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### INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY “NURSES LEADING HEALTHCARE REFORMS BASED ON EVIDENCE”



In the context of the current crisis and the challenges facing Europe, leading to changes in the healthcare systems, it is important, in this special day for all the nurses around the world, to highlight the importance of nurses' contribution to these reforms. As the largest occupational group of the healthcare professionals, working on the front line of patient care, and being well placed to supply important information about context, different systems, population groups, social factors and the role of local politics, nurses have a key role to play in undertaking all these reforms – from politics to practice.

As users of research also generating knowledge, it is essential to - through the establishment of a European Nursing Research Institute - empower nurses, in identifying what evidence to use, how to interpret it, how to put that knowledge into everyday use, and how to identify whether the outcomes are sufficiently important to change practice and use precious resources that may be needed elsewhere. For the EFN, promoting research using innovative tools, and providing technical support to very specific programmes of change to ensure the sustainability of healthcare systems in place is one of the many ways to invest in the people driving the healthcare system. Therefore, bringing cost-effective and innovative, integrated care models to 53 regions throughout the EU and scaling up what already exists is key to making change over time happen. It may take time for some strategies or solutions to make a real impact but adopting a concrete approach, boosting social innovation and investing in our health workforce and re-design of health systems should be a top priority for the EU.

The EFN wishes all the nurses a happy International Nurses Day.

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#### **Further information:**

- *EFN Position Statement on European Nursing Research;*
- *[International Council of Nurses \(ICN\) International Nurses' Day 2012 information Kit](#)*

