

CME Program of the Austrian Medical Chamber.....

CPD for European Cardiologists

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Austrian Medical Chamber



- Represents all MDs
- Membership is obligatory
- Consists of 9 County Med. Chambers
- Responsible for all tasks rel. to MDs
- CME:
 - „legislative“
 - Founded in 2000

- *„AT Academy of MD“*
- Responsible for
 - Examinations (GP, Spec.)
 - Special Diplomas
 - CME-Congress (Grado...)
 - AT CME-programm
- CME:
 - „executive“
 - Strategies
 - CME-Diploma



CME in Austria

	Obligation („ethical principle“)	Structure	Incentives	Sanctions
1950	Yes	No	No	No
1995	Yes	Yes	No	No
2005	Yes	Yes	Yes	No



Harmonization within Austria

1.Jan 1995 Decision of the Gen.Ass.
Of the AT Medical Chamber:

AUSTRIAN CME-PROGRAM





Austrian CME-Program I

- Legal obligation (since 1950)
 - inaccordance
 - to the Guidelines of the AT Medical Chamber (since 2001, §41 par 1 AT Medical Law)
 - represented by the AT Academy of Doctors (since 2000)
 - to EACCME (since 2000)
- Program
 - 150 CME-Points over 3 years
 - 120 pts due to accredited CME-programs
 - 40 pts rel to the Med. Speciality of the MD (GP, Intern. Med., Surgery..)
 - 30 pts. due to non-accredited programs („free“)
 - Events vs. Reading
 - 100 pts need direct participation
 - 50 pts. reading
 - Max. 10 pts. of reading non-certified medical lit.
 - CME-Point vs. CME Unit
 - 1 day event = 6 CME pts., ½ day = 3 CME pts.
 - 1 CME-Unit = 45 minutes

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Austrian CME-Program II

- Accreditations of CME Providers/Editors
 - Recognized scientific societies and associations
 - medical universities , university clinics and clinic institutes, as well as established, clearly defined organizational units in university clinics and clinic institutes, represented by the head of the university clinic or the clinic institute
 - hospital departments and institutes, provided that they are recognized teaching institutions, represented by the head of department
 - The County Medical Chambers, the Austrian Medical Chamber, the Federal Body of Dental Practitioners and the Austrian Academy of Physicians are automatically accredited
 - Physical persons or legal persons others than mentioned in par. 1 are not eligible for accreditation.

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Austrian CME-Program III

- Peer Review
 - is eligible for credits considering
 - the duration of preparation and review of results
 - to max. 4 CME points.
- § 32 - Reading medical literature under the DFP
 - Certified /non-certified medical articles
 - Accredited editors are considered automatically as certified.
 - Non-accredited editors or authors are free to apply for certification
 - Lecture Board
- § 11 - Period of validity of the CME certificate
 - 3 years (from the day of validation)
- No restrictions, no sanctions

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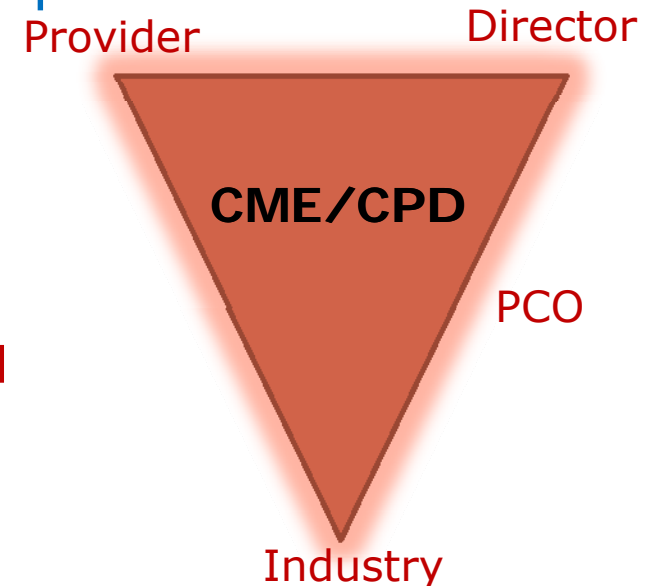
CME and Industry (2009)

- Goals

-to adopt an attitude that will guarantee unbiased CME and
-to promote/enhance the cooperation with the industry
- for the benefit of physicians, and patients

- Prerequisites:

