



Professional Committee Work Plan 2009

Mission Statement: To enable nurses to meet the challenges of the knowledge-based society by promoting the development of their knowledge and competences at all stages of their professional career development.

Objectives: To develop high educational standards in nursing and to facilitate the transfer and recognition of qualifications and competencies throughout Europe.

Priorities:

- (1) Implementation Directive 36 & EFN enlargement (OLP 3.1)
- (2) Continuous Professional Development (OLP 3.2)
- (3) EUNetPaS WP 2 – ‘Education & Training’ (OLP 1.3)
- (4) Patient Information Directive (OLP 1.4)

Issue Type:

- (1) Lobbying
- (2) Lobbying
- (3) Active Participation in Work Packages (WP)
- (4) Watching Brief and Alliance Building

Goals:

- (1) Implementation Directive 36
 - Guide new EU Member States/NNA implementing DIRECTIVE 36;
 - Future EU Member States NNA - member of EFN;
 - Implement the EFN Position Statement on Synergies between DIRECTIVE 36, Bologna Process and European Qualifications Framework (NNAs and TAIEX experts);
 - Lobby DG Internal Market Peer on the revision of Directive 36 – develop EU Accreditation system for Nursing Education (similar to Peer Review);
 - To achieve equivalent standards of nursing care at EU level.
- (2) Continuous Professional Development
 - EU Structural funds ‘social cohesion’ are used for CPD – alliance with national and European Patient Organisations (EPF);
 - Nurses play an active role in health promotion and healthy lifestyle (submit EFN/OXHA project in 2009).
- (3) EUNetPaS
 - EFN/EFN members actively involved in EUNetPaS so that the recommendations of this project reflect nurses’ perspective.
- (4) Patient Information
 - Amend Directive on Patient Information;
 - EFN stakeholder in EU platforms on Patient Information: EMEA and European Parliament Joint ageing and health and Consumer Intergroup;
 - Build alliance with EPHA taking the lead and alliance with BEUC.

Measurement:**(1) Implementation DIR 36**

- Future Member States NNA - member of EFN;
- All EU Member States comply with Directive 36;
- DIR 36 safeguarded;
- Accreditation systems for Nursing Education.

(2) Continuous Professional Development

- Some EFN members, together with patient organisations apply for Structural Funds;
- EFN members share their experience and exchange applications;
- New Member States to participate in EFN/OXHA project.

(3) EU Patient Safety Project – EUNetPaS

- Fulfil work package project obligations.

(4) Patient Information

- DG Sanco lead Patient Information;
- EPHA leads Political debate taking into account EFN members' views.

Timeline:**(1) Implementation DIRECTIVE 36**

- Croatia implement Acquis Communautaire (DIR 36) end 2009 - join EU January 2010;
- DG Internal Market Directive 36 Report 2012 – starting 2009 – make proposal for EU Accreditation System;
- Follow-Up Bologna Ministerial Summit in Belgium (2009).

(2) Continuous Professional Development

- Some EFN members apply for Structural Funds in 2009 together with Patient organisations;
- New Member States to participate in project EFN/OXHA.

(3) EUNetPaS

- Two coordination meetings and three work package meetings planned in 2009.

(4) Patient Information

- EPHA leading on patient information - EFN input to EPHA – 4x/year;
- EFN member of DG Sanco High Level Group on Professional mobility and Patient Safety – 4x/year;
- EFN member of the EMEA working group on Health Professionals – 2x/year.

Tactics:**(1) Implementation Directive 36**

- Future Member States NNA pro-actively involved in EFN

(2) Continuous Professional Development

- Alliance building with EPF

(3) EUNetPaS

- Alliance building CPME, HOPE, PGEU, EPF

(4) Patient Information

- Alliance building with EPHA and BEUC

Actions:

(1) Implementation Directive 36

- Contact future Member States NNA – develop strategy and visit EFN members who are not participating anymore in GAs (Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary);
- EFN members' experts to assist DG Internal Market Peer Reviews.

(2) Continuous Professional Development

- Fill in ONE application Form together with EPF;
- Create list of EFN members and EPF members;
- EFN-EPF meetings with DG Sanco and DG Region.

(3) EUNetPaS

- Collect requested data and good practices from EFN members;
- Link up with National representatives.

(4) Patient Information

- EPHA to organise meeting with MEP Health and Consumer Intergroup on patients mobility;
- To monitor the progress made in the Pharmaceutical Forum and EMEA actions.

Outcome:

(1) Implementation Directive 36

- All EU Member States comply with Directive 36;
- EFN developed EU Accreditation System for Nursing Education;
- Future EU Member States NNA member of EFN.

(2) Continuous Professional Development

- EFN members funded through Structural Funds to build capacity;
- Nurses taking the lead in Health Promotion.

(3) EU Patient Safety Project

- EUNetPaS outcomes incorporate EFN members input and vision.

(4) Patient Information

- DG Sanco lead;
- Directive complies with EFN position on Informed Patient.