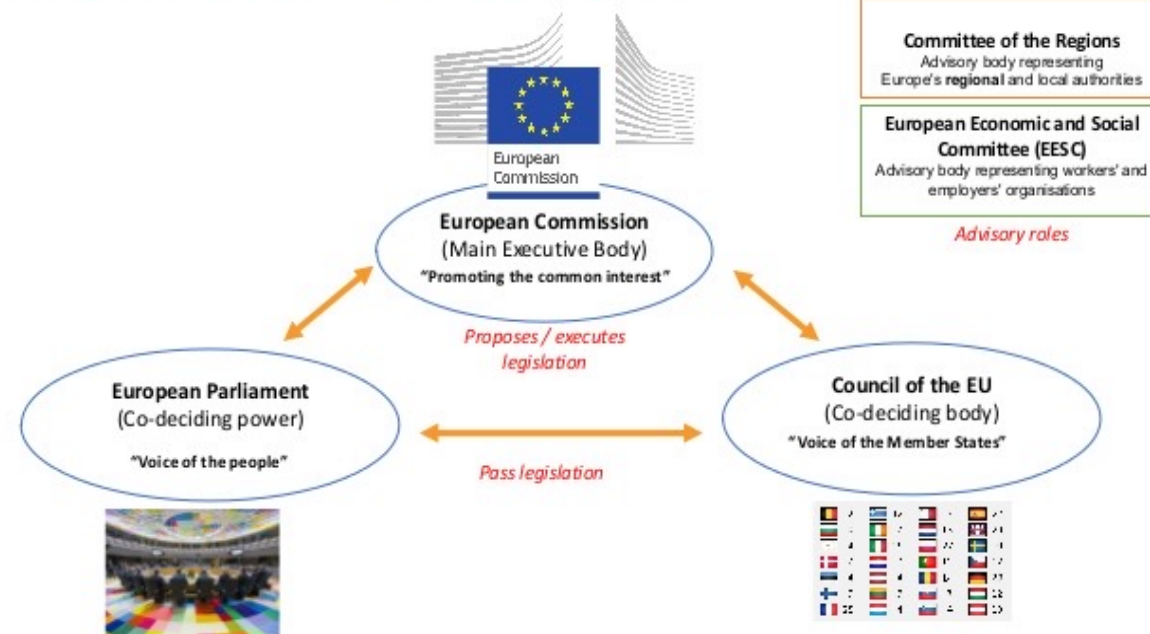
## Legal approach

- ▶ Is it binding (hard law or soft law)?
- ▶ What stage of development?

Impact how to address the EU Institutions

- ▶ Prior to the legislative phase: Commission
- ▶ During the legislative phase (European Parliament, European Council)

### EU legislative procedure - the triangle of power



# Influence and representation



## Approach by DGs (Commission):

- ❑ DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- ❑ DG Connect
- ❑ DG Internal Market, Enterprise...
- ❑ DG Health and food safety
- ❑ DG Research and innovation
- ❑ DG Regional and Urban Policy
- ❑ DG Environment
- ❑ DG Climate
- ❑ DG Justice
- ❑ DG Economic and Financial Affairs
- ❑ DG Competition



# Influence and representation

## Approach by topics (legislative topics):

- ▶ **Hospital as employers:** working-time directive, transparency and predictability of working conditions, work-life balance, vaccination
- ▶ **Hospital as purchasers:** **pharmaceutical** (falsified, orphan, shortages,...), **medical devices** (reprocessing, cybersecurity of medical devices), health technology assessment, **digitalization (artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, European Health Data Space...)**
- ▶ **Hospitals as providers:** patient safety (AMR), data protection, cross-border care (ERN), state aid, **blood, tissues, cells and organs**
- ▶ **Hospitals as buildings :** Energy efficiency, F-Gas, water, protection of public buildings

# Between Influence and knowledge exchange

## Social media

- ▶ Twitter
- ▶ Facebook
- ▶ LinkedIn

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# Knowledge and exchange

- ▶ A monthly internal HOPE newsletter presenting EU developments and national health care news (since February 2003)
- ▶ A monthly external HOPE Newsletter: HOPE News and Update
- ▶ An Official Reference Book "Hospital Healthcare Europe" (since 1998)
- ▶ HOPE Agora Report (annual)
- ▶ HOPE website: update on policies and key figures
- ▶ Detailed focus on one topic accross national health systems
- ▶ Other publications: [http://www.hope.be/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Layout\\_Hospitals-of-the-future\\_Final\\_Amended.pdf](http://www.hope.be/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Layout_Hospitals-of-the-future_Final_Amended.pdf)

# HOPE Study Tours

HOPE is organising twice a year study tours on specific topics :

- ▶ day surgery,
- ▶ contracting,
- ▶ transplantation,
- ▶ coordination of care,
- ▶ quality of care,
- ▶ virtual hospital,
- ▶ etc.



# Participation in EU projects

- ▶ Calls launched by the EU Commission on specific issues
- ▶ Financed by specific programmes (Horizon 2020, etc)
- ▶ Consortia of different entities answering the call

HOPE expertise:

- ▶ Dissemination and exploitation
- ▶ Knowledge of the EU bubble



# HOPE Exchange Programme

- ▶ Exchange programme for healthcare professionals involved in the management of healthcare services across Europe.
- ▶ Exchange for a 4-week period in another European country – from 13th May to 7th June 2024.
- ▶ The theme for the 2024 Programme is **“Keeping our health workforce”**.
- ▶ The programme aims to lead to better understanding of the functioning of healthcare and hospital systems within the EU and neighbour countries, by facilitating co-operation and exchange of best practices.
- ▶ The HOPE Exchange Programme 2024 concludes with the HOPE Agora, which takes place from 7th to 9th June 2024 in Brussels (Belgium).



# HOPE Exchange Programme

## What do you gain?

- ▶ Sustainable individual development of managers and professionals in an European healthcare setting;
- ▶ New ideas and new ways of addressing challenges in the participants own organisation and in the sending healthcare system;
- ▶ Better and more complex understanding of own healthcare system and the European healthcare system in general, challenges and possible solutions;
- ▶ New perspective on your own position, challenges and possibilities;
- ▶ Access to a European network of healthcare professionals.

# Participating Countries

<b>Austria</b>	<b>Belgium</b>	Bulgaria	Denmark	Estonia	Finland
<b>France</b>	<b>Germany</b>	Greece	Hungary	Ireland	<b>Italy</b>
Latvia	Lithuania	Malta	Moldova	The Netherlands	Poland
Portugal	Serbia	<b>Spain</b>	Sweden	<b>Switzerland</b>	UK



# HOPE Exchange Programme

- ▶ Closing date for receipt of completed applications is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023
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# HOPE Exchange Programme

We are joined by four former participants of the HOPE Exchange Programme:

- ▶ Ray Healy, Director of Registration, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI)
- ▶ Joseph Ruane, Head of Service, Primary Care, CHO Midlands Louth Meath, HSE
- ▶ Jude O'Neill, Chief Operating Officer, Orpea Residences Ireland
- ▶ Jillian Connolly, General Manager, National Forensic Mental Health Service, HSE



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