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Investing in Nursing Education – Investing in Quality & Safety

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After long negotiations with the European Commission and the Member States, the Polish Ministry of Health launched today the long awaiting bridging courses for 36.000 nurses to increase their professional qualifications in compliance with the EU Directive on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications.

The Polish Ministry of Health uses therefore 42 million Euros of the Social Cohesion Funds **(to invest in health)**.

The EFN supports strongly this initiative and congratulate the Ministry of Health, the nursing Regulators, the nursing Union and the professional nursing Association for their strong leadership for change. This initiative gives career opportunities and better working conditions for nurses in Poland.

Therefore, the EFN urges the European Commission and the Member States to sign off this important EU project leading to strengthen the nursing profession and the mutual recognition of professional qualifications.

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