

European Hospital and Healthcare Federation

The role of hospital associativism

Membership:

HOPE is an excellent example of the diversity of European healthcare system

A diversity reinforced by each new enlargement

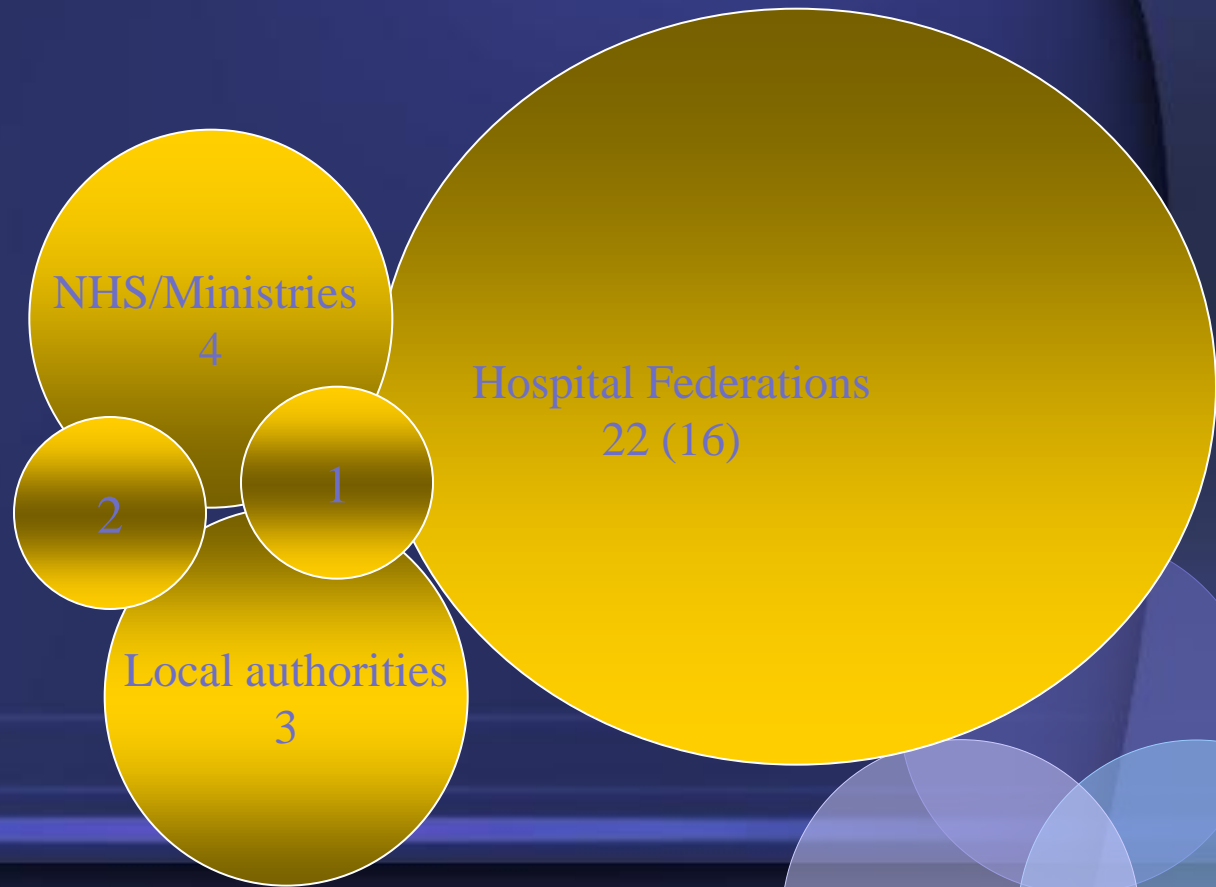
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FULL MEMBERS (in Member states of the EU)

- **National hospital associations (the larger group)
and (when they do not exist in the country)**
- **Federations of local and regional authorities**
- **National health systems / Health Ministries**

OBSERVER MEMBERS (in accessing countries)

Membership, a picture of diversity



Knowledge and exchange

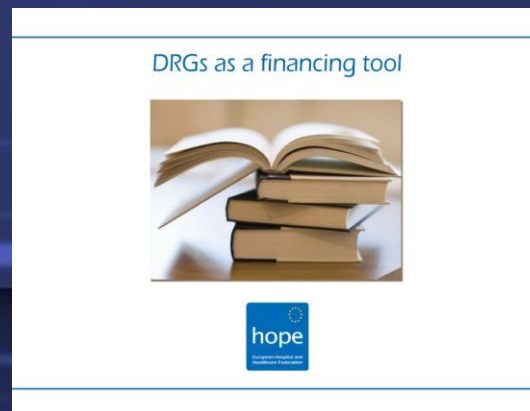
**Hospital and hc services
compared**

Influence and representation

European Union influence

Knowledge and Exchange: Information

- A monthly **HOPE newsletter** presenting EU developments and national health care news (since February 2003)
- An **Official Reference Book Hospital Healthcare Europe"** (since 1998)
- **Books, Reports, Leaflets** on specific topics describing the situation in the various Member States as well as the results of its seminars.