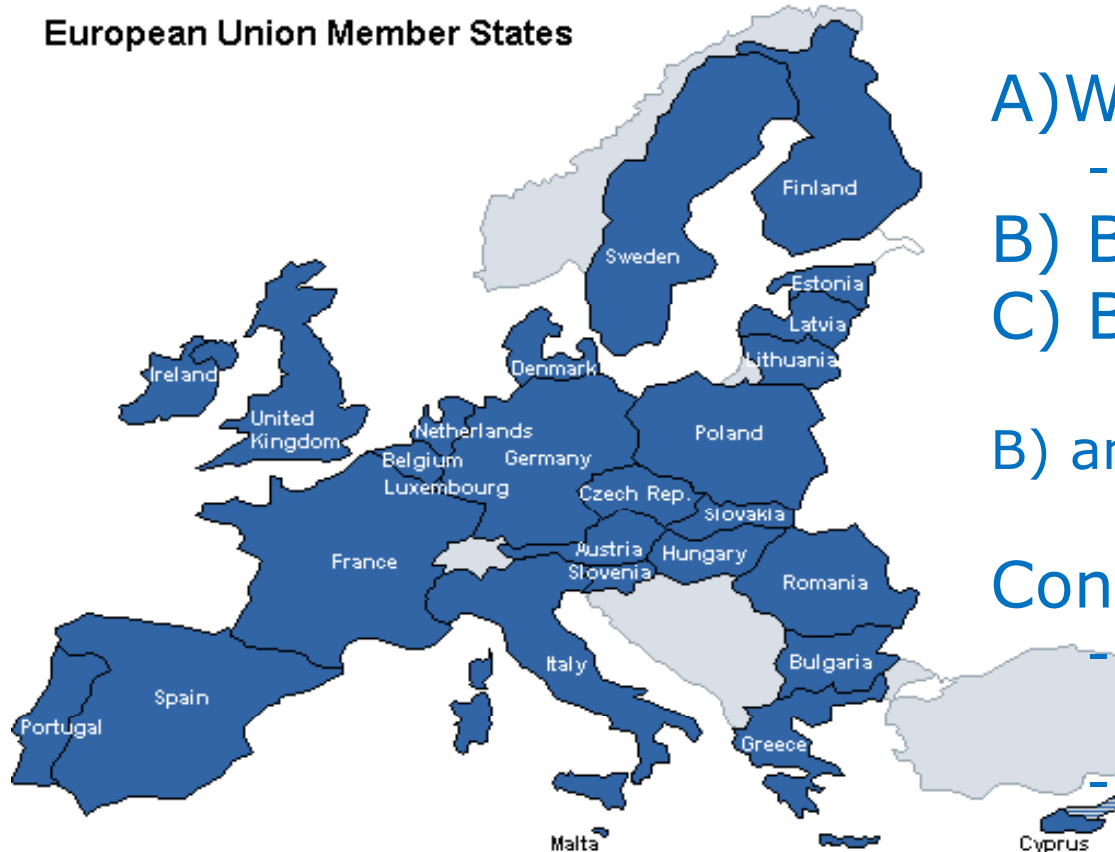
- Accredited CME Provider **AND**
- CME Director/Chairman
 - Affiliation to an Academic Institution.....
- Support of the Industry **WITH**
 - e.g. „unrestricted Grant.“





Harmonisation of CME

European Union Member States



A) Within countries

- Problems: G, E, F....

