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Reports of informal working groups

Report on the sixth meeting of the informal working group on e-learning

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I. Introduction

1. The informal working group on e-learning (IWG) met during the Joint Meeting in March 2024. The IWG continued to review the draft text as presented in informal documents 7 and 29.
2. The draft text was amended as follows:
 - The definitions on remote training and e-learning apply to the training according to chapter 8.2, thus the definitions should be inserted in this chapter.
 - The definition of remote training was amended to match better the definition of e-learning.
 - The text does not contain timely limits for e-learning, only the practical exercise has to be delivered as training in present. However, the competent authority may limit the share/duration of e-learning.
 - Text on requirements regarding the software, the access control and quality elements was removed because these aspects are not regulated either for training delivered in presence.
 - However, these are aspects which should be considered by the competent authority for the approval. In future, the relevant criteria to be considered for the approval of training could be included in a guideline to assist competent authorities.
 - Consequential amendments were identified and the draft text for ADR was finalised.

II. Further action

3. The IWG conformed the following on-line session (seventh) to be held on 29 April 2024 at 1 p.m. CET (Webex). At this meeting, the IWG will start to work on text for the ADN. Participants are requested to inform and invite their ADN-experts accordingly.

ANNEX

Draft: E-learning in ADR refresher training programme

Insert definitions in 8.2 ADR:

After the heading insert a note to read as follows:

“Note: For the purpose of this chapter:

- “e-learning” means asynchronous teaching conducted with information and communication technology (ICT) tools where trainees and trainers are separated in both space and time; and

- “remote training” means synchronous teaching conducted with information and communication technology (ICT) tools where trainees and trainers communicate simultaneously at the same time and are separated in space.”

Insert a new 8.2.2.5.4 in the ADR:

“8.2.2.5.4 A refresher training course may include training delivered in person, remote training, e-learning, or a combination of these. Individual practical exercises according to 8.2.2.3.8 shall not be delivered as e-learning or remote training. The theoretical part of the training shall not be delivered entirely as e-learning.”

Consequential amendments:

8.2.2.3 Structure of training

8.2.2.3.6 At the end, add the following sentence “The training units may be divided into shorter sessions.”

8.2.2.4 Initial training programme

At the end, insert a new paragraph:

“8.2.2.4.3 Initial training may be delivered as in person training, remote training, or a combination of these. Individual practical exercises according to 8.2.2.3.8 shall not be delivered as remote training.”

8.2.2.6 Approval of training

8.2.2.6.5 Amend (b) to read as follows:

“(b) The competent authority shall be granted the right to access the training courses and examinations;”