

Annex 19 – The European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education

The Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes (UEMS) is a non-governmental voluntary organisation representing the interests of specialist doctors at an international level. Its members are the national medical organisations that represent medical specialists in the European Union and in associated countries. In January 2000 the UEMS established the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with the aim of encouraging the highest standards in the development, delivery and harmonisation of continuing medical education (CME) and, later, of continuing professional development (CPD).

The purpose of the EACCME® is to provide accreditation of international CME in Europe and to facilitate the recognition of credits between the various countries in Europe. In order to reach this goal, the UEMS-EACCME® signed agreements of cooperation with countries in Europe, and also outside of Europe. In order to support this recognition process the UEMS-EACCME® introduced a common “CME currency”: the European CME Credit (ECMEC®). In 2009, the EACCME® implemented criteria for the accreditation of e-learning materials. In 2016, the EACCME® implemented EACCME® 2.0 including new forms of CME/CPD activities.

The EACCME® supports accreditation for other healthcare professionals (other than medical specialists) in collaboration with their relevant professional bodies. Certificates can be distributed to other healthcare professions.

Details and criteria for application can be found here

[Criteria for E-learning](#)

[Criteria for live educational events](#)