



European Partnership for  
Supervisory Organisations  
in Health Services and Social Care

**The European Partnership for Supervisory Organisations in Health Services and Social Care (EPISO) is an informal group of governmental and government-related organisations involved in law enforcement, supervisory activities, monitoring and accreditation, related to Health Services and Social Care in European countries or regions, including EFTA (European Free Trade Area) countries.**

**EPISO aims to:**

- improve co-operation amongst supervisory bodies to ensure the quality of inspection, supervision and monitoring of health services and social care;
- improve the exchange of ideas, outcome of research, information and good practice;
- facilitate the exchange of experience between interested organisations including directives, regulations, standards and guidelines;
- promote co-operation on topics such as education and dissemination of knowledge;
- as a result of these activities EPISO aims to improve the quality of health care and social care in Europe including EFTA countries.

Aim	Action(s)	Output
Strengthen the exchange of knowledge and experiences between national supervisory bodies	Two conferences every year	Documents and presentations published on internet for members
Develop and discuss regulatory issues of common interest to several countries	Establish working groups in defined areas for time limited work	Reports published on internet for members
Enhance quality of supervisory activities	Maintain a system for Peer Evaluation of supervisory bodies	Report presented to the relevant national authorities and published on internet for members
Enhance quality of supervisory activities	Develop Educational Activities on request	Educational material published on internet for members Training / Master-classes



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**EPSO provides opportunities to participate in our EPSO networking, learning and knowledge sharing activities such as:**

- **Our semi-annual Conferences** (Strategic-meetings hosted by one of the EPSO member countries) are visited by delegates from other EPSO member countries. The conferences are highly valued by the representatives because of the active and involved nature of the meetings. The meetings emphasize sharing experiences in innovation, improvement, and collaboration in supervisory practise of health care, in order to learn from each other. The conferences offer an opportunity to connect to like-minded colleagues and inspiring speakers. The conferences offer to a small and select group, a relatively intimate setting and therefore a perfect way to work with colleagues to change and improvement of supervisory activities. The conferences offer a splendid opportunity to connect to relevant cross-border colleagues in supervising health and social care.
- Members can participate in **EPSO working groups** with other members of the network, which are some of the most forward-thinking supervisory organisations in Europe. The network provides an opportunity for strategic working group opportunities to learn from a variety of European supervisory health care systems.
- Members may be invited to participate as Peers or Experts in our **EPSO Peer Evaluation activities or Cross-border projects** if one of those activities is being planned and the respective Member country puts forward a representative with appropriate skills.

**How to join EPSO and get involved in our EPSO networking, learning and knowledge sharing Opportunities?**

- Potential new EPSO members (supervisory, monitoring or regulatory organisations in health and/or social care in any European country) are being advised to send a request for information about membership to the EPSO secretariat ([info@epsonet.eu](mailto:info@epsonet.eu)) or to call the EPSO office at +31613163557 or +31703142450, after having taken note of the conditions for membership at the EPSO website [www.epsonet.eu](http://www.epsonet.eu).
- The procedure to become a member of EPSO implies an evaluation by the EPSO Board. The board will evaluate if the organisation fits in the EPSO network of health and social care of supervisory organisations.
- Member country pay a yearly contribution (€1000 - €14.000) related to the national GDP of the country involved and based on the UN key for membership contributions in the various countries.