

## **Annex 5**

### **Task Force Reports**

**EURACT Council meeting  
May 7-11, 2008  
Mosta, Malta**

## Task Force on Educational Research

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The Educational Research Taskforce did not meet during the Malta meeting. Due to the fact that the Performance Agenda activities were scheduled for the whole council, there was no opportunity to have a meeting.

According to the decision in Zagreb a new vision and objectives document was distributed prior to the council meeting. One could say that there are two theme's within the Educational Research Taskforce:

- education on research (methods)
- research on education programs /activities.
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Both are important and the taskforce would have to prioritize activities within these two domains. The full document is attached to this report

The Educational Research Taskforce organized the presentation of two research papers.

- Ruth Kalda:  
Medical students' reflections on the family topic treatment in the family medicine undergraduate program
- Mette Brekke:  
Can an educational intervention improve GPs' prescription patterns?  
The Rx-PAD1 Study

The powerpoint presentations are available at [www.euract.org](http://www.euract.org).

Job FM Metsemakers  
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## New Mission Statement for Task Force on Educational research

### The Educational Research Taskforce (ERT)

The Educational research Taskforce had defined 5 objectives in April 2005

1. **Stimulate the teaching of research methods in the Basic Medical Education as well as in Vocational Training**
2. **Promote research on education**
3. **Organise courses on research methods in educational research**
4. **Conduct (multi-national) research on education**
5. **Present results op educational research**

The Taskforce has worked on these objectives in the last Euract meetings. We still have much to do, but the joint EGPRN-EURACT meeting in spring 2006 (Copenhagen-Malmö) which was preceded by a research course can be considered as a successful result of the activities of this Taskforce.

On the other hand we have to conclude that during the last session of our Educational Research Taskforce in Zagreb we did spend quite some time in revisiting and explaining our objectives. The conclusion was that we have to rewrite and clarify the Objectives.

Based on the discussion and comments received I propose the following:

### **Mission statement**

Euract Educational Research Taskforce promotes and facilitates educational research

### **Activities 2008-2010**

- position statement on research competencies in undergraduate training of physicians and postgraduate training of Family Physicians/General Practitioners (in collaboration with the BME committee and the Specialist Training committee)
- organise (a) course(s) on research methods in educational research for members of Euract and EGPRN (in collaboration with EGPRN)
- stimulate the presentation of results of educational research during Euract meetings, and other meetings such as WONCA, AMEE, and others.

I know this is a short description of our mission. It is my belief that a more elaborate description does not necessarily lead to a better understanding. Each of the activities needs a more SMART description if we have agreed on that activity.

At this moment I invite you to comment on the mission and activities as specific as you can. The more comments I receive BEFORE the meeting the better and maybe shorter our discussion can be. If you would like to propose other concrete activities, please do.

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