

# European Junior doctors

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# Permanent Working Group of European Junior Doctors

- Created in 1976
- Representing more than 500000 European junior doctors
- Representing 27 countries
- The only European junior doctors association

# PWG and other medical organizations

- PWG has Official Liaison Officer to :
  - CPME (comite permanent des medecins europeens)
  - UEMS (Union Europeenne des Medecins Specialistes)
  - UEMO (Union Europeenne des Medecins Omnipraticiens)
  - FEMS (Federation Europeenne des Medecins Salaries)
  - AEMH (Association Europeenne des Medecins Hospitaliers)

# PWG and UEMS

- PWG has Junior representatives for every sections and boards of the UEMS

# PWG organization

- 2 meetings a year (spring and autumn) organized by a volunteer country
- Meeting :
  - 4 Subcommittees :
    - European Political Affairs
    - Post-Graduate Medical Training
    - Medical Workforce
    - Economy
  - A Plenary

# European Working Time Directive

## PWG policies

- THE 4 POINTS:
  - DEFINITION OF ON-CALL TIME
    - The time Doctors spends on-call at the working place should be counted working time as defined in the SIMAP and the Jaeger judgments.
  - THE REFERENCE PERIOD
    - A unilateral extension of the reference period from 6 months to 12 months should not be possible. The provisions of the EWTD concerning reference periods should therefore not be changed into a more liberal direction. The reference period should not be longer than the length of the work contract.
  - INDIVIDUAL OPT-OUT
    - The possibility for individual opt-out for doctors in training should be abolished from the directive
  - COMPENSATORY REST
    - As far as the Medical profession is concerned, compensatory rest needs to be taken at times immediately following the corresponding period worked unless otherwise decided by collective agreement.

# Other Issues

- European Qualification Framework
  - Implemented since the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2007
  - Improves and promotes the free movement of doctors
- Health Directive Draft
  - Still in discussion
  - Essentially about the cross-boarder context

# Post-graduate training issues

- Working time directive and training
- Trend for hospitals privatization and training
- Management and leadership training for PGs
- European boards and multi-joint committees :  
the importance of the view of the juniors
- Training and mobility

# Medical workforce issues

- Conditions of work
- Access to care and freedom of establishment :  
a national and European dilemma
- Future of the doctor's job

# Belgian junior doctors and PWG

- Common interests
- Learn from each other : your experience, our experience
- European law is above national law
- Belgium is in the middle of Europe

# Conclusion

- Sorry for not being with you ...
- France is still the striker paradise !
- Looking forward to seeing you as soon as possible
- May the Force be with PG's !!!