

SAFETY

simulation for medical practice

SIMULATION APPROACH FOR
EDUCATION AND TRAINING
IN EMERGENCY



SAFETY Work Package 4

R4.1. Official declaration that ECTS procedure is accomplished

Lead partner: EICD



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Regarding the Task 4.1 "Activation of the internal procedures for the ECTS recognition", it resulted that for each academic partner there could be a different approach given internal/national rules about ECTS accreditation.

Specifically, **T4.1** mentions: "Universities will take all the necessary steps for fulfilling the internal procedures for having the ECTS recognition. This will be done for the pilot phase, but it will be also taken into consideration for the project sustainability, i.e. the following editions of the SAFETY training course for the years to come."

Every academic partner, after an internal evaluation of the respective procedure for ECTS accreditation came with some considerations about the real execution of this task.

Please find below the different status about ECTS and solutions that each academic partner has proposed.

Stavanger University - Norway

They wanted to ensure that the e-learning courses were included in relevant subjects and in relevant study programs (ie. Bachelor in Nursing, Bachelor in Paramedics, and Master in Midwifery), although the subjects included in a study program are revised once a year, and the next revision will take place this fall. (not enough time considering the project end by end Jan 2024).

Ludwig Maximilians Universität München - Germany

As medical studies are not in Bologna format, there are no ECTS points, so they couldn't apply for recognition of any, although they may look for an alternative solution to exploit SAFETY training material.

Hospital Clinic of Barcelona - Spain

Since the SAFETY program is not an official training program, the recognition itinerary may vary from one center to another.

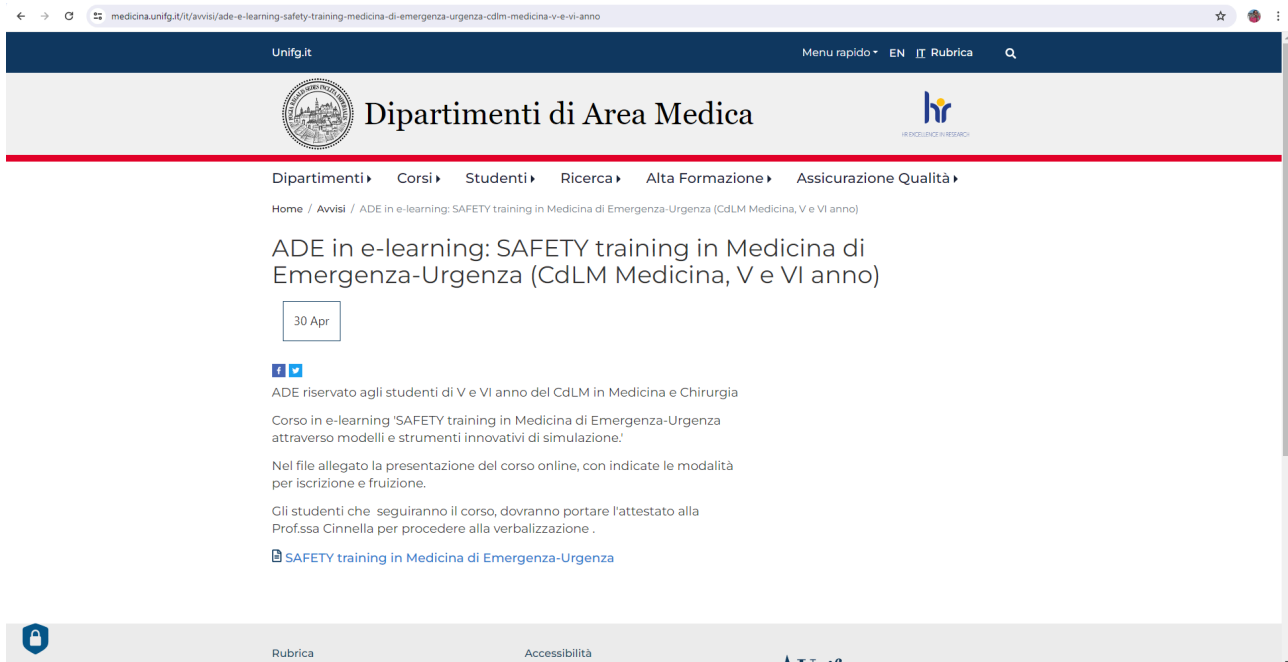
They planned to process the accreditation of SAFETY training material through the University of Barcelona although the process for activating the internal process to request the evaluation of the credit recognition commission of the university is quite long and so far they have not completed it.

