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Austria	Medizinische Genetik	primary specialty for MDs	4 years (structured curriculum)	286. Verordnung: Ärztinnen-/Ärzte-Ausbildungsordnung 2006 [CELEX-Nr.: 31993L0016, 32005L0036] - Anlage 21	Additional period of 24 months of basic clinical training (6 months in internal medicine, 12 months in other primary clinical specialties and 6 months in any primary specialty)
Belgium	menselijke erfelijkheid (to be practiced at designated centres; medical genetics)	not recognised, but see note, for MDs	5 years (see note)	Dossier number = 1987-12-14/52 Publication 1987025417 blad zijde: 19516	The 8 genetic centers are officially recognized by the government since 1976. Human genetic services can only be
Bulgaria	Medicinskaja genetika	primary specialty for MDs	3-4 years (structured curriculum)	НАРЕДБА № 34 от 29.12.2006 г. за придобиване на специалност в системата на здравеопазването Издадена от министъра на здравеопазването, обн., ДВ, бр. 7 от	The length of specialization in Bulgaria is 3 years for the physicians from the specialised Genetic Departments and 4 years for the physicians from other Departments and Hospitals with unrelated specialties.
Cyprus	no recognition (but Cyprus society for Human Genetics exists)	X	X	No	Activities towards recognition are conducted in Cyprus
Czech Republic	Lékařská genetika (Medical genetics)	primary specialty for MDs	4 years (structured curriculum)	Vyhláška 233/2008 Sb Ministry of Health	There is also structured training in the field of Laboratory methods in medical genetics for biologists, pharmacists, biotechnologists etc., MDs cannot take it.
Denmark	Klinisk genetik	primary specialty for MDs	5 years (structured curriculum)	Bekendtgørelse nr. 1248 af 24.10.2007 om speciallæger, § 1.Udstedt i medfør af § 30 og § 32 i Lov om autorisation af sundhedspersoner og om sundhedsfaglig virksomhed, jf lovbekendtgørelse nr 1350 af 17.12.2008.	pdf page 6
Estonia	Meditsiinigeneetika	primary for MDs	4 years	Määrus kehtestatakse "Tartu Ülikooli seaduse" § 7 lõigete 2 ja 5 ning	Instituted from October 1/2009
Finland	Perinnöllisyyläketiede (medical genetics)	primary specialty for MDs	5 years	SUOMEN SÄÄDÖSKOKOELMA, 1998 Julkaistu Helsingissä 10 päivänä syyskuuta 1998 N:o 678—682	The length of training in Finland is 5 years, but this includes 9 months of training in general medicine and 3 months of training in other fields of medicine, such as paediatrics or neurology

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France	Génétique médicale	primary specialty for MDs	4 years (structured curriculum)	LOI no 95-116 du 4 février 1995 portant diverses dispositions d'ordre social (1) NOR : SPSX9400133L	
Germany	Facharzt für Humangenetik (human genetics)	primary specialty for MDs	5 years (structured curriculum)	Bundesärztekammer, (Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Deutschen Ärztekammern)-Weiterbildung, (Muster)-Weiterbildungsordnung, Stand 28.03.2008, Page 60	Health care, including medical education, is governed by the member states of the Federal Republic of Germany. The Federal Chamber of Physicians (Bundesärztekammer) has no legal power as such, it merely has a coordinatory function. However, the (Muster-)Weiterbildungsordnung cited has been taken over as is by the member states.
Greece	NO recognition (but Hellenic Society for medical genetics exists)	X	X	No	A letter from the Hellenic Society requesting recognition of the specialty exists
Hungary	Klinikai genetika (clinical genetics)	subspecialty for MDs	subspecialty is based upon every clinical specialty following a 2 year course	Official Health Gazette in Hungarian - Egészségügyi Közlöny, No 21.; 2007.	Clinical genetics is a second specialty in Hungary, and can be built upon every other clinical specialty after a 2 years course.
Ireland	Clinical Genetics	primary specialty for MDs	structured training planned from 2010 according to the UK and UEMS models	Official confirmation from the Irish Medical Council (Section 38/1 Medical Practitioners Act, 1978)	N/A
Italy	Genetica medica	primary specialty for MDs	5 years (structured curriculum)	Gazzeta Ufficiale della Repubblica Italiana, Serie generale 295, Decreto 25 Novembre 1994 Il Ministro della Sanita article 1.	Both medical doctors and biologists can be 'medical geneticists' in our country, i.e. both are allowed to chair the departments of Medical/Human Genetics. However, there are substantial differences in the focus of
Latvia	Medicīniskajā ģenētikā; Ģenētiķis	primary specialty for MDs	5 years structured curriculum	Latvijas Vēstnesis > 18.04.2000 136/139 (2047/2050); PATVIRTINTA Lietuvos Respublikos sveikatos apsaugos ministro 2004 m. birželio 28 d. įsakymu Nr.V-469	

