



'Boundless Trauma Care Central Europe' Project

The assessment of cross-border trauma care arrangements
along the western border of Germany

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- Originated in the Euregio Meuse Rhine under the Emric+ project

There should be no borders hindering acute care measures of the trauma care chain within the borders of the European Union

Goal

- Improve cross-border cooperation by:
 - Inventory of cross-border projects
 - Researching the differences within the trauma care chain and research area
 - Standardization of care procedures and quality standards
 - Developing a European trauma network
 - Make more stakeholders aware of the problem's range

Involvement

- About 12 professionals signed the letter of intent at the hospital level
- About 30 professionals signed the letter of intent at the prehospital level





Results:

Laws and Legislation

- EU regulation 2011/24/EU: Patient's rights directive
- Trauma network of the German Association for Trauma Surgery (DGU)
- Air rescue
- National plans in case of catastrophes
- Administrative agreement between France and Germany
- Special arrangements



Results:

Problems and Obstacles

- Educational background
- Rank and hierarchy
- Financial situation
- Communication
- Technical incompatibilities
- Different care standards



Results:

Problems and Obstacles

- Different focus and priorities
- Level of experience
- Unfamiliarity of other side
- No direct patient group
- Special rights
- Too many projects
- State and national regulatory body



Who should be involved?

- Whole trauma care chain
- Health insurances
- Politicians
- Administrators
- Trauma regions
- Health ministries



How?

- Cross-border workshop
- Phone applications
- Dictionaries
- Language courses
- Familiarize dispatch centers with addresses from abroad
- Legal formalization




Impact

- Should not be limited to these regions, this is a preliminary inventory of the current state of cooperation taking place
- BTCCE has been presented on several occasions



Future

- Publish articles to reach broader audience
- Research remainder of the trauma care chain
- Start research on broader geographical area
(Denmark/Sweden)



**Create more societal awareness
on cross-border trauma
necessity in order to place it
higher on the political agenda.**



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