EUROPEAN PREHOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE SYSTEMS SURVEY 2016

- Online survey – discussed in Prehospital Section of EuSEM and approved by EuSEM Executive
- 18 items
- Open from 6th February till 25th April 2016
- Distributed:
  - Prehospital Section of EuSEM
  - EuSEM Council
  - EuSEM Executive
  - UEMS EM Section and Board
- 87 responses from 30 European countries

- System and organization
- Legislation
- Who sets professional standards and guidelines
- Providers and qualification - dispatch, prehospital care
- ED network
- Crisis preparedness
EUROPEAN PREHOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE SYSTEMS SURVEY 2016 – countries involved:

- Albania, **Austria, Belgium**, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, **Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy**, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, **Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom**

- *(Red: more than 1 respondent per country)*
Your role in pre-hospital care

- Physician
- Nurse
- Paramedic / EMS technician
- Dispatcher
- Other (please specify below)
Which stakeholders are involved in the pre-hospital emergency care system in your country? (please tick all that apply)

- National level (e.g. central government)
- Regional level (e.g. state or county)
- Sub-regional (e.g. district or city)
- Private organisations
- Other (please specify below)
How is pre-hospital emergency care funded? (please tick all that apply)
Who legislates for pre-hospital emergency care in your country? (tick all that apply)

- National level (e.g. central government)
- Regional level (e.g. state or county)
- Sub-regional level (e.g. district or city)
- Up to Emergency Medical Service (EMS) provider
- None
- Other (please specify below)
- Comments:
Who sets professional standards and guidelines for pre-hospital emergency care in your country? (tick all that apply)

- National government (or affiliated bodies)
- Regional government (or affiliated bodies)
- Sub-regional government (or affiliated bodies)
- Professional organisations (e.g. physician, paramedic or nursing societies)
- EMS providers
- None
- Other (please specify below)
Who provides the dispatch service for pre-hospital emergency care in your country? (tick all that apply)

- National level: 35.0%
- Regional level: 30.0%
- Sub-regional level: 25.0%
- Private organisations: 5.0%
- EMS providers use own dispatchers: 30.0%
- Universal emergency dispatch system (combined fire, police, EMS): 40.0%
- Other (please specify below): 0.0%
Which personnel are used as emergency dispatchers? (tick all that apply)

- Non-medical staff (universal dispatchers)
- Police and/or fire service staff
- Paramedics / EMS technicians
- Nurses
- Physicians
- Volunteers
- Other (please specify below)
- Comments:
What are the minimum qualifications EMS dispatchers must have?

- Secondary/high school qualification
- University qualification - Bachelors
- University qualification - Masters
- Postgraduate professional qualification
- Other (please specify below)
Who provides Pre-hospital emergency care? (tick all that apply)

- Non-medical personnel
- Paramedics - basic training
- Paramedics - intermediate
- Paramedics - advanced
- Nurses - Registered
- Nurses - Emergency
- Nurses - Volunteers
- Physicians - Emergency
- Other

Other (please specify)
What are the minimum qualifications EMS physicians must have?

- Postgraduate specialisation in emergency medicine
- Postgraduate specialisation in another medical specialty (please specify below)
- No postgraduate specialisation required
- Other (please specify below)
How would you describe the Emergency Department network (i.e. the network of centres for receiving emergency care patients from pre-hospital services) in your country?

- Excellent
- Sufficient
- Insufficient
- Non-existent
Where are emergency patients taken to for further care? (Please tick all that apply)
What level of autonomy do pre-hospital personnel have? (Tick all personnel that can perform the functions listed below)

- Permitted to treat and discharge patients without transportation to a further healthcare facility
- Permitted to pronounce patient death at the scene

- EMT/Paramedics
- Nurses
- Physicians
- Other (please specify below)
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RESPONSIBILITY FOR CRISIS PREPAREDNESS

Who is responsible for preparing plans to deal with major incidents in your country (please tick all that apply)

- National level (e.g. central government)
- Regional level (e.g. state or county)
- Sub-regional level (e.g. district or city)
- EMS provider
- No organisation prepares major incident plans
- Other (please specify below)
Are EMS personnel trained to prepare for major incident/crisis response?

- Yes - training is mandatory
- Training is available but not mandatory
- No training is provided
What is included in major incident/ crisis response preparation training? (Tick all that apply)

- Theory
- Practice
- CBRN (Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense)
- Biohazards
- Psychosocial
- Other (please specify below)
- Not applicable - no such training available in your country