The future of CPD accreditation in Europe:

Harmonisation through dialogue and consensus

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CPD accreditation in Europe: victim of political particularism?
or:
a model for alignment of CPD accreditation in Europe.

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„European Accreditation“

- European national: National governments
- European international: EU Commission

EU commission has no legal competence for national health-care systems, i.e. European international accreditation will always be superseded by national regulations
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What makes Europe different?
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....leading to less impact towards harmonisation—
favors contemplation of one’s own navel

(„I did it my way“)
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Harmonisation of what?
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Harmonisation of what?

We are still one profession!
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Harmonisation of appropriate professional conduct.
Appropriate professional conduct is key, accreditation facilitates documentation and continuity only
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The credibility cascade

- self-commitment
- publicising professional practice
- external assessment
- commitment to a unifying approach
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The credibility cascade

- self-commitment
  to an agreed set of principles, rules and practices in professional conduct

Most important prerequisite!
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„However, a better outcome will more likely be achieved by also including a second dimension of review that includes an external perspective.“

WMA, Declaration of Chicago on Quality Assurance in Medical Education, 2017
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The credibility cascade
- self-commitment
- publicising professional practice
- documents
- events calendar
- evaluation results
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- self-commitment
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Contribute to European accreditation
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- commitment to a unifying approach

Join a process based on a Europe wide agreed set of principles and rules
Dialogue ➔ Consensus ➔ Harmonisation

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Thank you!

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„It is possible for national accreditation bodies to opt-in to European-level accreditation systems led by European professional organisations representing medical doctors. Such an approach facilitates the recognition of CPD activities undertaken outside their own country...“

AEMH, CEOM, CPME, EANA, EJD, EMSA, FEMS, UEMO, UEMS: Consensus Statement of the European Medical Organisations on Continuing Professional Development, Luxemburg 2015