## COMITÉ PERMANENT DE LIAISON DES ORTHOPHONISTES-LOGOPÈDES DE L'UNION EUROPÉENNE



## STANDING LIAISON COMMITTEE OF E.U. SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPISTS AND LOGOPEDISTS

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## Extension of validity-period of the "Modellklausel" until 2027

## **Position Statement**

CPLOL is the Standing Liaison Committee of Speech and Language Therapists/Logopedists in Europe, established in 1988 and representing over 90.000 Speech and Language Therapists in 31 European Countries.

As the umbrella organization for Europe, CPLOL also represents DBL (<u>Deutscher Bundesverband für Logopädie e.V.</u>).

CPLOL considers that the extension of the validity-period until 2027 will have serious repercussions for the future development of the logopedic profession, and consequently for the healthcare provision of the German population suffering from communication, language and swallowing disorders.

According to the European program initial Education for Speech and Language Therapists (Logopedists), the minimum standard for the initial education of SLTs is required to be set at a bachelor degree level for all European countries. This standard has been achieved for most countries (see <a href="https://www.netques.eu">www.netques.eu</a>).

In compliance with this standard, CPLOL would like to kindly request the German Government to take this into serious consideration and to adjust the law on Logopedics to a minimum requirement at Bachelor's degree level.

We consider this minimum standard to be the essential requirement to deliver qualitatively high services to the population suffering from communication, language and swallowing disorders.

We remain Yours sincerely,

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