

On-line, 5 June 2020

HOPE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

HOPE Governors have been meeting on-line today in the context of COVID-19 crisis.

On this occasion, a new President and a new Vice-President were elected for a three-year term. Dr Urmas Sule, President of the Estonian Hospital Federation, Governor for Estonia, became President, while Mr Eamonn Fitzgerald, Governor for Ireland, was elected Vice-President.

The agenda of the Board of Governors meeting was focused on a single item: exchanging on their four months experience with SARS-CoV-2.

Each Governor was invited to summarise the most important impact of the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak on hospitals, primary care and eventually social care, to share insights on the major changes already happening in the overall organisation of healthcare or possible ones.

The meeting confirmed the importance of taking a comprehensive approach that integrates all components of social and health care, from home care, primary care and hospital care and creating good connection of health system and social homecare.

This work will feed into the contribution of HOPE to the analysis of the European responses and deployed solutions to the pandemic.

Governors warmly thanked Mrs Eva Weinreich-Jensen for her active and fruitful three-year Presidency.

HOPE, the European Hospital and Healthcare Federation, is a European non-profit organisation, created in 1966. HOPE represents national public and private hospitals associations and hospitals owners either federations of local and regional authorities or national health services. Today, HOPE is made up of 36 organisations coming from the 27 Member States of the European Union, as well as from the United Kingdom, Switzerland and Serbia as observer members. HOPE mission is to promote improvements in the health of citizens throughout Europe, high standard of hospital care and to foster efficiency with humanity in the organisation and operation of hospital and healthcare services.

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