**Regulatory Model**

The Croatian Council of Physiotherapists (CCP) is an independent professional organization founded by the Act on Physiotherapy Activity. It is a legal entity with public authorities and it represents the interests of physiotherapists in the Republic of Croatia.

CCP:
- Holds the register of its members,
- Gives, restores and removes the licensees for the independent work,
- Performs supervision over the work of physiotherapists,
- Conducts the procedure of recognition of foreign qualifications.

**Model Description**

Physiotherapy is regulated by the Act on Physiotherapy Activity in the Republic of Croatia. However, CCP sets details with regard to the licensees of the physiotherapists, for the physiotherapists training, competence etc. Furthermore, CCP regulates a whole series of issues related to physiotherapy activity, work and the functioning of the CCP.

The titles "Physiotherapist" is protected by law.

The Law sets the standard of education for physiotherapists in its Article 7. -Which proscribes that - "The basic education is acquired by completion of physiotherapy studies which ensure a high level of education in accordance with regulations in the field of high education"

The conditions for issuing the license to a physiotherapist are as follows:
- Completion of physiotherapy study,
- one year of internship,
- passing the exam within the Ministry of Health,
- Registration in the CPP.

CCP issues a license for six years. Continuous professional development (CPD) is an obligation for every physiotherapist. Physiotherapists collect points during these six years
through CPD which means that physiotherapist attend the professional trainings, seminars, educations, participate as the lecturers in the educations, write professional articles and publish their works etc. The physiotherapist must collect 120 points upon expiry of a license period (six years) and their license cannot be restored if they did not collect 120 points. However, if they did not collect 120 points, they can restore their license after passing the competence exam within CCP.