

THE BUDAPEST COMMITMENTS – project document

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Background information is available on the EAPC website:

(<http://www.eapcnet.org/congresses/Budapest2007/Budapest2007Commitments.htm>)

Country **Greece**

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Organisation **Hellenic Association for Pain Control & Palliative Care (HAPCPC)**

EAPC Collective member

If not, give a short description of the organisation

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Short description of the underlying problems that the commitments are aimed at

Lack of the availability of other strong opioids except for transdermal fentanyl and all forms of morphine.

Difficulties concerning prescription of opioids in chronic non-cancer patients.

Despite the fact that many efforts have been made, unfortunately palliative care has not been recognized as a medical or nursing specialization

Palliative care is already in the curriculum for medical and nursing students in undergraduate University schools but there is still a lack of training in undergraduate education for the other health care professionals (i.e. psychologists, social workers, etc.).

Description of commitments (if more than one please list, please try to define clear, realistic and measurable goals for each commitment)

1. The extension of Palliative care in all over Greece; Development of palliative care units, hospices, home care.

2. Palliative Care should be included officially in the National Health System

3. Clinical research in all aspects of palliative care should be expanded

Goal, measurement of success and time (please list at least one outcome measurement for each commitment)

1. Official agreement with the Municipality of Athens for the development of an organized home care system (clinical practice of health care professionals and education) are continued for the expansion of home care. December 2007.

2. Our society proposals for palliative care services development across the country were included in the "National Cancer Action Plan", March 2008

3. The increment of the published manuscripts in peer reviewed journals. 2007

4. Seminars and lectures are continued. January 2008-

Short description of methodology and working process

We participate in the "National Cancer Action Plan" of the Ministry of Health for health care professionals' education and training aiming to the expansion of Palliative Care in the National level

In collaboration or cooperation with other organisations



Names of other organisations

Pain Relief & Palliative Care Unit, School of Medicine University of Athens

Jenny Karezi Foundation

Volunteers Company Against cancer-"Agaliozo"

Association of Autoimmune Diseases "Thalia"

Municipality of Athens