



HOSPEEM/HOPE CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

AIMS and SCOPE

This agreement affiliates HOSPEEM (European Hospital and Healthcare Employers Association) and HOPE (European Hospital and Healthcare Federation) as partners in the promotion of high quality hospital services all over Europe. It recognises the autonomy of the signatory parties within their respective spheres of activities and competencies, creates a framework for mutual support and lays the foundations for wider arrangements reinforcing the links between health professionals acting at European level.

HOPE recognises HOSPEEM's goal to establish, with its social partners, a European autonomous frame in order to develop management and labour relations in the field of the hospital and health care sector, which deserves a specific approach because of the nature of activities carried out. HOPE recognises HOSPEEM as the representative social partner in the hospital sector, as recognised by the European Commission in July 2006..

HOSPEEM recognises HOPE's mission which is to promote improvements on the health of citizens throughout the countries of the EU and a uniformly high standard hospital care throughout the EU and HOPE objective, among others, to act as a principal source on hospital and health affairs to the institutions of the European Union.

The signatory parties commit themselves to mutually supportive, constructive and close working together, always respecting each other's autonomy within their respective sphere of competencies, as identified above.

This implies the following:

DAY TO DAY MANAGEMENT

The two organisations commit to:

- Inform each other of their programme of meetings and send copies of agendas and reports to each other at least three working days before meetings about, respectively, HOSPEEM General Assembly and HOPE board of governors;
- Respect the confidentiality of each other's papers and meetings and not disclose information obtained thereby to third parties without permission;
- Keep in mind each other's concerns in the conduct of activities in their respective spheres of competencies

MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGREEMENT AND TERMINATION

At least once a year the Secretary General of HOSPEEM and at least one vice Secretary General will meet the President and the CEO of HOPE to review the general relationship between the two organisations. The agreement between the two organisations will be automatically renewed unless either signatory party terminates this agreement by giving reasons in a written notice of at least three months.

Any breach of confidentiality may be construed by the other party as terminating the agreement.



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