PGEU's contribution to developing pharmacy in the EU



50 Years of Pharmacy in Europe

The Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU) is the European association representing around 400,000 community pharmacists from 30 European Countries.

> The members of PGEU are national associations and professional bodies of community pharmacists.

PGEU's objective is to promote the role of the pharmacists as key actors in public health and to ensure that the views of the pharmacy profession are taken into account in the EU decision-making process.

PGEU provides its members with a platform to exchange information, and collect and disseminate best practices, helping them anticipate and respond to society's needs, both in aspects of daily professional practice and in the broader context of Public Health.

Our vision is that current and new generations of community pharmacists are recognised within national health systems as key health professionals making a dynamic and evolving contribution to improving the health of the communities they serve.

Our mission is, as a rigorous, pro-active and constructive stakeholder:

Joining Year	Country	Current Membership Status	
		Ordinary Member	Observer Member
1959 (Founding Members)	Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg, and Netherlands	Since 1959	NO.
1960	Greece	Since 1980	
1954	Denmark	Since 1972	
	United Kingdom		
	Ireland		
	Spain	Since 1985	
	Norway		Since 1964
	Switzerland		Omico 1964
	Austria	Since 1995	
	Sweden		
1978	Portugal	Since 1985	
1979	Finland	Since 1995	
1996	Cyprus	Since 2004	
	Slovenia		
	Poland		
1997	Czech Republic		
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1998	Hungary		Later Control
1999	Groatia		Since 1999
2000	Latvia	Since 2004	100 TO 10
2001	Turkey		Since 2001
2003	Malta	Since 2005	
2004	Bulgaria	Since 2007	
2005	Romania		
2007	FYR Macedonia		Since 2007

- to promote and develop cooperation in Community Pharmacy among the European nations;
 - to advocate for the contribution community pharmacists make to health systems and to public health through the provision of health services and the promotion of the rational and appropriate use of medicines;
 - to ensure our vision of Community Pharmacy is reflected in EU policy and legislative developments.

When everything started...

In April 1958, the professional pharmaceutical associations of the six countries that were signatory to the Treaties of Rome (Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg, and The Netherlands) met in Milan for the first contact on a European level. On that occasion the participants decided to formalise their co-operation by setting out the basis for founding the association which today is known as PGEU (Groupement Pharmaceutique de l'Union Européenne - GPUE in French). Their aim was to study pharmacy activities in different European countries, prepare for the new developments inside the EEC and discuss the future of the

pharmacy profession. At the first meetings in 1958, it was determined that the main topics for the association should be the following: assuring quality of education, monitoring relevant legislation, pricing of medicines, social security, fees for magistral preparations, and establishing relevant contacts.

Charter of European Pharmacy

'Resolution of Luxembourg' led to the 'Charter of European Pharmacy'. On 29 May 1959, the 'Pharmaceutical Group of the EEC' was officially created by the signature in Frankfurt of the 'European Convention'.

As early as December 1958, the

The new association immediately began to address itself to the task of comparing practice across the EEC Member States. At the first General Assembly held

in Paris on 2 October 1959, it was decided to draw up comparative tables concerning: training; conditions of practice; social security and health insurance; prices and honorary fees. The Charter was first launched in

1990 and 1999. This is the most updated text.

1958 and its text was revised in



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Representing European community pharmacists