Group N°4: Remote assessments (incl. logbooks)

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## Group 4: Remote assessments: Current use, challenges and limitations

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<td><strong>Remote mentoring</strong></td>
<td>1. NO remote mentoring</td>
<td>. Data base of National mentors . Specific training on mentoring . Facilitate exchange of mentors across countries . Rewards</td>
<td>Geographic challenges for training Rewarding is national-based and not ESC dependent</td>
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<td>2. Some countries have:</td>
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<td>. Local mentors but</td>
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<td>. Without specific training</td>
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<td>. Most of them Not rewarded</td>
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<td><strong>Remote exit certification</strong></td>
<td>1. NO</td>
<td>Coordinate and harmonize general Cardiology certification at national and European level</td>
<td>In most of European Countries certification programs are dependent on National Medical Boards or Health Ministries who are not interested in the possibility of losing control of this process</td>
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<td>2. Some countries have:</td>
<td>Development of CME digital recorded activity and metrics</td>
<td>At a national level this is not a requirement for most of the countries, so the need is not individually perceived</td>
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<td>. Mandatory exit certification</td>
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<td>. Final exam with an appointed national jury</td>
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<td>3. NO CME peer or national assessed (except UK)</td>
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<td><strong>Logbook</strong></td>
<td>Not Digital (some mandatory directly-observed procedural skills and paper logbooks)</td>
<td>Digital recording to be certified by local directors</td>
<td>National Medical Board or health ministry would keep in their role in the selection of local directors</td>
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<td><strong>Using ESCel</strong></td>
<td>Few using!</td>
<td>. Have to create the need . Invest on a better platform</td>
<td>Technical problems (ex: convert to PDF) . Lack of national mentors . Not mandatory - usefulness perception</td>
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Remote assessments: Opportunities for the future & role of the ESC

Harmonizing EU education through digital means:

- **Remote mentoring**
  a) training mentors program; b) remote mentors list available in a ESC platform; c) Reward?

- **Certification (cardiologists in training)**
  a) ESCel – implement its value through recognition from NCS and National Medical boards
  b) European exam (EEGC) implementation: as a **first step of the final certification** a “EEGC = assumed as “a certification of knowledge” and keeping the final part (proficiency certification) within the medical national boards / health ministries
  c) ESC approach to NCS and National Medical Boards to introduce the EEGC exam as part of the national certification program
    - European opinion leaders to make scientific and practical advertisement
    - Through European commission
  d) ESC Exam Promotion:
    - as reward: full membership as a ESC reward or
    - as a obstacle: being needed for grants application or for taking part into working groups or associations boards in collaboration with NCS through NCS Congress – prime time “joint sessions”
    e) ESC EXAM translation into English / French / German (usefulness – doubts!) Need to listen to French and German representatives

- **Re-certification (cardiologists in practice)**
  a) structured self-assessment trough credits obtained in CME (every 4 yrs)

- **Logbook** – digital; more practical; standardized; numbers have to be equalized even in countries that have less than 4 years of Cardiology training but follow the ESC Core Curriculum
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Remote mentoring

ESC/NCS Training mentors program
Remote mentors list available in a ESC platform

Remote testing and certification

Cardiologists in training
Coordinate and harmonize general Cardiology certification at national and European level (ESCel, European exam in General Cardiology) through NCS and National Medical Chambers and Health Ministries

Cardiologists in-practice
Development of CME digital recorded activity and metrics, standardized and structured

E-Logbook

Digital
More practical
Standardized across countries