

**“Trends and developments in Europe with an impact on health services, nursing education, nursing practice and working conditions for nurses.”**



# “Directive 36/2005 & Bologna process .”



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A map of Europe with various countries highlighted in different colors: light green, red, and blue. The text is overlaid on this map.

**EFN is the independent voice  
of the nursing profession**

**Lobbies on EU pipeline  
legislation which effects six  
million nurses.**

# **EFN MISSION**

The European Federation of Nurses Associations shall strengthen the status and practice of the profession of nursing for the benefit of the health of the citizens and the interests of nurses in the EU & Europe.

# MILESTONES

EFN set up in 1971 – development EU Nursing  
DIR on MRPQ

2002 – Why do we need Sectoral Directive &  
Special Regime?

2005 – DIR 36/2005

2007 – MS to implement DIR36

2012 – EU Implementation Report

# DIR 36 vs Bologna

7 Sectoral  
Professions /  
European Area of  
Higher Education

Professional /  
Academic

Legal / Voluntary

Hours /  
European Credit  
Transfer System

Bachelor / Life  
Long Learning

Committee  
MRPQ / Bologna  
Follow-up Group

# Criteria DIR 36

DIR 36 -  
Completion General  
Education of 10  
years

DIR 36 - 4600  
hours OR/AND 3  
years

DIR 36 – At least  
33% theoretical and  
50% clinical training  
on a full-time basis

DIR 36 - Specified  
list of topics –  
Annexes

# Criteria Bologna

Learning  
Outcomes

Autonomy

Recognition prior  
learning and  
CPD

3-cycle structure



# Solutions

## CPD

- **CPD included in EU Legislation** *as a commitment to patient safety and quality of care in the European Union legislation – SHOULD GO TO DG SANCO WHITE PAPER on EU WORKFORCE*

## QUALITY

- **A European Accreditation mechanism** *to peer review learning outcomes and institutions, public and private It is not only how it can be achieved but also how it can be measured and what might be an acceptable measure = DG IM*

## VOICE

- *If Recital 29 of DIR 36 is used to submit reasoned amendments, there is the **prior condition** that there exists strong consensus among professional, student, academic and regulatory bodies*

# Solutions

## Level 6

- **BACHELOR** - One European level of Nurses (DIR36) - different pathways - generic tool for bridging courses.

## Level 7

- **MASTER** - Harmonisation – Skill Mix/Needs

## Level 8

- **PhD** - Initiate pool of Nurse Professors to support those MS starting with a Nursing Faculty

# **EFN Actions**

**Support writing the implementation Report Dir 2005/36/EC, by 2012, by MAPPING the nursing profession at EU level**

**DG Internal Market – EU Accreditation of Nursing curricula and institution**

**DG Sanco – EU legislation for EU Workforce for health**

**DG Empl – Skill mix-skill needs – Task Shifting**



# **INFRINGEMENTS**

**The European Commission referred 23 Member States to the European Court of Justice over non-implementation of a Directive on recognition of professional qualifications.**

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## Related links

### EU Member States implementing Directive 36 (12/08/2009)



Adopted in September 2005, the **Directive 2005/36/EC**, which has replaced fifteen existing Directives in the field, aims to consolidate and modernise the rules currently regulating the recognition of professional qualifications in the EU Member States. A number of changes have

been introduced, including greater liberalisation of the provision of services, and more automatic recognition of qualifications. But four years after its adoption, and two years after the deadline for its transposition into national law, a number of EU Member States have not yet implemented it leading to **infringement proceedings** against them. It was the case for Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Luxembourg, Portugal, Poland, Spain, Sweden and UK. Furthermore, some countries seem to have some difficulties, at national level, related to decisions being taken for the future of nursing discipline that will affect the general nursing education, the health care quality and the patients' safety. The EFN has been supporting some of its members, such as Italy, Slovakia, or Romania, where discussions to downgrade the nursing education are taking place.



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## AGENDA

**Women's Rights and Gender Equality Committee meeting**

1st September 2009, Brussels, Belgium



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