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## PaSQ

### Joint Action on Patient Safety and Quality of Care (PaSQ)



The EU Network for Patient Safety and Quality of Care (PaSQ) is a Joint Action (JA) between the European Commission and the 27 EU Member States. This extensive network brings together the health authorities of the EU Member States, representatives of the European medical community (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, managers of healthcare organizations), patient associations as well as international organizations and the European Commission.

The JA is coordinated by HAS (the French National Authority for Health). With an overall budget of 6 million euros, the action is co-funded at the level of 50% under the Public Health Programme and will run for 36 months, until March 31st 2015.

In the next three years, PaSQ will facilitate the exchange of information on issues related to quality of health care, including patient safety and patient involvement and establish common principles at the EU level through the integration of existing knowledge, experiences and expertise gathered from Member States and EU stakeholders.

It will further facilitate the development of Patient Safety programmes in EU Member States and provide support to those countries less advanced in the field. To do so, it will also promote the involvement of stakeholders through the support in the setup of dedicated national platforms. More specifically PaSQ will develop exchanges of MS experiences to improve Patient Safety at the health care organization (HCO) level and Quality of Care at national or regional level. This voluntary exchange of experiences could lead, in the long term, to a peer review system for quality management systems in health care.

PaSQ is organized in 4 phases:

- ❑ Review/data collection:
  - Review of existing data: previous mapping exercises (national and international experiences), literature
  - Needs assessment: collection of the expectations of MS, from the proposed collaboration and networking through the JA, exchange mechanisms
- ❑ Action plan development based on the review and on a feasibility analysis, in the framework of the available resources;
- ❑ Development of the tools to support collaboration and exchange
- ❑ Implementation of overall collaboration mechanism, as well as of specific practices. This practical approach will enable the action not only to collate and share practices, but also to take the first steps in establishing a sustainable EU collaboration in the field of Patient Safety and Quality of Care.

The dedicated website of PaSQ can be accessed [here](#).

### EHMA's Role

EHMA is involved in the „training of multipliers as part of WP5- Patient Safety Initiatives Implementation, led by AQuMed from Germany. The PaSQ JA has officially started on the 1st April and will last for 3 years. If you are interested in learning more about the JA, please do not hesitate to contact Judit Csiszar.

### Participants

- ❑ Agency for Quality and Accreditation in Health Care and Social Welfare
- ❑ Avedis Donabedian Institute
- ❑ Council of European Dentists
- ❑ Danish Society for Patient Safety
- ❑ Department of Health
- ❑ European Federation of Nurses Associations
- ❑ European Health Management Association
- ❑ European Hospital and Healthcare Federation
- ❑ European Patients' Forum
- ❑ European Union of Private Hospitals
- ❑ German Agency for Quality in Medicine
- ❑ Haute Autorité de Santé
- ❑ Health Care Surveillance Authority
- ❑ Local Health Authority n° 10, Veneto Region
- ❑ Ministry of Health, the Elderly, and Community Care
- ❑ Ministry of Health
- ❑ Ministry of Health of Slovak Republic
- ❑ National Agency for Regional Healthcare Services
- ❑ National and Kapodistrian University of Athens
- ❑ National Board of Health and Welfare
- ❑ National Center for Public Health and Analyses
- ❑ National Center for Quality Assessment in Healthcare

- ▣ National Institute for Health and Welfare
- ▣ National Institute for Quality and Organisational Development in Health Care and Medicines
- ▣ National School of Public Health and Health Management
- ▣ Nederlands Instituut voor Onderzoek van de Gezondheidszorg
- ▣ NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement
- ▣ Norwegian Knowledge Center for Health Services
- ▣ Paracelsus University Salzburg
- ▣ Pharmaceutical Group of the EU
- ▣ Riga East University Hospital
- ▣ Scientific Institute for Quality of Healthcare, Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre
- ▣ Spanish Ministry of Health, Social Services, and Equality
- ▣ Standing Committee of European Doctors
- ▣ State Health Care Accreditation Agency
- ▣ Universidad Miguel Hernandez de Elche
- ▣ Universitätsklinikum Bonn - Insitute for Patient Safety



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