



ISPOR CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE NETWORK

Protocol

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The **ISPOR Central & Eastern Europe Network** (herein refer to as: ISPOR CEE Network) is a group of ISPOR Regional Chapters formed within the organizational structure of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR). The ISPOR CEE Network is represented by researchers, who specialize in the pharmacoeconomics (health economics) and patient health outcomes, as well as those interested in the use of the science in health care decisions in Central and Eastern Europe.

Mission

The mission of the **ISPOR Central & Eastern Europe Network** is consistent with the mission of ISPOR, which promotes the advancement of pharmacoeconomics (health economics) and outcomes research and encourages the efficiency, effectiveness, and fairness of health care to improve health. Furthermore, it facilitates the translation of pharmacoeconomics (health economics) and patient health outcomes research into useful information for health care decision-makers at all levels.

Objectives

The **ISPOR Central & Eastern Europe Network** plays a significant role among the research community, health care professionals, and other research, regulatory, and educational groups in the CEE countries. Through its activities it contributes to strengthening health care systems and building health care resources in Central and Eastern Europe by:

- Supporting the use, understanding and the development of pharmacoeconomics (health economics) and patient health outcomes by providing educational and hands-on training opportunities on the most current research methods and techniques in CEE countries.
- Encourage the use of pharmacoeconomics and outcomes research in the health care decision-making process in the region
- Encourage the submission of original research and policy manuscripts to *Value in Health Regional Issues (ViHRI) for publication in the ViHRI issue focusing on Central & Eastern Europe, Western Asia and Africa.*
- Support the efficient and equitable allocation of scarce health care resource allocation in the CEE region.
- Promote the development of health technology assessment (HTA) agencies in Central and Eastern Europe in order to ensure effective use of pharmacoeconomic (health economic) and outcomes research methods in health technology assessment in decision-making.

- Promote education of the science that evaluates the effect of health care interventions on patient well-being, including: clinical outcomes, economic outcomes, and patient-reported outcomes.
- Enhance networking and scientific collaboration among regional research community in the CEE countries.
- Develop ISPOR CEE Network Newsletter to provide updates on health policies, education, research, regional development and achievements in the CEE region.
- Promote ISPOR in the CEE region as a leading scientific organization in the field of health economics and outcomes research.
- Support ISPOR development and growth in the CEE countries.
- Establish new ISPOR Regional Chapters in the CEE region.
- Provide an opportunity for ISPOR members to share their knowledge and expertise with health care professionals in the CEE region.

Membership

The **ISPOR Central & Eastern Europe Network** consists of the ISPOR CEE Regional Chapters members. The ISPOR CEE Regional Chapters members are responsible for facilitating and executing the objectives of ISPOR Central & Eastern Europe Network. Members of the **ISPOR Central & Eastern Europe Network** represent all members from ISPOR Regional Chapters from the following countries: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey and Ukraine.

Membership is open to all researchers, health care practitioners, health technology providers, and health care decision-makers who are members of an ISPOR Regional Chapter in the CEE region: ISPOR Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Republic of Macedonia, Romania, Russia, Russia HTA, Serbia, Slovakia, Turkish SCP and Ukraine Chapters. Upon the development of new ISPOR Regional Chapters in the region, new members will be included.

ISPOR membership is not a criterion for membership in the **ISPOR Central & Eastern Europe Network**, but is highly recommended to facilitate the growth of pharmacoconomics and outcomes research in the CEE region.

Leadership

The leadership of the CEE Network is the Central & Eastern Europe Network Executive Committee, which is composed of the current President of each ISPOR Regional Chapter in Central and Eastern Europe. The Executive Committee is the governing body of the ISPOR CEE Network and is responsible for the development of the ISPOR CEE Network. The Executive Committee may have 2 additional co-chairs, who should be elected from and by the Executive Committee members. The committee chair is an elected position. The term of a chair (co-chairs) position is 2 years and runs from July 1 to June 30. All chairs must reside in the region. In addition, the chair of to be developed CEE Network working committee can serve on the CEE Network Executive Committee.