University of Foggia - Italy

The University has applied for the internal ECTS recognition to introduce the SAFETY material in the Emergency courses for students and residents of medicine and nursing field, as specified in the T4.1, although it required several internal steps for getting approval (on 14/03/2024 discussed by the UniFG Board of Quality Assurance of the Master's Degree Course in Medicine and Surgery, then ratified by the Department Council of Medical and Surgical Sciences in the session of 04/04/2024 prot. 197582-II/8 of 04/08/2024 Rep. Department Council Resolutions n. 327/2024 ,) the final decision and publishing online was done by 30th April 2024. Now the SAFETY elearning platform and training material is included in the

courses for medical and nurses of the University of Foggia as extra material to be taken in e-learning mode and corresponding to 2 University Credits (about 20 hrs). Moreover, the SAFETY material and platform is also promoted and used by the Erasmus visiting students for the emergency course to be used as supporting training material.

A screenshot and the link of the material available online to students of UniFG here follows:



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the UniFG website. The address bar shows the URL: <https://www.medicina.unifg.it/it/avvisi/ade-e-learning-safety-training-medicina-di-emergenza-urgenza-cdlm-medicina-v-e-vi-anno>. The page header includes the UniFG logo and the text 'Dipartimenti di Area Medica'. Below the header is a navigation menu with items: Dipartimenti, Corsi, Studenti, Ricerca, Alta Formazione, and Assicurazione Qualità. The main content area features the title 'ADE in e-learning: SAFETY training in Medicina di Emergenza-Urgenza (CdLM Medicina, V e VI anno)' and a date '30 Apr'. There are social media icons for Facebook and Twitter. The text below the icons reads: 'ADE riservato agli studenti di V e VI anno del CdLM in Medicina e Chirurgia. Corso in e-learning 'SAFETY training in Medicina di Emergenza-Urgenza attraverso modelli e strumenti innovativi di simulazione.' Nel file allegato la presentazione del corso online, con indicate le modalità per iscrizione e fruizione. Gli studenti che seguiranno il corso, dovranno portare l'attestato alla Prof.ssa Cinnella per procedere alla verbalizzazione.' A link 'SAFETY training in Medicina di Emergenza-Urgenza' is provided. The footer contains 'Rubrica' and 'Accessibilità'.

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Emergency Institute for Cardiovascular Diseases “Prof Dr CC Iliescu”- Romania

They are an academic hospital affiliated to the Bucharest “Carol Davila” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, without an autonomous programme for student teaching and implementation of ECTS accredited modules. At this time, they have significant difficulty implementing such a programme and adding it to the University curriculum.

Given that their main teaching at this time, in addition to medical students, is done in relation to medical residents, they have found that a potential alternative would be to accredit the on-line course through the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME), an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists. As medical residents are still considered trainees (and assimilated to young physicians in training), this would be attractive and efficient for this target group, which is part of the original target group of the SAFETY project.

The aforementioned decision came from a series of internal discussions, also in agreement with the EACEA Project Officer that was informed about the solution proposed.

During the meeting in person held in Bucharest, on 28th March 2023, the SAFETY partners had the opportunity to discuss different aspects of the project implementation in relation to the task 4.1 objective and agreed on starting the procedure for the EACCME accreditation, supported and managed by the partner EICD that proposed to take care of this application.

Description of the accreditation

The project description assumed that all University partners will undergo procedures for ECTS recognition of the SAFETY project.

This was discussed in several physical (Bucharest, Barcelona, Foggia) and virtual meetings, at the initiative of EICD, as lead partners.

However, all University partners concluded formal ECTS recognition and implementation in university curriculum is very difficult, and for some impossible.

For example, the ECTS system is inapplicable in Germany. Furthermore, EICD, as an Academic Hospital, cannot get ECTS recognition from the University it is affiliated to, as it does not directly teach students and does not influence curricular policy. Also, UiS is not a medical university, making it difficult to implement ECTS accreditation.

Thus, EICD proposed, and all other partners approved the alternate system of accreditation of the platform through European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME), an institution of Union Européenne des Médecins Spécialistes (UEMS).

The EACCME accreditation is a ubiquitous platform, used in medical and paramedical on-site learning and e-learning, used throughout Europe for proving graduation of medical courses, which gives credits based on an independent evaluation and with strict quality control procedures.

The SAFETY platform will greatly benefit in prestige and visibility by using this means of accreditation.

EICD will complete the application for EACCME accreditation of the E-learning platform for the years 2024-2025.

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