



Public Policy Committee

Work Plan September 2007- March 2008

Mission Statement: To bring to bear the collective weight of the nursing profession on the EU legislative and regulatory process to secure patient safety, quality standards of patient care, equality and universal access.

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

Priorities:

- (1) EU Patient Safety Project – EUNetPaS – DG Sanco High Level Group;
- (2) Health Services Directive & Health Strategy – DG Sanco legislative initiatives.

Issue Type:

- (1) Active Participation in Work Packages (WP);
- (2) Lobbying.

Goals:

- (1) EU Patient Safety Project – EUNetPaS
 - EFN/EFN members actively involved in EUNetPaS so that the recommendations of this project are translated into the rules for any regulation or future EU Directive.
- (2) Health Services Directive & Health Strategy
 - Health is not considered as any other service and EU supports National Governments to guaranty healthcare high quality and accessibility for all.

Measurement:

- (1) EU Patient Safety Project – EUNetPaS
 - EFN members key leaders in EUNetPaS by linking up with National governments active in the project;
 - EFN input to Conference on Patient Safety - DG Research and Technological Development (Portuguese and Slovenian Presidency).
- (2) Health Services Directive & Health Strategy
 - DG Sanco summary of consultation reflects EFN input;
 - Upcoming DG Sanco legislative proposal and recommendations reflect EFN position on Health Services & Health Strategy;
 - DG Sanco takes initiative through future call for tenders.

Timeline:

- (1) EU Patient Safety Project – EUNetPaS – Medium Term (March 2008 until September 2010).
- (2) Health Services Directive & Health Strategy – Short Term
 - DG Sanco White Paper on Health Strategy available November 2007;
 - Commission legislative proposal on Health Services – November 2007 – co-decision process European Parliament / Council of Ministers 2008-2009;
 - WHO Regional Committee 2007 & 2008 – Health System Reform.

Tactics:**(1) EU Patient Safety Project – EUNetPaS**

- EFN to directly influence the work of the High Level Group Patient Safety by liaising with National representatives in the project (list distributed to the General Assembly in Dubrovnik);
- EFN to lobby Portuguese and Slovenian EU Presidencies on the implementation of the Commission Recommendations on Patient Safety.

(2) Health Services Directive & Health Strategy

- EFN lobby in European Parliament in relevant committees and 1st reading European Parliament;
- EFN to lobby Portuguese and Slovenian EU Presidencies on the political debate on the Commission legislative proposal and future initiatives.

Actions:**(1) EU Patient Safety Project – EUNetPaS**

- EFN members involvement in Working Packages (WP) of EUNetPaS:
 - To identify EFN members best practices in Patient Safety (WP Field Testing);
 - To share initiatives to support EU policy-making (WP culture and reporting system).

(2) Health Services Directive & Health Strategy

- EFN members to analyse legislative proposal and future initiatives;
- EFN Position Statement on Health Services;
- EFN to participate in DG Sanco High Level Group and Working Party on Health Systems.

Outcome:**(1) EU Patient Safety Project – EUNetPaS**

- EU recommendations on Patient Safety endorsed by the High Level Group & Council of Ministers;
- EU/Member States project on Patient Safety - EUNetPaS (High Level Group) accepted by DG Sanco;
- EU Portuguese and Slovenian Presidencies have patient safety on political agenda.

(2) Health Services Directive & Health Strategy

- Alliance Building: EPHA, EHMA, EPSU and meeting between EFN, HOPE, CPME, AEMH, AEHP, UEMO, UEMS;
- EU legislative outcomes in line with EFN policy.