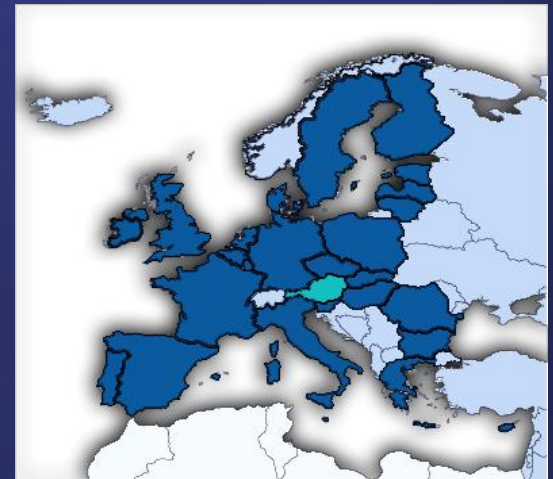


Knowledge and Exchange: Information

- A website: HOPE as a source of information

An updated web tool on key figures

A snapshot of major developments in EU policies



Knowledge and Exchange: publications

Topics for reports and seminars :

- Organ transplants**
 - AIDS/HIV**
 - Patients' Rights**
 - Cost Containment**
 - Liability**
 - Glossary**
 - Euro-Patient's Card**
 - Hospital Management**
 - Environment**
 - Ageing**
 - Alternatives to Hospitalisation**
- Nursing**
 - Social Dialogue**
 - Accessibility and Solidarity in Health Care**
- Health Care Data**

Knowledge and exchange: publications

- **Role of the Hospital**
 - **Quality of Hospital Care**
 - **Euro**
 - **Health Promotion**
 - **Rationing in Healthcare**
 - **Cancer**
 - **Cross border Health Care**
 - **Disaster Medicine**
 - **Benchmarking**
 - **Waiting lists**
- **Emergency Care**
 - **Hospitals and Occupational Health**
 - **Healthcare costs = investment**
 - **Healthcare as a growth factor**
 - **Hospital Pharmacy**

Knowledge and exchange: exchange programme and study tours

The **HOPE Exchange Programme** is meant for Hospital Professionals who are prepared to participate in a 5-week managerial training courses in another European country concluded by an evaluation meeting and a seminar on a specific topic.

The concrete organisation of these trainings is carried out by national co-coordinators in each of the 25 countries involved, who work very closely with HOPE headquarters in Brussels, and with the host hospitals in their own country.

HOPE is now organising twice a year study tours on specific topics (day surgery, contracting, transplantation...)

Knowledge and exchange: conferences

Since 1989, HOPE has organised quite a number of conferences. Besides the conferences organised at the end of each year's exchange programme there were:

AGORA

1991: Paris
1993: Athens
1995: Brussels
1997: Odense
1999: Sevilla
2001: London
2004: Paris

East/West Hospital Co-operation

1990: Berlin
1992: Strasbourg
1993: Linköping
1994: Bucharest
1998: Bucharest
2002: Bucharest

They are now all merged in the Agora. Next: June 2010 in Copenhagen "The chronic patient"

**Comparison: the traditional activity
of HOPE**

and

**Influence: the « new » perspective
for HOPE**

How do they mix?

**The growing influence of the EU
legislation on hospitals**

**But still a marginal aspect
compared to major national
factors.**

**Still necessary to compare but
face the EU influence**

The context of comparizon has changed for the last ten years...