B) Between countries

C) Between Specialities

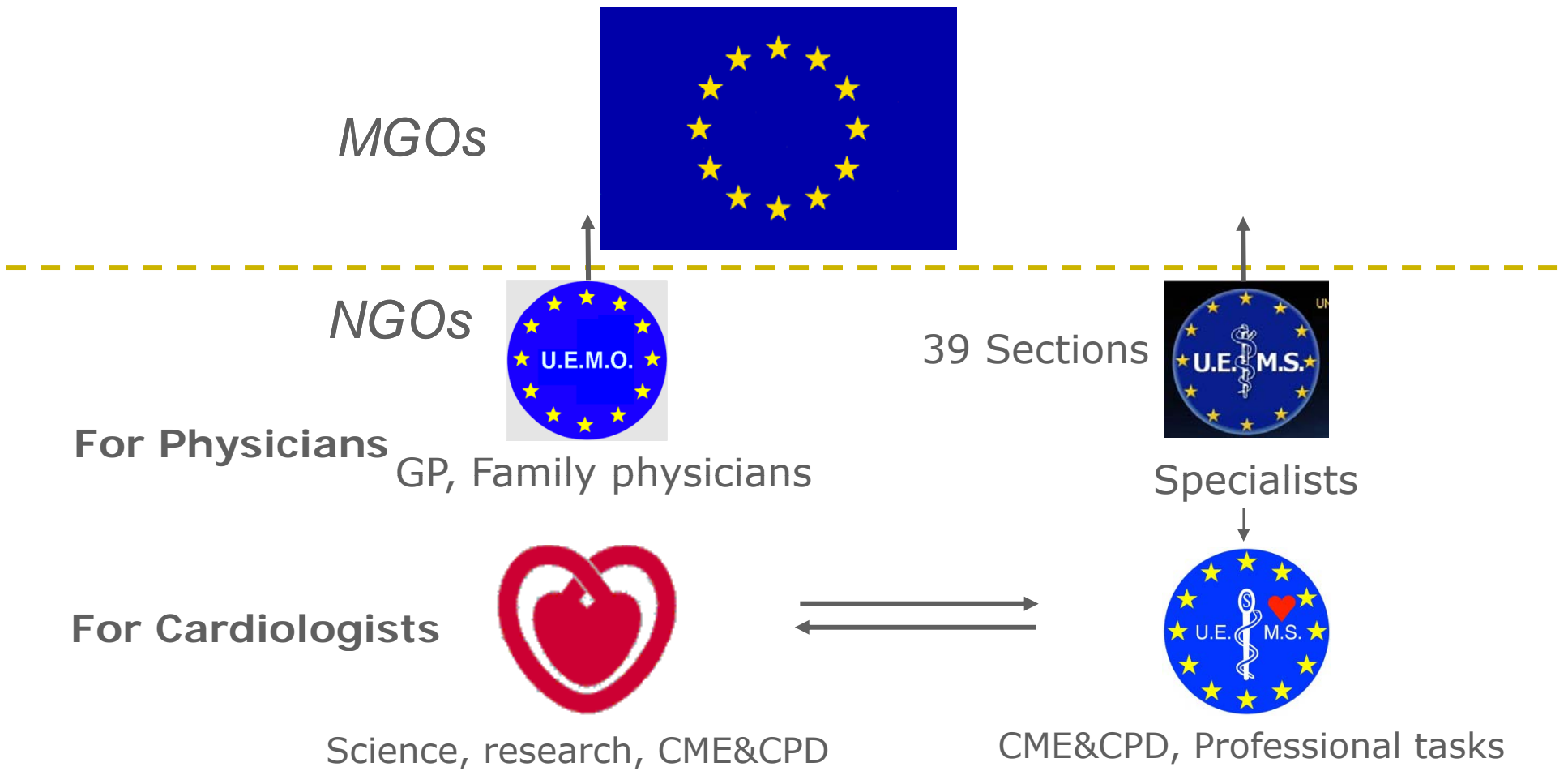
B) and C):

Conflict of

- free movement

- of MDs and Patients

- Principle of subsidiarity



MGOs



NGOs
For Cardiologists



1992



European Board for
The Speciality of Cardiology

- European Cardiologist
- Chapter 6
- Manpower Survey
- Task Force:
 - Subspeciality



