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Accreditation of micro-e-learning – workshop summary and future perspectives

- 1. All content has to be accredited before eligibility for use as micro-e-learning can be considered
- 2. Provider must be able to
 - unequivocally identify participant
 - track participation time down to seconds
 - sum up participation times for indefinite instances of participation
 - document and store each participation (time of attendance and topic)
 - store cumulative time of attendance for at least five years
 - issue a certificate to the participant, which details a) total time of attendance, b) topics searched and c) time of attendance by topic.
- 3. Providers have the choice to apply for
 - accreditation of educational units with a duration of less than 1 hour
 - accreditation of **micro-e-learning** only or
 - **recognition of both** for the same educational material
- 4. Educational units with a duration of less than 1 hour
 - must have a minimum duration of **20 minutes and each unit has to go with 6 mcqs** (with a pass rate of 4/6)
 - working on the same unit is prohibited for a time period of at least 4 weeks (except for micro-e-learning in case of double recognition, see below)
 - providers have to sum up the number of units studied/ total time of attendance (this documentation will be made available for the accreditor per calendar year) and
 - issue a certificate to the participant whenever applied for by the participant
 - after each certificate the process of accumulation of educational units/ total time of attendance will be restarted
 - certificates show total time of attendance and number of CME points
 - in order to be awarded with at least one point the participant needs a total time of attendance of **60** minutes.
 - total number of CME points equals total time of attendance: 60.
 - if the remaining time of attendance is at least 45 minutes another full CME point will be awarded

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5. Micro-e-learning:

- needs to be started by posing a clinical question
- may comprise times of attendance from 10 seconds up to 10 minutes
- after 10 minutes the system automatically stops participation
- providers have to sum up the topics studied, time per topic and total time of attendance (this documentation will be made available for the accreditor per calendar year) and
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- 6. If providers apply for both modalities, as described under 4. and 5., they have to follow all principles as outlined under 4. and 5., respectively. While working on the same educational unit with a duration of less than 1 hour is prohibited for 4 weeks, use of the same educational material for micro-e-learning is possible at all times.
- 7. Evaluation: EBAC will develop an evaluation form for micro-e-learning, to be filled before a certificate of attendance will be issued.
- 8. Fees: Accreditation fees will principally be calculated on a lump sum basis.