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### 12 MAY 2010 – INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY ACTING FOR BETTER EU WORKFORCE FOR HEALTH

Recently the European Commission DG Sanco presented estimations that by 2020 the EU would be facing a shortage of 590.000 nurses, 230.000 doctors and 150.000 allied health professionals.

In the context of the International Nurses Day, the European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN) would like to stress the importance for the EU Member States to tackle the challenges of EU workforce for health in order to safeguard the quality and safety of care for all European citizens.

Following the European Commission consultation on the Green paper on the EU Workforce for Health in 2009, and the Policy Dialogues with EU Member States and stakeholder representatives, in preparation of the EU Belgium Presidency from July 2010, the **European Parliament will launch, on 17 May 2010, a written Declaration on the EU Workforce for Health**. This Declaration, coded N° (40/2010), submitted by Ms. Oana Elena Antonescu (Romania, EPP); Ms. Jean Lambert (UK, Greens/EFA); Ms. Antonyia Parvanova (Bulgaria, ALDE); Mr. Thomas Ulmer (Germany, EPP); and Mr. Marc Tarabella (Belgium, S&D), is welcomed and fully supported by 6 million nurses in the EU and Europe.

The EFN supports the call to the EU Commission and to the EU Member States to join action and efforts in establishing effective and sustainable recruitment and retention strategies in the health sector.

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#### **Further information:**

- [Green Paper on the EU Workforce for Health;](#)
- [EFN input to the European Consultation on the Green Paper on the EU Workforce for Health.](#)