2000



European Board for
Accreditation in Cardiology

- Accreditation of
- CME-Events
 - Articles
 - CDR, DVD
 - E-learning

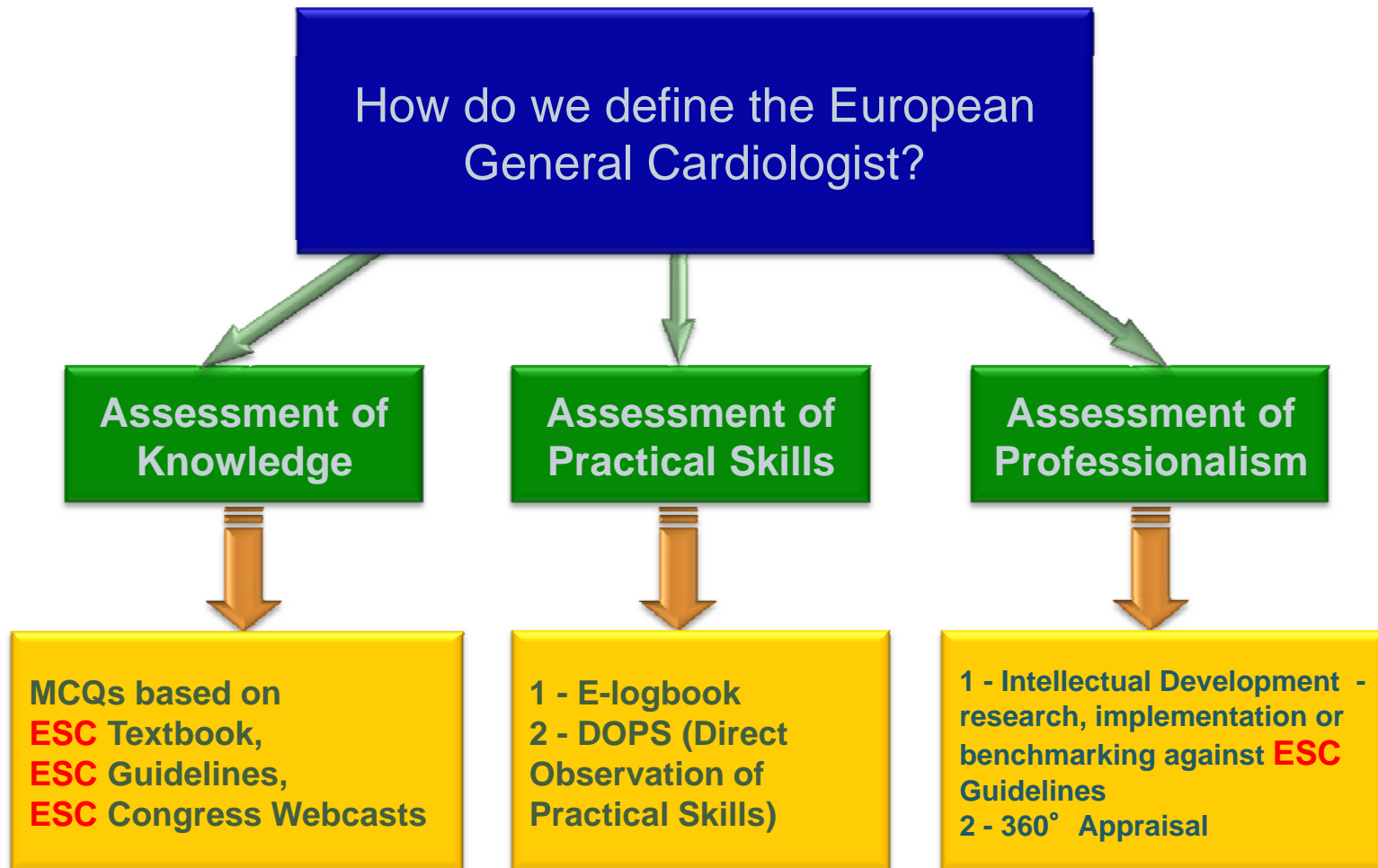
Educational
Committee

- Educational products
 - books, CDR, DVD
- Med. Educat. Courses
- On line learning and teaching
- Core Syllabus
- Core Curriculum 2008
- Textbook



