Public Policy Committee Work Plan 2009

Mission Statement: Healthcare built on the fundaments of patient safety, equality, universal access and healthcare of high quality. To achieve this, the nursing profession must attain substantial influence in the EU legislative and regulatory processes.

Objectives: To ensure that nursing policies on equal access to high-quality healthcare services for the benefit of the health of the citizens in the European Union and in the wider Europe are transformed into beneficial EU legislation, recommendations or guidelines.

Priorities:

(1) EU Health Services Directive – "Social Package" (OLP 1.1)

(2) EU Recommendations on Patient Safety and Healthcare Associated Infections (OLP 1.2)

(3) EU Patient Safety Project – EUNetPaS – WP4 (OLP 1.4)

(4) E-Health (OLP 3.3)

Issue Type:

(1) Lobbying

(2) Lobbying

(3) Active Participation in Work Packages (WP)

(4) Watching Brief and Alliance Building

Goals:

(1) Health Services Directive

- EU must support National Governments in order to guarantee healthcare of high quality and accessibility for all.

(2) EU Recommendations on Patient Safety and Healthcare Associated Infections

- Patient Safety and Healthcare Associated Infections is political priority.

(3) EU Patient Safety Project – EUNetPaS

- EFN/EFN members actively involved in EUNetPaS so that the recommendations of this project reflect nurses' perspective.

(4) E-Health

- EFN members' actions in eHealth are brought into the political arena.

Measurement:

(1) Health Services Directive

- DG Sanco legislative proposal and recommendations reflect EFN position on Health Services;

- EFN amendments are taken into account in the European Parliament.

(2) EU Recommendations on Patient Safety and Healthcare Associated Infections fit EFN Policy

(3) EU Patient Safety Project – EUNetPaS

- Fulfil work package project obligations

(4) E-Health

- EFN members' good practice examples on eHealth are shared throughout the EU.

Timeline:

(1) Health Services Directive

- Commission legislative proposal on Health Services – 25 June 2008 – co-decision process European Parliament / Council of Ministers 2009-2011.

(2) EU Recommendations on Patient Safety and Healthcare Associated Infections

- Council Recommendations November 2008 – European Parliament debate 2009-2010.

(3) EU Patient Safety Project – EUNetPaS

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

(4) E-Health

- Two stakeholder meetings of the DG Enterprise - EC i2010 subgroup on eHealth.

Tactics:

(1) Health Services Directive

- EFN lobby in European Parliament in relevant committees and 1st reading in the European Parliament;

- EFN to lobby Czech Republic and Swedish EU Presidency on political debate on Commission legislative proposal;

(2) EU Recommendations on Patient Safety and Healthcare Associated Infections

- EFN input to the Council Recommendations and European Parliament debate ;

- EFN to influence the work of the High Level Group on Patient Safety;

- EFN to lobby EU Presidency on implementation Commission Recommendations on Patient Safety.

(3) EU Patient Safety Project – EUNetPaS

- Alliance building CPME, HOPE, PGEU, EPF.

(4) E-Health – EFN members' best practices are basis for Policy Document.

Actions:

(1) Health Services Directive

- EFN amendments to the legislative proposal;

- Follow up DG Sanco initiative on *"Hospital standards for European patients"*;

- EFN advocating for Policy synergies between EC, WHO RC and Council of Europe.

(2) EU Recommendations on Patient Safety and Healthcare Associated Infections

- EFN input to Council recommendations and European Parliament debate.

(3) EU Patient Safety Project – EUNetPaS

- Collect requested data and good practices from EFN members;

- Link up with National representatives.

(4) E-Health

- EFN provide input to DG Enterprise - EC i2010 subgroup on e-Health.

Outcome:

(1) Health Services Directive

- EU legislative outcomes in line with EFN policy;

- One Civil Society voice - EPHA, EHMA, EPSU and meeting between EFN, HOPE, CPME, AEMH, AEHP, UEMO, UEMS.

(2) EU Recommendations on Patient Safety and Healthcare Associated Infections in line with EFN policy.

(3) EU Patient Safety Project – EUNetPaS outcomes incorporate EFN members input and vision.

(4) E-Health

- EFN members experience in eHealth is shared at European level.