

Where we stand in EFORT

*Engaging with the new EU regulatory landscape for medical devices.
Challenges & opportunities*



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Patients first – patient safety



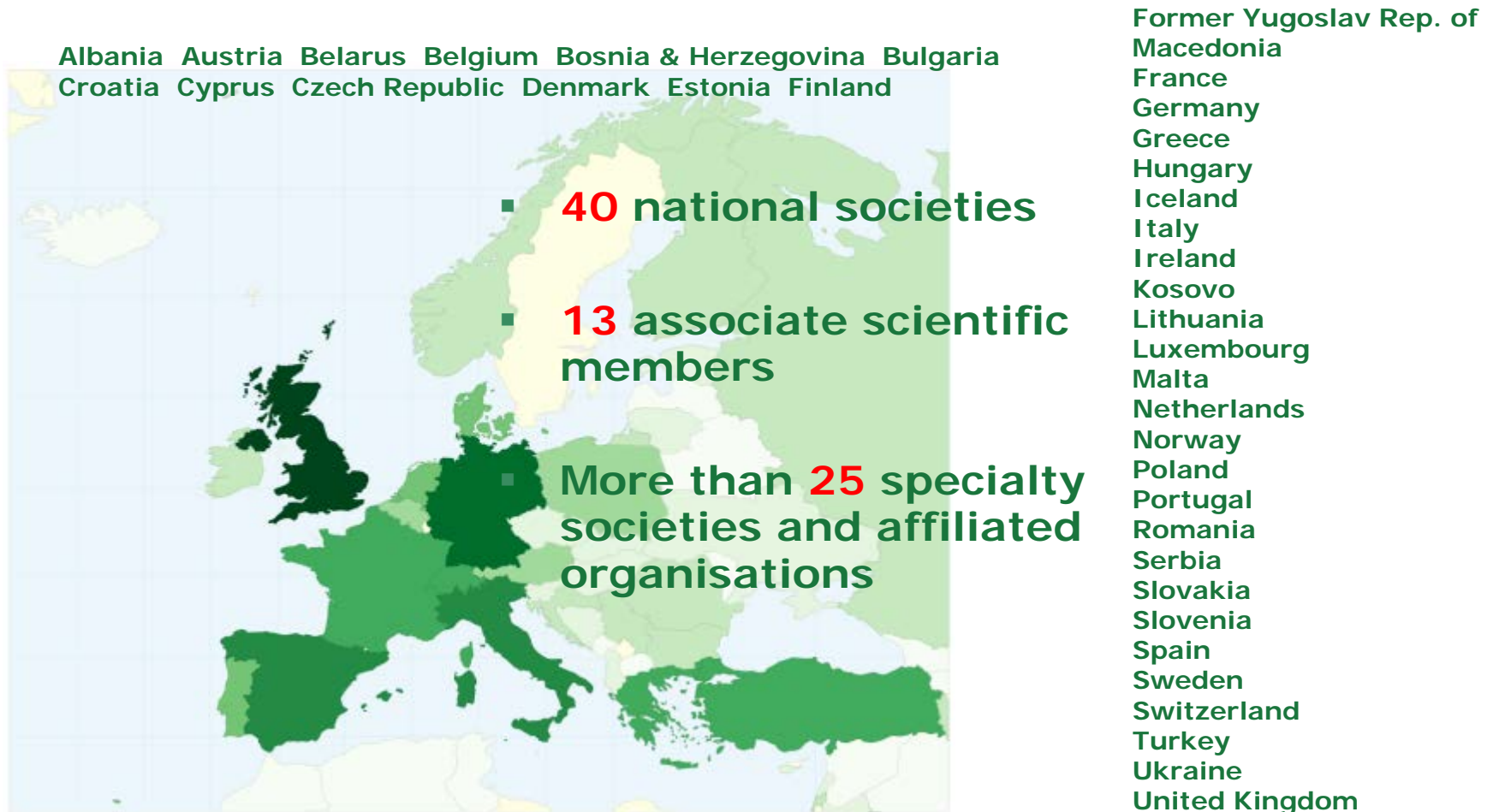
EFORT – European Federation of National Associations of Orthopaedics and Traumatology

The idea of creating a European federation to link all the national orthopaedic societies in Europe came up in 1991.

Today **EFORT** is the platform organisation of the European national orthopaedic scientific societies, including links to many speciality societies.

- ⇒ more than 35'000 individual members – orthopaedists and traumatologists - from the National Member Societies build up the **EFORT** community.
- ⇒ **EFORT** organises congresses, educational programme, travelling & visiting fellowships, fora and publishes a range of scientific publications.

EFORT is the **only** platform organisation linking Europe's national orthopaedic associations



Mission and Vision

Mission

EFORT works with the European O & T community to restore and secure mobility, musculoskeletal health and quality of life for the European population.

Vision

EFORT is the platform organization working on behalf of Europe's national orthopaedic associations linking with European specialty societies and international societies. The aim is to promote the exchange of scientific knowledge, experience in the field of prevention and both the conservative and surgical treatment of diseases and injuries concerning the musculoskeletal system.

Key action areas (EFORT's 4 pillars)

1 Education

- **Setting-up of European Orthopaedic & Traumatology Education Platform (EOTEP).**

2 Research / Investigation

- **Facilitate and disseminate** existing work / projects in the field of **translational research** to contribute to better practice.

3 Harmonize guidelines / clinical standards

- Guidelines are designed to **support the decision-making processes** in patient care. The content of a guideline is based on a systematic review of clinical evidence - the main source for evidence-based care.

4 European Health Policy

- Becoming the **platform and voice for discussion and promotion in EU Affairs** related to Orthopaedics and Traumatology.

Goals in EFORT

- Support safe and timely treatment of all patients in the European Orthopaedic Community
- In the world of multiple implant options, EFORT support and will ask to be involved in initiatives to guide colleagues and authorities in selecting the best and most safe implant solution for our patients

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- EFORT therefore look for initiatives to improve patients treatment – and to reduce complexity when judgment of a given implant is needed
- EFORT welcome all initiatives where patients safety is in front.

EFORT Basic

- HO i Rolle, Switzerland
- Active Board
- Easy communication to all 40 National Societies
- Specialty Society Committee
 - EHS, ESSKA, Eurospine
- NORE Committee

- Huge network of experts to support our **activities**