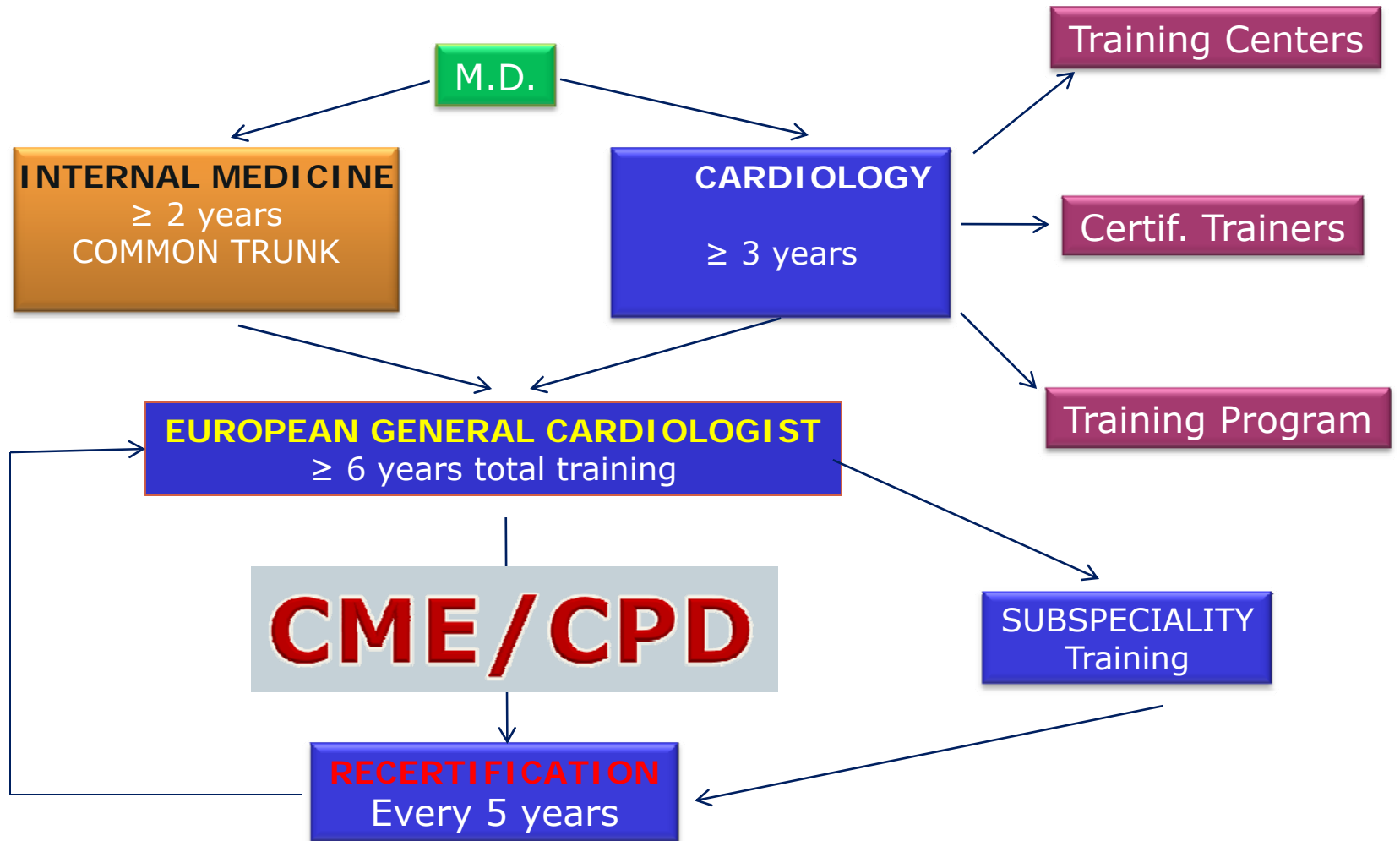


From CME to CPD in Cardiology: Training and Revalidation tool



Training in Cardiology in the EU

THE FUTURE



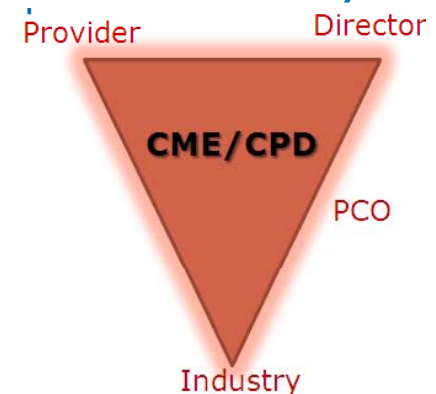


CME/CPD in AT and EU



SUMMARY

- Austria has an legal obligation for a CME-program
 - 150 CME points/3 y; Events, Reading, e-learning....
 - Accreditation Process for Providers
 - Incentives (Certificate, priorities for certificate holders..)
 - No sanctions
- Prerequisites for events and cooperation with the industry
 - Accredited Provider
 - Supported by a PCO
 - CME approved Event-Director
 - With support from the industry
 - E.g. unrestricted grants
- CPD replaces CME
 - Knowledge and Skills need **Attitude and Professionalism!**



CME in EUROPE



needs

HARMONISATION

- Within countries
- Between countries
- Between Specialities

- To provide
 - Free movement
 - of MDs and people
 - Confidence for patients
 - **that the quality and safety standards** of the treatment
 - they will receive in another Member State
 - are regularly monitored and based on good medical practices.

“Η ΓΑΡ ΤΗΣ ΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΗΣ
ΓΝΩΣΙΣ ΣΥΝΕΧΟΥΣ ΟΜΙΛΙΑΣ
ΔΕΙΤΑΙ”

“[Because] the knowledge of
science needs continuous
communication and discussion”

Hippocrates