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Lithuania	Gydytojas genetikas (clinical genetics)	primary specialty for MDs	4 years (structured curriculum)	PATVIRTINTA Lietuvos Respublikos sveikatos apsaugos ministro 2004 m. birželio 28 d. įsakymu Nr.V-469	
Luxemburg	no recognition, no professional society	X	X	No	Patients with genetics conditions are referred to France or Belgium/Germany due to the small size of this country
Malta	Genetics	primary specialty for MDs	structured training is under development, 5 years planned	HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS [CAP. 464. 1 CHAPTER 464 HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS ACT To regulate the practice of health care professions in Malta. 21st November, 2003	Genetics is under the Malta College of Pathologists, Human Genetics Group
Netherlands	Klinische genetica	primary specialty for MDs	4 years (structured curriculum)	Goedkeuring kaderbesluit Centraal College Medische Specialismen, Uit: Staatscourant 14 december 2004, nr. 241 / pag. 20	There is Dutch Society for Clinical Genetics (dealing with medical specialty issues (www.vkgn.org) and the Dutch Society for Human Genetics (which is mostly scientifically oriented - http://www.nvhg-nav.nl/).
Norway (EEA Country)	Medisinsk genetikkk (medical genetics)	primary specialty for MDs	5 years (structured curriculum)	No governmental legal dossier, but medical genetics has been on the list of primary specialities approved by the Norwegian Medical Association since 1973 (the Norwegian Medical Association has until now been responsible for medical specialist training and approval in Norway)	www.legeforeningen.no/id/114855.0

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Poland	Genetyka kliniczna (clinical genetics)	primary specialty for MDs	5 years (structured curriculum)	Dziennik Ustaw Nr 213 — 14226 — Poz. 1779 ROZPORZĄDZENIE MINISTRA ZDROWIA1) z dnia 20 października 2005 r.	There are two separate specialties in the area of Human genetics: clinical genetics exclusively for MDs, and Laboratory Medical genetics for biologists, pharmacists, biotechnologists etc., However, exceptionally MDs can also take it. Both specialties are primary.
Portugal	Genética médica	primary specialty for MDs	5 years (structured curriculum)	1174 DIÁRIO DA REPÚBLICA — I SÉRIE-B N.o 52 — 2 de Março de 2001 Portaria n.o 148/2001 de 2 de Março	Medical specialty issues are dealt with by the Medical Genetics College ("Colégio de Genética Médica") at the Portuguese Medical Association ("Ordem dos Médicos"), while scientific society is SPGH (www.spgh.pt).
Romania	Genetică medicală (Medical genetics)	primary specialty for MDs	5 years (structured curriculum)	Ministerul Sănătății Publice Ordin nr. 1044/2006 din 25/08/2006 Publicat in Monitorul Oficial, Partea I nr. 743 din 31/08/2006 privind aprobarea Nomenclatorului de specialități medicale, medico-dentare și farmaceutice pentru rețeaua de asistență medicală	N/A
Slovakia	Lekárska genetika (Medical genetics)	primary specialty for MDs	4 years (structured curriculum)	Strana 1994 Zbierka zákonov č. 322/2006 Čiastka 112	There is also structured training in the field of Laboratory methods in medical genetics for biologists, pharmacists, biotechnologists etc., Also MDs can take it.
Slovenia	Klinična genetika	primary specialty for MDs	5 years (structured curriculum)	Slovene Medical Chamber, http://www.zzs-mcs.si/zdravnikiinzobozdravniki.asp?FolderId=272	
Spain	No recognition (but Spanish Association of Human Genetics exists)	X	X	No	The planned specialty will be both for MDs and PhDs, but with a different curriculum

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Sweden	Klinisk genetik	primary specialty for MDs	5 years (structured curriculum)	Regeringskansliet Faktablad, Socialdepartementet, Nr 3 • Januari 2006	
Switzerland	Medizinische Genetik Génétique médicale Genetica Medica	primary specialty for MDs	5 years (structured curriculum)	http://www.fmh.ch/ww/de/pub/awf/weiterbildung.cfm http://www.fmh.ch/ww/fr/pub/awf/weiterbildung.htm	
United Kingdom	Clinical Genetics	primary specialty for MDs	4 years (structured curriculum)	2003 NO. 1250 HEALTH CARE AND ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONS DOCTORS The General and Specialist Medical Practice (Education, Training and Qualifications) Order 2003; 8th May 2003 (under Schedule 3 part 2) including Statutory Instrument 2003 No. 1250	N/A

Recognised primary specialty
Recognised subspecialty
Not recognised

Note: terms medical- or clinical genetics are synonyms which are due to historical reasons used to denote the same specialty!