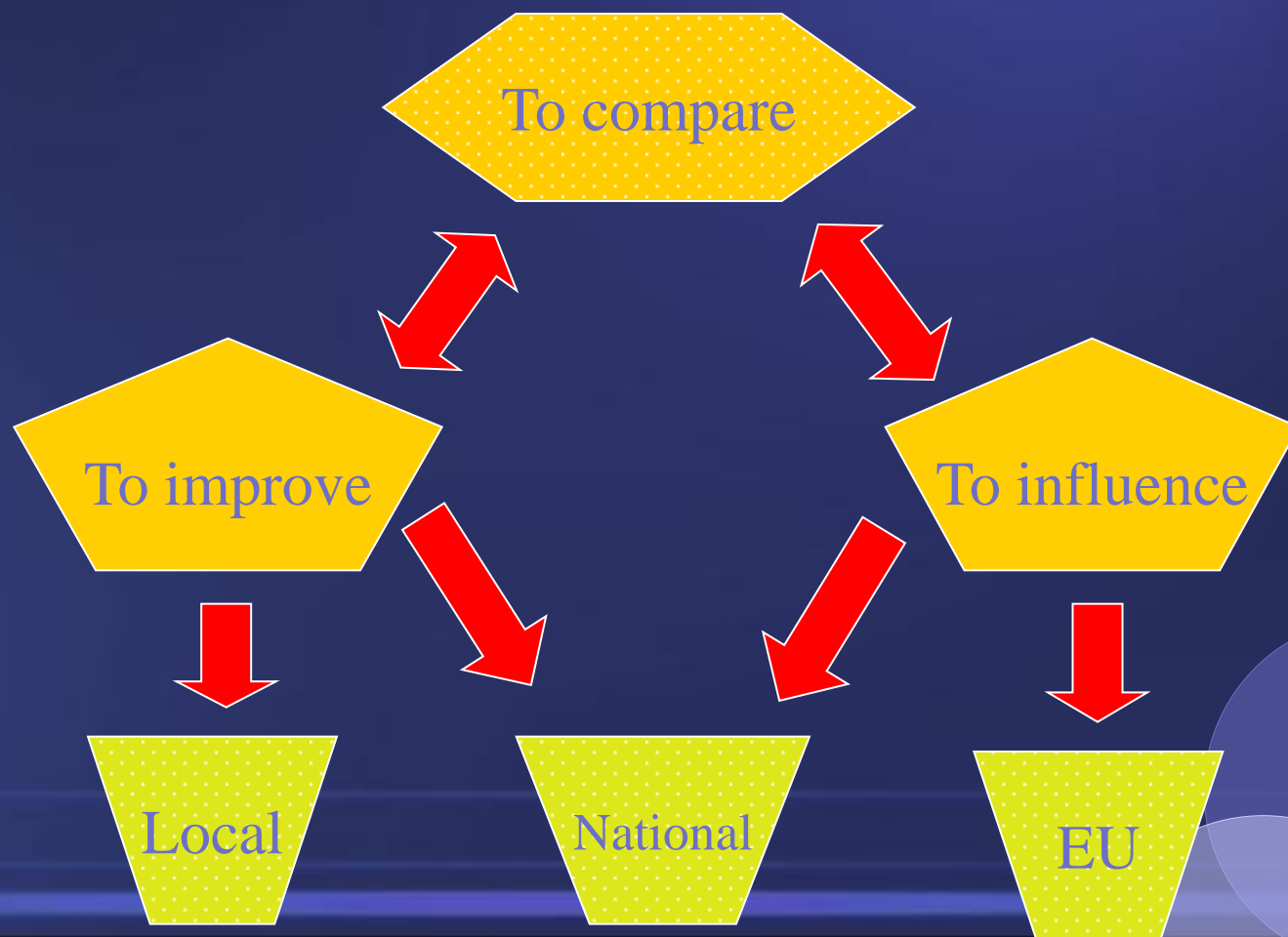


**...but not enough to
stop it**

**Questionable quality
Questionable orientation
Fields not yet covered
Very long process**

**... As a consequence HOPE is
joining EU financed projects**

Two reasons to continue to compare



Defining priorities on EU issues: the subsidiarity principle, today

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.”

Harmonisation, convergence?

Subsidiarity

Responsability of Member states
EU competences are in principle limited

Internal market

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

Influence of internal market

Hospital as employers

Hospital as purchasers

... and hospital as provider of services

European Court of Justice

Medical care = Services

Hospital care = Services

Commission

Services Directive

Cross-border Directive

Issues: legislative and political (1)

Working time directive

Service Directive

Cross-border care

State aid and competition

Public procurement

Late payments

Environment ...

Issues: legislative and technical (2)

Medical devices

MRI

Needlestick injuries

Pharmaceuticals

Advanced therapies

Organ donation and transplantation

Clinical trials

Issues: non legislative, yet (3)

Human resources

Mental health

E-Health

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