

COVID-19 HOPE Weekly review

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EU Institutions

European Commission

Provision of Training on Intensive Care Medicine Skills for Health Professionals Not Regularly Working in Intensive Care

In our last COVID-19 Weekly Review when mentioned the initiative of the [Commission financing a training programme to provide intensive care skills](#) required to healthcare professionals that do not work regularly in intensive care, including; doctors, nurses and allied healthcare professionals, in case of deployment during potential new surges of COVID-19.

This EU-funded (called C19 SPACE - Provision of Training on Intensive Care Medicine Skills for Health Professionals Not Regularly Working in Intensive Care) is run by the European Society in Intensive Care in Medicine (<http://www.esicm.org>). Its members for each country can be found here: <https://www.esicm.org/the-esicm/national-societies/>

A webinar was organised to present the initiative but a lot of questions still remain without answers: <https://www.esicm.org/european-commission-c19-space-information-webinar/>

It is not easy to get information from this organisation but in a nutshell, the programme would be running until the end of 2020 and would be conducted across EU hospitals with Intensive Care capacity with the support of national champions, trainers (Intensive Care physicians and nurses) and trainees (healthcare professionals that do not work regularly in Intensive Care or that have just started their training in Intensive Care). This training programme would include both e-training and face-to-face aspects in cooperation with the 27 EU Member States and the United Kingdom.

They were asking to participants of the webinar:

- to identify national champions that can support with the implementation of the training programme;
- to identify all hospitals with Intensive Care facilities;
- to select the local trainers, Intensive Care doctors and nurses with extensive Intensive Care experience and minimal educational experience;
- to provide them with the list of the identified trainers;
- to help trainers to identify their trainees. This includes any doctors, nurses or associated healthcare personnel who will participate and receive the training.

In counterpart they offer a tailored training programme for doctors, nurses and allied healthcare professionals, with a kit of resources in their own language, certified with an Intensive Care Passport certificate and CME/CNE credits. The training programme would integrate the needs of all participants, with a fast track lane for those who have already completed local trainings on the matter, and a standard lane for those who are taking such training for the first time. The training would employ innovative resources and would be complementary to any past or current local/regional training initiative on the given subject.

There is minimal information about the project here: <http://www.esicm.org/trained-multidisciplinary-healthcare-workers-to-reinforce-icus-in-event-of-covid-19-surge/>

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