



State Professional Recognition WG – SPRWG

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1. European VAT number

We would like to highlight an important result in terms of professional recognition promoted by a member of our working group, Monica Re, Apid President, and by the Italian DMT association.

The attribution of a specific NACE VAT CODE (86.909.02) to Dance Movement Therapy

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/documents/3859598/21633320/KS-GQ-24-007-EN-N.pdf/c7bf48f9-cd00-8fe4-1231-d4a1e4c695a2?version=2.0&t=1749550190937>

The inclusion of attribution of this VAT code specific to DMT and art therapy in this VAT code (86.99 Other human health activities) is a big step forward on the path to professional recognition. It is a code that will be fully operational in spring 2025. It indicates a particular type of services related to personal health. Under the same code we find Art Therapy.

1. Mapping DMT survey

The working group focused mainly on the survey on the mapping of places and institutions offering DMT in Europe and its launch in some member countries.

Our work consisted in refining our survey.

In particular, The creation of a video presentation and promotion of the survey, which we come up at the last GA, generated considerable interest in the project among professionals across Europe:

<https://youtube.com/shorts/sNAEGhilZmw?feature=share>

The list of countries currently involved is as follows:

1. Belgium
2. Italy
3. Czech Republic
4. UK
5. Hungary
6. Lithuania
7. Spain
8. Poland
9. Holland
10. Finland

In order to advance this research, we organised several meetings with the countries involved and also provided support via email, sharing links and giving support for the translation of the questionnaire in countries where English is not commonly used among professionals.

As announced last year in the GA, our group felt the need to involve a researcher who could play an advisory and support role. We were in search of a professional who could help us to improve the previous questionnaire, making the gathered data useful for a research, and at the same time to help us analysing the results in the best way. In particular, Prof. Dr. Marianna Siino of the University LUMSA of Palermo, an expert in this type of survey, was identified.

We feel the need to remind you of the long process that led to the following methodological choices.

The survey project began in the 2021-2022 association year and then developed in several stages, as part of a specific research project, through testing, remodelling and specific consultations.

Finally, everything took on a definitive form. :

The initial questionnaire was reorganised into two separate questionnaires:

- The first one addressed to all registered DMTs professionals aimed at identifying the places of institutional practice and those of private practice
- The second one reserved for institutions, to collect a range of information about the DMT practice carried on, type of users, etc.

The survey foresees two distinct steps:

- 1° The administration of the questionnaire 1 to DMTs professionals only, having as a result a list of places of practice in each country.
- 2° On the basis of final places of practice list, the administration of the questionnaire 2 to institutions, followed by data processing and publication and dissemination of the list.

The survey with DMT professionals is currently underway in 10 countries that first showed their interest and readiness for this first phase:

The questionnaire in English has been translated into some national languages to facilitate comprehension and compilation (Italy, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Spain and other countries).

In 2023, The EADMT board and the GA were informed of the various stages of the project and the need of a researcher to process the 's data. Therefore the possibility of having a budget available to offer compensation, which appeared possible last year when this matter was raised once again during our group's report to the GA.

In the past, we also had a board-level representative who followed our work, which gave us the opportunity for more immediate sharing.

The Google form we used is a flexible and practical tool for data collection, but it does not allow for the necessary cleaning and encoding of the data collected so that it can be used according to criteria of scientific accuracy.

Last spring, in addition to holding internal meetings within our WG, we extended our meetings to the survey representatives for the 9 countries.

We therefore asked researcher Dr Marianan Siino to better quantify her commitment and her possible budget.

At the time of writing, the results are not yet available due to a delay in the initiation phase. The timeline was impacted by extended discussions around budget approval, which have since been resolved. Although the budget was formally confirmed on 25 July, the timing did not allow for the initial data analysis we had hoped to share with all members.

With the necessary resources now in place, we are moving forward and expect to deliver results in the upcoming months. In the meantime, we are pleased to provide the list of countries involved and outline the type of analysis planned.

We deeply appreciate your continued support and trust in the work undertaken, and remain confident that the survey can be extended to all EADMT member countries.

This first phase is proving to be very positive and interesting, and technical difficulties we had at the beginning have been overcome.

So a warm invitation to all delegates present at the GA to contact us and start the survey also in their own country, all our WG is available during the next days for any information or questions. The invitation is also extended to attend the SPRWG meeting!

Vincenzo Puxeddu

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Please important:

Here is a presentation of the survey, which you have already received, but it may be useful to have it in your sights.

What is this survey about?

We aim to map as many European Institutions as possible (including psychiatric and medical hospitals, schools, asylums, psychosocial rehabilitation centers, etc.) that employ recognized Dance Movement but also private professional practices.

This important data will provide EADMT network and each member association an overview of local and European field of dance movement therapy. We believe that each member association can benefit from the collected data. To measure is to know. Concrete data is informative and very useful in the light of visibility for our beautiful profession and can be used for various purposes related to professional recognition processes.

Firstly, by joining the data we design a powerful tool to facilitate the process of state recognition. After all, a document that lists DMT positions in a variety of settings, demonstrates its value and significance within social and mental health care. Secondly, the same tool will enhance one's personal search for an internship or job position, locally or abroad.

Who can fill the questionnaire?

The questionnaire refers to places where DMT practice (public or private institutions, health, social, cultural, schools, private practice-cabinets) is offered by a registered dance movement therapist.

The DMT practitioner may be in contact with an institution or place of practice with different status or working relationships:

- full-time employee

- part-time employee
- freelance

The relationship with these places or institutions may vary in duration and frequency, but to be part of our survey, there must be a regularity of relationship:

- it may therefore be a stable relationship throughout the year, or it may involve different moments during the year (e.g., interventions carried out during a certain number of weekends or only in certain months, but with a certain regularity over the years).

If the DMT practitioner operates in several institutions, locations, spaces he/she should fill out several forms for each practice location, including his/her personal practice if he/she has one.

How will the questionnaire be disseminated?

Each EADMT member, through its Board, will be able to join this project by appointing a National Research Officer for this Survey, who can be the EADMT delegate her/him, deputy or another professional, by notifying the EADMT SPRWG Coordinator.

It will be the responsibility of this person to arrange for the questionnaire to be sent out to all registered DMT professionals, together with an accompanying letter with instructions for completion, the link to the Google form for online completion, and the deadline for completion..

The national responsible (National Research Officer) gives her/his availability to provide further information and support to DMTs in his country in close contact with the EADMT SPRWG

How will the questionnaire be processed?

The SPRWG will take care of the processing of the data both at the global European level and per individual country and will therefore be able to provide this processing, which will be useful for mapping the places of practice in an individual country and some data on the working reality of DMTs professionals

As illustrated above, survey uses 2 questionnaires:

- The first one addressed to all registered DMTs professionals aimed at identifying the places of institutional practice and those of private practice*
- The second reserved for institutions to collect a range of information on DMT practice, type of users, etc.*

The survey foresees two distinct time steps:

1° The administration of the questionnaire 1 to DMTs professions

2° On the basis of the list of places of practice, the administration of the questionnaire 2 to institutions, followed by data processing and publication and dissemination of the list.

We thank you in advance for your support and cooperation, and we are available for any further information.

We need your help for develop and complete our survey!

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As a courtesy, it would be important to officially receive the name of the chosen person from the National Board, and his/her contact details by to start the survey in your country.