German Medical Association

What is the position of the German chamber regarding European integration and which way could lead to the acceptance of EBSQ as German exit exam?

- Proposals by the German Chamber -
What is European integration?

European integration is not about harmonisation!

- Principle of Subsidiarity
- Principle of Conferral
- EU Mandate in Health
- EU Mandate in Education
How to fill a „vacuum“ in specialty training?

• The system of automatic recognition is based on coordinated minimum requirements and trust.

• Distrust in the „trust“ feature has caused uncertainties and a political momentum: a „vacuum“ evolved.

• UEMS wants to fill the „vacuum“ by harmonisation of specialty training
  • top down via European curricula
  • bottom up via European exams.

• Other ways to fill the „vacuum“?
Who is in charge of specialty training?

- In societies with systems of self-regulation it is agreed that professional bodies can do better for themselves. Laws in systems of self-regulation are based on a legitimate process and are an expression of democracy.

- In Germany it was decided that chambers are in charge of specialty training as authorised by state laws passed by Länder Parliaments (1 BvR 518/62). Chambers are bodies under public law committed to acting in the public interest.

- Being members, all physicians are represented by chambers. Therefore, the development and quality of specialty training is the common - non-separable - responsibility of all physicians and not of special interest groups, e.g. specialist societies.
Who is not in charge of specialty training?

- Private and self-selected entities are not in charge because of problems related to legitimacy, i.e. a.
  - the lack of authorisation by state laws as passed by Länder Parliaments
  - not bound to the public interest
  - self-serving vs. balancing interests
  - competition clauses
  - title confusion

- Private and self-selected entities are welcome to provide input.

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“EBSQ” as German exit exam?

- In Chambers physicians commonly decide on specialty training regulation and exams what they think serves quality assurance best.

- They rely on training regulation and exams which are created within the system of medical self-regulation on a sound legal basis. In doing so, chambers consider input by private entities.

- Chambers must not rely on a referral to/recognition of EU training regulation and exams created outside the system of medical self-regulation by self-selected entities.

- Otherwise, they would „outsource“ their commitment to act in the public interest and thus not fulfil their tasks as commissioned by Länder Parliaments.
How to fill a „vacuum“ in specialty training?

• Suppose chambers would accept an EU **framework** for specialty training:

  • Such acceptance would require a legitimate basis.

  • Such basis would have to reflect the common responsibility of all physicians in the EU.

  • The responsibility of self-selected entities would not be enough.
Thank you!