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## EFN Policy Statement

### EU Structural and Cohesion Funds

The EFN takes a keen interest in the coordinated development of the education of Healthcare professionals within the EU to meet modern needs and to facilitate the mobility of professionals. Therefore, it is essential Cohesion Funds support innovation within Continuous Professional Development.

The EFN believes that:

- Procedures should be simplified to ensuring access to cohesion funds;
- Technical assistance is needed by setting up appropriate training programme;
- Aid should be tailored to the specific features and conditions of the Healthcare professionals;
- Investment in human capital is essential by ensuring better education provision and steadily increasing qualification levels, particularly among nurses;
- Pay disparities between women and men should be evened out; and,
- Nurses Associations should apply for Cohesion Funds and be included in the good practice exchange networks.

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