

A COMMON TRAINING FRAMEWORK FOR HOSPITAL PHARMACY IN EUROPE

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INTRODUCTION

The aim of the Common Training Framework (CTF) for hospital pharmacy is to achieve automatic professional qualification recognition for hospital pharmacists across EU countries, meaning that learning outcomes and competencies received by specialisation in hospital pharmacy in one European country will be recognised throughout Europe.

There are 4 key benefits that a CTF for hospital pharmacy will achieve in Europe:

- the patient benefit;
- improving labour mobility and the benefits that arise from that;
- a benchmark for all European countries to strive for; and,
- a vital strategic tool for realising the European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy adopted in 2014.

METHOD

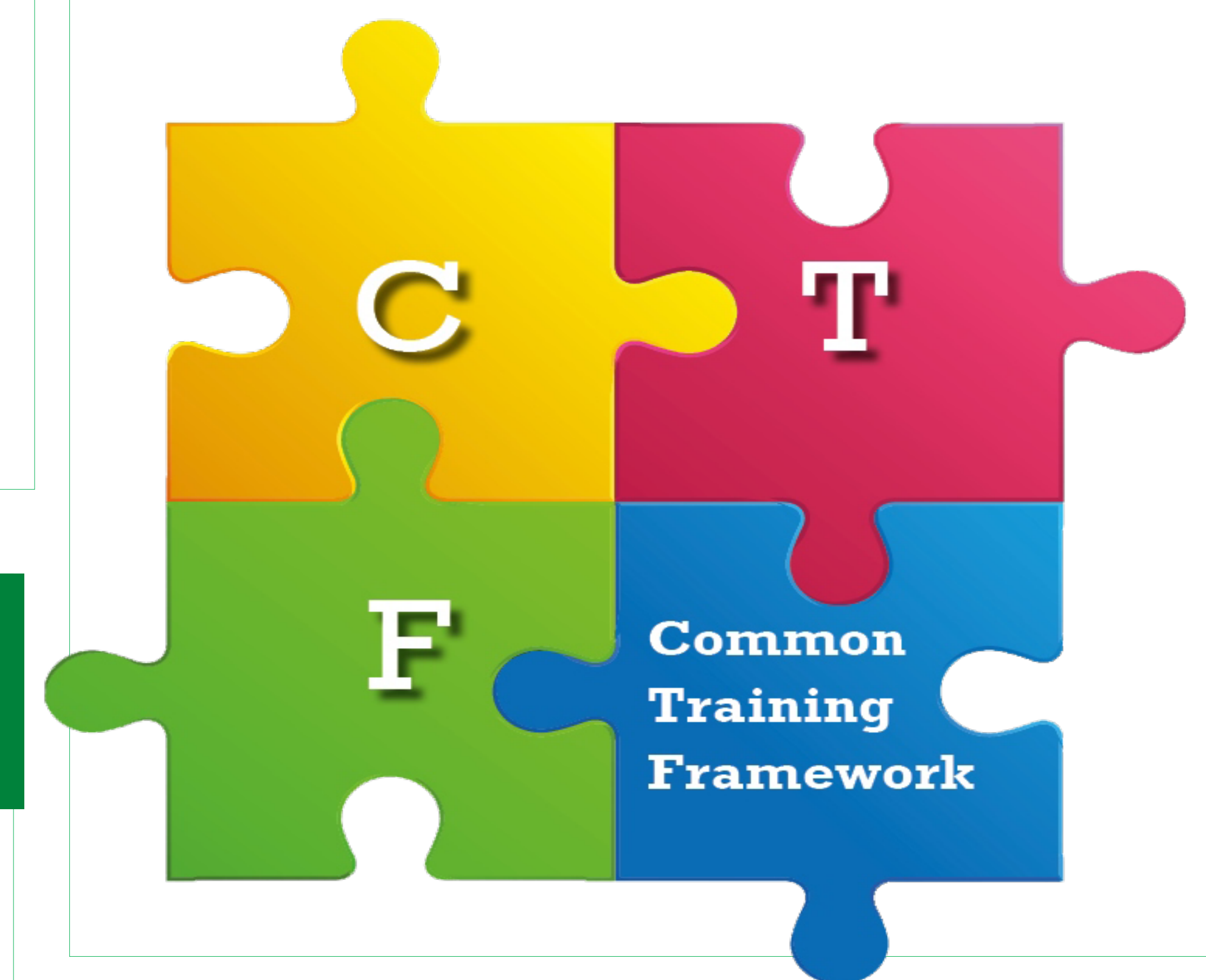
- Develop a framework via a working group consisting of hospital pharmacists from across Europe.
- Review of the framework through an online Delphi consultation involving other healthcare professionals.
- Creation of 3 Working Groups and a steering committee to work on the project.
- Engage with national authorities and relevant stakeholders to obtain their support for the project.
- Creation of a project plan to make CTF a reality

RESULTS

- EAHP adopted a final framework in 2017 containing 24 competences, 87 knowledge items and 136 behaviour competences.
- EAHP has support from all its 35 national member associations (via endorsement letters)
- 1st CTF Meeting of national authorities took place at 24th EAHP Congress in Barcelona (March 2019)
- EAHP has gathered relevant information on national hospital pharmacy specialisations programmes
- EAHP has developed project plan to move forward including the development of a CTF Roadmap

AIM

The aim of the Common Training Framework (CTF) for hospital pharmacy is to achieve automatic professional qualification recognition for hospital pharmacists across EU countries



CONCLUSION

The CTF Project (reflecting national and regional realities) meets the need identified for training in competencies required to achieve the level of practice identified in the European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy. This will lead to improved patient care. Additionally, the free movement of specialised hospital pharmacists will be enabled.