

### European Observatory on Violence against Doctors

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In June 2017, during the bi-annual plenary meeting of the European Council of Medical Orders (CEOM) in Modena, the European Observatory on Violence against Doctors was created at the initiative of CEOM President Dr José Santos (Portugal).

The European Observatory on Violence against Doctors aims to gather objective data about cases of violence (location, type of practice, type of violence, aggressor profile, etc.) in order to achieve a correct evaluation of needs, followed by effective proposals for action. It also aims to conduct a thorough mapping of existing national mechanisms to address violence against doctors. Within the framework of CEOM's European Observatory on Violence, priority is given to an exchange of preventive tools between

CEOM members, thereby opening the way to a sharing of experiences and of best practices. Since its creation, the Observatory has taken concrete measures with the adoption of an official position statement aimed at health professionals, the public and the authorities. During the CEOM plenary meeting in Madrid in November 2018, CEOM members unanimously adopted the CEOM Declaration on Violence against Doctors and Health Professionals.

In the framework of the Observatory's actions and of cooperation between the European Medical Organisations, a working group has been created, chaired by CEOM 1st Vice-President Dr Roland Kerzmann (Belgium) along with Dr Konstantinos Koumakis (Greece), Vice-President of the European Association of Senior Hospital Doctors (AEMH). This working group will take forward actions in the field of preventing violence against doctors.

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