



Public Policy Committee Work Plan 2011-2012

Mission Statement: Healthcare built on the fundamentals 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) Quality & Safety;
- (2) EU Cross Border Health Directive (OLP 1.1);
- (3) E-Health (OLP 3.3);
- (4) Nursing Research.

Issue Type:

- (1) Lobbying
- (2) Lobbying
- (3) Lobbying
- (4) Networking

Goals:

- (1) Quality & Safety
 - EFN members' actions in Quality and Safety are brought into the political arena.
- (2) Cross Border Health Directive
 - EU must support National Governments in order to guarantee healthcare of high quality and accessibility for all.
- (3) E-Health
 - EFN members' actions in eHealth are brought into the political arena.
- (4) Nursing Research
 - EFN Position advocated towards EU Institutions and Stakeholders

Measurement:

- (1) Quality and Safety
 - EFN members' good practice examples on Quality and Safety are shared throughout the EU.
- (2) Cross Border Health Directive
 - DG Sanco legislative proposal and recommendations reflect EFN position on Health Services;
 - EFN amendments are taken into account in the European Parliament.

(3) E-Health

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

(4) Nursing Research

- Creation of the European Florence Nightingale - Nursing Research Network (EFN-NRN)

Timeline:

(1) Cross Border Health Directive

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

(2) E-Health

- DG Sanco & DG INFSO e-health Governance project starting 2011

(3) Nursing Research

- Constitution & first operational settings in 2011

Tactics:

(1) Quality and Safety

- EFN providing input to Joint Action.

(2) Cross Border Health Directive

- EFN lobby in European Parliament in relevant committees and 2nd reading in the European Parliament;
- EFN to lobby EU Presidencies on political debate on Commission legislative proposal;
- Alliance Building EPSU-HOSPEEM

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

- EFN member of the E-Health Stakeholder Group
- EFN providing input to Joint Action.

(4) Nursing Research.

- EFN members leading on the development of the EFN-NRN.

Actions:

(1) Quality and Safety

- EFN members input to Joint Action
- EFN members of national platform quality and safety.

(2) Cross Border Health Directive

- EFN amendments to the legislative proposal based on EFN Position;
- EFN advocating for Policy synergies between EC, WHO RC and Council of Europe.

(3) E-Health

- EFN members input to Joint Action
- EFN members of national platform e-Health.

(4) Nursing Research

- Develop the EFN-NRN Constitution & operational settings

Outcome:

(1) Quality and Safety

- EFN members experience in quality and safety is shared at European level;
- Nurses' sensitive indicators integrated in EU developments.

(2) Cross Border Health 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.

(3) E-Health

- EFN members experience in e-health is shared at European level;
- Nurses using E-health technology to increase quality and safety.

(4) Nursing Research

- Evidence-based policy-making.