

UEMS. Section/ European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Belgium

1. Respondent Profile	
1.1 Please indicate the type of organisation on behalf of which you are responding to this consultation:	Health professionals' organisations (e.g. doctors, nurses, managers)
Please indicate level:	European Union umbrella organisation
Please indicate Member States representation:	Pan European
Please indicate for what the administration is responsible:	
1.1.1. Other (please specify):	
1.2 Please indicate the name of your organisation or centre:	UEMS. Section/ European Board and College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
1.3 Please indicate the country where your organisation/centre is located/has its headquarters or main representative office in Europe:	BE
1.4 Please indicate the number of EU Member States and EEA countries (Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein) and accessing country (Croatia) in which your organisation conducts business/is represented:	31
1.5 If need be, can we contact you by e-mail to obtain further information on your submission?	Yes
1.5.1 Please provide an e-mail address where we can contact you:	charlotte.mercer@btinternet.com-rolf.kirschner@getmail.no-chbened@tin.it
1.6 Please provide us with a contact person (incl jobtitle and daytime phone number):	Secretary-General Dr.Rolf Kirschner, Senior Consultant, Oslo University Hospital, Oslo, Norway +47 9113 6553

1.7 Please provide additional contact details if needed: Exec.Secretary Charlotte Mercer + 44 7793 10 62 92

2. Involvement of your organisation in the matter of centres of excellence/ reference (COE) and healthcare networks in highly specialised healthcare (HSHC).

2.1 How would you describe your organisation's knowledge of CoE and HSHC? Very high

2.1.1 Space for further comments: EBCOG and the co-operating subspeciality and special-interest associations have a thorough overview of the European situation in the field

2.2. What aspects or domains related to the topic of CoE and HSHC would correspond to your organisation's key knowledge? (cross any that applies) Professional performance, clinical practice, quality and safety of specialized healthcare
Assessment/evaluation/certification of clinical practice and healthcare providers

2.2.1. Space for further comments: Through various sub-committees, like Training and Assessment, Training Recognition, Medical Standards, Training the Trainers etc, salient fields are covered.

2.3 Is highly specialised healthcare a priority in your organisation's strategies and work plans? Very high

2.3.1 Space for further comments:

2.4. What specific field of healthcare services/specialities are most relevant for your centre/organisation's field of work? Medical/Surgical speciality

Please specify: Ob/Gyn is a speciality is all encompassing

2.5. Has your organisation/centre been directly involved in the design or assessment of professional standards and criteria related with highly specialised healthcare?	Frequently
2.5.1 Please describe your role in such actions/projects:	EBCOG has elaborated Medical Standards, Training Standards, Hospital Assessment Standards, under the auspices of UEMS, as well as independently to the EU-Commissioner of Health
2.6. Has your organisation been involved in projects/activities supported by the Commission in relation with HSHC or professional and technical criteria/standards in highly specialised healthcare?	Yes
2.7. Do you have concrete examples based on your own organisation's experience or could you provide us with references or links to documents related with professional criteria and standards in highly specialised healthcare/CoE or HSHC (e.g. quality criteria, guidelines, consensus documents)?	Yes
2.7.1 Space for further comments:	Standards of Care for Women's Health in Europe, Report of a Working Party, Obstetric and Neonatal Services ((www. ebcog.eu))
2.13. What is the scope of the network?	
2.14. Which kind of network?	
2.14.1 Space for further comments:	
2.15. Would you be interested in applying to the process to be considered Centre of Excellence of the future European Reference Network? (1 = not interested at all, 5 = very interested)	
2.15.1 Space for further comments:	

3. Proposed criteria for ERN (scope, general and specific criteria)

3.1 Criteria related with diseases or conditions in order to be considered under the scope of the ERN

3.1.1. Need of highly specialised healthcare	5
3.1.1.1. Complexity of the diagnosis and treatment	5
3.1.1.2. High cost of treatment and resources	5
3.1.1.3. Need of advanced/highly specialised medical equipment or infrastructures	5
3.1.2. Need of particular concentration of expertise and resources	5
3.1.2.1. Rare expertise/need of concentration of cases	5
3.1.2.2. Low prevalence/incidence/number of cases	5
3.1.2.3. Evaluated experiences of Member States	5
3.1.3. Based on high-quality, accessible and cost-effective healthcare	5
3.1.3.1. Evidence of the safety and favourable risk-benefit analysis	5
3.1.3.2. Feasibility and evidence of the value and potential positive outcome (clinical)	5
3.1.4. Do you recommend any additional criteria or option that would effectively address the issue?	Yes

3.1.4.1 Explain your proposal in free text:	Need for assessed competency in training specialists in the medical fields, as well as maintaining their competencies and sharing the knowledge across the continent.
3.1.5. Would you prioritise or suggest any concrete disease or group of diseases to be addressed by the future ERN according to the above criteria?	No

3.2. General criteria of the centres wishing to join a European Reference Network	
3.2.1. Organisation and management	5
3.2.2. Patients empowerment and centered care	5
3.2.3. Patient care, clinical tools and health technology assessment	5
3.2.4. Quality, patient safety and evaluation framework policies	5
3.2.5. Business continuity, contingency planning and response capacity	5
3.2.6. Information systems, technology and e-health tools and applications	5
3.2.7. Overall framework and capacity for research and training	5
3.2.8. Specific commitment of the management/direction of the centre/hospital to ensure a full and active participation in the ERN	5
3.2.9. Do you recommend any additional option that would effectively address the issue?	No
3.2.9.1. Space for further comments:	

3.3. Specific criteria regarding the areas of expertise

3.3.1. Competence, experience and good outcomes and care	5
3.3.2. Specific resources and organisation:	4
3.3.2.1. Human resources	5
3.3.2.2. Team/centre organisation	4
3.3.2.3. Structural conditions	4
3.3.2.4. Specific equipment	4
3.3.2.5. Presence and coordination with other required complementary units or services	5
3.3.3. Patient care pathways, protocols and clinical guidelines in the field of expertise	5
3.3.4. External coordination, care management and follow-up of patients	4
3.3.5. Research, training, health technology assessment in the field of expertise	5
3.3.6. Specific information systems	4
3.3.7. Do you recommend any additional criteria or option that would effectively address the issue?	No
3.3.7.1. Space for further comments:	EBCOG maintains that keeping the highest standards of training of specialist and the highest standards of care within the speciality is of utmost importance in the European medical scene of to-morrow