



ECCH Vision Aims Values Objectives

PURPOSE

Representing homeopaths in Europe

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Ensuring patients have access to high quality homeopathic treatment

PRINCIPAL AIMS

**Representing the homeopathy profession on a European level
for the benefit of homeopaths and patients**

**Unifying the homeopathic profession in Europe to ensure the highest standards
of homeopathic practice in order to restore and improve
the health of patients**

**Supporting ECCH member associations in each country
to achieve agreed professional and political objectives**

VALUES

**ECCH is accountable and uses transparent processes
ECCH does not discriminate on grounds of age,
race, nationality, religion or gender
ECCH respects individual differences**

ECCH AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Agreed at the ECCH AGM 2005

BLUE indicates that the objective has not been achieved yet, but that the plan is to achieve it.

GREEN indicates that the objective has been achieved.

GENERAL

Year 2007

1. Develop guidelines for Accreditation of Prior Experience and Learning.

Explanatory note: Agreed ECCH Criteria and a procedures for APEL will enable a homeopath to move from a register in one country to a register in another country and will also contribute to ensuring the quality of care and safety for each individual patient in Europe. This is the beginning of establishing a process of mutual recognition where members from ECCH member associations may automatically become members of an association in another country.

POLITICAL

Aims

ECCH is to offer help and support for national member associations who have agreed to work for statutory self-regulation.

ECCH is to offer advice and support for national member associations who have agreed to work for legalisation of the practice of homeopathy.

EDUCATION

Aims

ECCH is to assist member associations in their political and professional work in order to enable course providers to establish homeopathic education in line with the European Guidelines for Homeopathic Education to the equivalent standard of Bachelor degree courses or higher.

PHARMACY

Aims

ECCH is to offer advice and support to national member associations to ensure that the whole range of homeopathic remedies necessary for effective homeopathic practice is available in their countries.

ECCH is to offer advice and support to national member associations to ensure that homeopathic remedies of high quality are available in their country.

Year 2007

1. Ensure that the views of homeopaths are represented to the European Pharmacopoeia Commission.
2. Ensure that ECCH member associations are either consulted by or represented on the national Medicines Agencies in Armenia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden and Switzerland.

3. Assist national ECCH member associations to prevent expensive registration procedures, particularly in Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Finland, Germany, Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, Sweden and Switzerland.
4. Assist national ECCH member associations to ensure availability of nosodes, particularly in Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

Year 2006

1. Ensure that the revised EU pharmaceutical directive has the same wording as on the traditional herbal medicine directives, which states that: If symptoms persist, consult a doctor or a qualified healthcare practitioner.
2. Assist national ECCH member associations to ensure availability of rarely used homeopathic remedies.
3. Ensure simplified registration procedures for new homeopathic remedies in all countries where ECCH is represented.
4. Assist national ECCH member associations to ensure availability of new remedies and remedies that have not yet been registered, particularly in Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland.
5. Assist national ECCH member associations to ensure availability of remedies of narcotic origin, particularly in Italy, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

ACHIEVED ECCH OBJECTIVES

GENERAL

Year 2006

Provide possible responses for difficult questions in debate and media interviews.

Year 2005

Produce guidelines for complaints and disciplinary procedures.

Provide all ECCH member organisations with background material enabling them to organise a European Homeopathy Awareness Week.

Produce recommendations for how to deal with negative media attention.

Year 2003

Produce a more extensive document including recommendations for media and publicity activities.

Year 2002

Develop guidelines for a common European Code of Ethics.

Facilitate exchange of information on media and publicity strategies between national member associations in order to improve public awareness of homeopathy across Europe.

Year 2001

Develop a profile for the classical homeopath

POLITICAL

Year 2006

Produce a position statement on Bounds of Competence for homeopaths.

Year 2002

Establish ECCH as the representative voice of the European Homeopathic Profession with the European Union Parliament and Commission, and the Council of Europe

Produce a document on integration of homeopathy into European Healthcare

Year 2000

Produce a report on the legal situation for homeopathy in countries where ECCH is represented and in all other European countries

Facilitate the establishment of an organisation for professional homeopaths in at least one European country where ECCH is not currently represented

Year 1999

Facilitate the establishment of a European Council/Forum of national patients' group for homeopathy

Produce a report on the homeopathic treatment of animals in all countries where ECCH is represented

EDUCATION

Year 2003

Facilitate a minimum of one educational conference every two years involving the European Network for Homeopathic Educators in order to help harmonise educational standards for homeopathy in Europe

Year 2002

Develop European guidelines for Continuing Professional Development for Homeopaths

Ensure that an accreditation process for homeopathic courses and teaching institutions in line with ECCH guidelines is functioning in at least one country or region where ECCH is represented

Year 2001

Develop guidelines for accreditation of homeopathic education institutions

Ensure that all ECCH member associations endorse the 'ECCH Guidelines for Homeopathic Education' as the recommended basis for homeopathic education and training.

Year 2000

Revise the 'ECCH Guidelines for homeopathic education'

RESEARCH

Year 2004

Facilitate the establishment of a European network for researchers in homeopathy.

Year 2002

Produce a resources list of people and centres within ECCH member associations that are or could be involved into homeopathic research

Year 2001

Produce a Policy Document on Research

PHARMACY

Year 2005

Assist national ECCH member associations to ensure availability of remedies of animal origin, particularly in Israel, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

Year 2004

Revise the ECCH pharmacy policy document.

Ensure that the revised EU pharmaceutical directives allow for the use of homeopathic remedies for the treatment of animals irrespective of species and whether they are being raised for eventual human consumption or not.

Ensure that the revised EU pharmaceutical directives allow for labelling of single homeopathic remedies with a text similar to the phrase: registered medicinal product for homeopathic use.

Ensure that the revised EU pharmaceutical directives for single homeopathic remedies do not indicate a recommended dosage.

Year 2001

Establish contact with and influence all important European authorities that have legislative and regulating powers within the area of pharmacy (European Union Parliament and Commission, European Pharmacopoeia Commission, European Medicines Evaluation Agency)

Year 2000

Produce a policy document on the availability and quality of homeopathic remedies

Year 1999

Respond to the EP Environment Committee draft proposals for revising the existing directives on homeopathic remedies