



EFN Policy Statement

EU Quality and Safety Standards in Health Care

“Investing in Nurses – Investing in Quality & Safety”

Quality and safety cannot be delivered without the contribution of nurses – Europe’s largest group of healthcare professionals.

With the view of strengthening the provision of safe and quality healthcare services, in line with the [EU Patients’ Rights in Cross-Border Healthcare Directive](#), in particular article 5, the EFN believes that High Quality of Care and Safety Standards throughout the EU are essential to achieve excellence in care.

Therefore, the EFN argues for:

- Setting up a European Network of Quality and Safety Standards to develop clear and transparent principles and criteria for EU Quality & Safety Standards in Care;
- Engage patients and health professionals in the development, adoption and implementation of these principles and criteria;
- Making known at the European level to the various players and the public the EU principles and criteria guiding the development of National quality and safety standards;
- Agree on a standard dataset to enable benchmarking nationally and internationally of nursing contribution.

To achieve this, the EFN members call on their governments and the European Commission to be pro-active in building synergies between nationwide mechanism for the continuous monitoring and development of the quality and safety of the healthcare outcomes to reduce inequalities and increase accessibility to high quality and safe care.

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