

FRAMEWORK FOR CONTINUING EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINERS IN GENERAL PRACTICE IN EUROPE (CEDInGP)

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Background

General practitioners' (GPs) competencies are the cornerstone of the effective family medicine (FM) provision. Comprehensive and people-centered character of primary health care (PHC) requires from GPs broad range of competencies, which can only be acquired by multilateral and continuous educational process. The idea of the project is a result of observation of urgent needs related to development of common European framework of educational expertise in GP/FM. Although educators in different medical schools in EU are considered experts in GP training, there is neither an actual framework that would support the understanding of the need for educational experts in the field of FM, nor the levels of competence or specific skills needed for that.

Partnership:

College of Family Physicians in Poland (POLAND)
Health and Management Ltd. (POLAND)
European Academy of Teachers in General Practice and Family Medicine (EURACT)
Danish College of General Practice (DENMARK)
Institute of Development of Family Medicine (SLOVENIA)
Greek Associations of General Practitioners (GREECE)
Portuguese Association of General Practitioners (PORTUGAL)
Turkish Association of Family Physicians (TURKEY)

Objectives

The objective of the project is to propose, develop and implement an educational framework for Family Medicine teachers in Europe. The realization of the project will lead to the construction of a European Network of GP/FM teachers supported by an innovative Internet based educational platform. The consortium of 8 institutions from 6 countries was established. The Promoter of the project is the College of Family Physicians in Poland. Four other European Colleges of Family Physicians and two research and consulting institutions are involved. The last partner is EURACT, which through its rich capacities plays pivotal role in development, dissemination and exploitation of the project results.

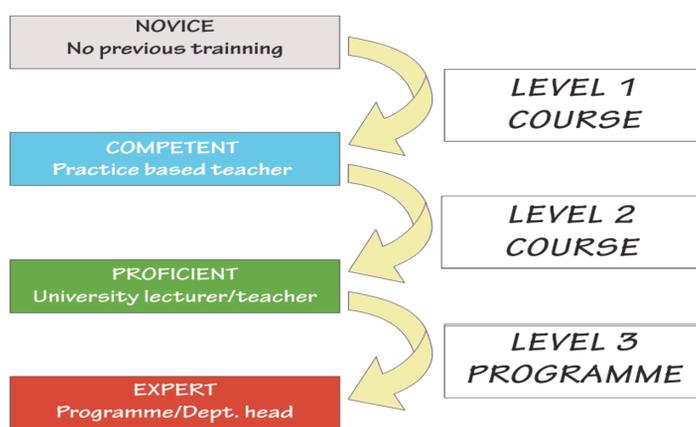
Duration: November 2010 – October 2012



Realization

The aim of the project is to develop, implement and sustain in a long-term perspective **Framework for Continuing Educational Development of Trainers in General Practice in Europe** which will provide the basis for the development of educational courses for GP/FM teachers on 3 different levels:

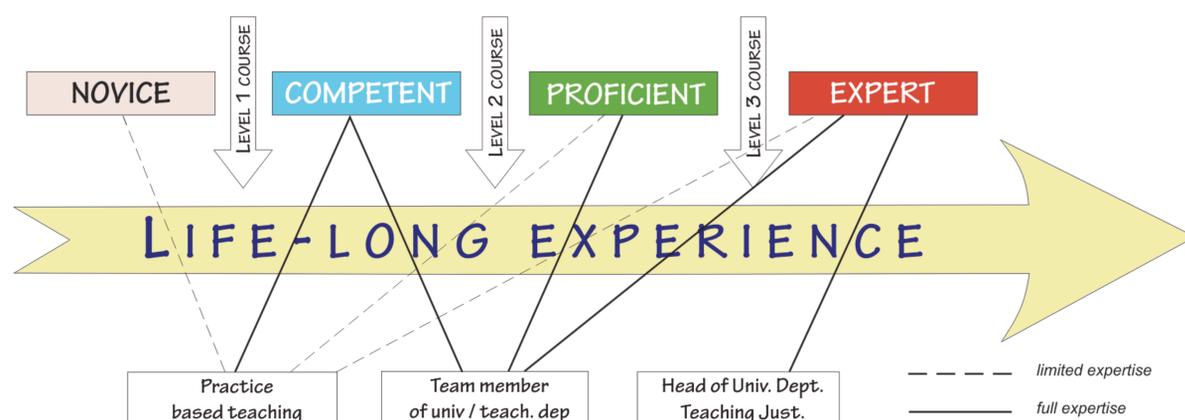
- **The level 1 course (towards becoming a competent educator)** is aimed at entrants to practice based teaching with no prior teaching skills training.
- **The level 2 course (towards becoming a proficient educator)** is aimed at teachers of general practice in BME, vocational training or CPD, with some prior knowledge and /or experience of teaching, who are actively involved in GP teaching and have participated in a level 1 course (or its equivalent).
- **The level 3 course (towards becoming an educational expert)** is a larger undertaking with pre-course work, a personal study assignment under supervision. It will be pitched at the level of a Masters/Doctorate module. It's aimed at highly motivated proficient teachers who link their future professional career with GP/FM education.



The Framework for Continuing Educational Development of Trainers in General Practice in Europe will constitute unique European GPs Teachers' Agenda with description of competencies required at different educational levels. The framework in future would be expected to guide development of GP/FM educators and set the basic standards for training the trainers of different levels, monitoring their progress and assessing their achievements.

Results and conclusions

The tangible outcomes of the project will be The Framework for Continuing Educational Development of Trainers in General Practice in Europe and educational courses: level1, level2 and level3. The framework will have a continuous and multilateral character, leading to setting basis standards and harmonization of the European vocational training of GPs. The educational courses will include complete set of materials both for trainees and teachers, evaluation and assessment forms. They will participants with a range the educational interventions necessary for GP trainers towards reaching the desired level educational competence.



The implementation of the framework will lead to the construction of a European Network of GP/FM teachers, supported by an innovative Internet based educational platform. The leading role in maintaining the sustainability of the project results will be the European Academy of Teachers in General Practice and Family Medicine (EURACT) with its representatives from over 40 European countries.

Project results will be available on the EURACT website www.euract.org

More information at the Project website: www.klrwp.pl/cedingp