



EAFP

European Association of Faculties of Pharmacy

EAFP Strategic Document

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Context

EAFP was founded by a group of pharmacy academics in 1992 in Paris with a main objective to promote exchange among teaching staff and students and thus providing a European dimension to pharmacy education. Review of curricula content amongst European schools of pharmacy was regularly carried out and EAFP has been active in contributing to the development and updates related to the European Union Directives on pharmacy education and training and the professional mobility of pharmacists.

Mission

To lead advancement of pharmacy education and research reflecting developments in pharmacy and the needs of patients and citizens in a healthy society.

Vision

Pharmacy education is a driver for innovations in pharmaceutical sciences and a skill-based transformation in pharmacy practice.

Purpose

- Support members in their efforts to develop resources, effective methods of teaching and learning, broad and balanced curricula and undertake quality assurance of sustainable education
- Contribute to harmonized quality standards for the structure and outcomes of pharmacy education
- Advocate for evolvments in pharmacy education required as a result of changes in pharmacy and in healthcare ecosystems so as to ensure graduate relevance and preparedness
- Promote collaboration and exchange between fields of expertise in teaching and research in pharmacy faculties and schools
- Connect with the European Union to represent academic pharmacy and follow-up on discussions

related to pharmacy education, research and advanced practice

- Collaborate with European and international organizations to establish a dialogue at the regional and global level that focuses on a comprehensive outlook for pharmacy education, science and advanced practice

Priorities

The following priorities will be operationalized and formulated in a SMART manner, taking into account the required advanced practice skills for pharmacists with an increasing role in primary health care and the various health objectives formulated by European and international organizations. Goals are therefore specific, measurable, acceptable and realistic and also linked to a detailed framework to support monitoring and evaluation.

Leading the transformation of pharmacy education

Goal: Foster a culture of change in pharmacy education by supporting competency development frameworks and expand experiential learning

Goal: Accelerate digital innovations and embrace useful aspects of generative AI for improvement in problem-based learning

Goal: Provide support for the development of patient-oriented pharmacy education

Optimizing post-graduate education and research opportunities

Goal: Stimulate development of post-graduate opportunities and continuous education that are responsive to pharmaceutical workforce needs

Goal: Develop and promote mechanisms of research collaboration and joint grant applications between members

Ensuring sustainability in the pharmaceutical workforce

Goal: Create forums with European organizations to mobilize a joint-effort that addresses pharmaceutical workforce needs

Goal: Catalyze efforts that increase capacity building in academia, pharmaceutical sciences and pharmacy practice

Visibility of the Association at individual member level

Goal: Increase awareness about opportunities with individual membership

Goal: Create crystallization nuclei amongst individual members to promote corporate partnerships

Strengthening operations of EAFP

Goal: Investigate mechanisms for legal and administrative support

Goal: Evaluate and apply changes to optimize technology, digitalization and communication strategies with members

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