



Introduction

The EFN Strategic Lobby Plan consists of EFN mission and objectives. In order to achieve these objectives, the EFN endorsed Policy Statements and Position Statements, which are listed under each respective objective, and available on EFN Website, at: http://www.efnweb.eu/version1/en/core_pstatement.html.

The Strategic Lobby Plan comes ALIVE by the implementation of an Operational Lobby plan for EFN Members and EFN Secretary General. This Operational plan is supported by a work plan for each EFN Committee.

MISSION of EFN

The European Federation of Nurses Association shall strengthen the status and practice of the profession of nursing for the benefit of the health of the citizens and the interests of nurses in the EU & Europe.

OVERARCHING OBJECTIVES of EFN

OBJECTIVE 1: To ensure that patient safety, nurses and nursing is central to the development of Social and Health Policy and its implementation in the EU and Europe.

⇒ Related EFN Policy Statements & Position Statements:

1. Public Health
2. Services Directive
3. Health Services Directive
4. Informed Patient
5. Patient Safety
6. Care for the Older People
7. EU Challenges for Long-Term Care
8. Patients Rights in Cross-Border Healthcare Directive
9. eHealth

OBJECTIVE 2: To support and facilitate a qualitative and equitable health service in the EU and Europe by a strategic contribution to the development of a sufficient, effective, competent and motivated workforce of nurses.

⇒ **Related EFN Policy Statements & Position Statements:**

1. EFN Good Practice Guidance on International Nurses Recruitment
2. Synergy on Directive 36 - Bologna - EQF
3. The Bologna Process and Tuning
4. Reuse of Medical Devices
5. Prevention of Sharp Injuries
6. Skill Needs Skill Mix and Task Shifting in Nursing
7. Working Time Directive
8. Pension
9. EU Quality and Safety Standards in Nursing Care

OBJECTIVE 3: Strengthening EFN representation in the EU and Europe and develop EFN key role as bridge between NNA and decision-makers in the EU institutions.

⇒ **Related EFN Policy Statements & Position Statements:**

1. Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
2. EU Directive on Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications – Directive 36
3. Structural and Social Cohesion Funds
4. European Nursing Research



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1. EFN Lobby Actions related to EFN Objective 1

Title	Type of Proposal	Scope and Objectives	Lead Committee	Priority/Timeframe Implementation
1.1 Directive on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare	Commission proposal for a Directive Co-decision procedure: Council Conclusions - June 2010 Proposal frozen by Spanish and Belgium EU Presidency – Focus on Hungarian and Polish EU Presidency in 2011	Answer to European Court of Justice cases related to patient mobility Prior Authorisation, Definition Hospital and non-Hospital Care Costs, Quality Standards, Health Literacy, Indemnity Insurance, e-health and prescribing medicines	Public Policy Committee: lobby based on EFN position on the Health Directive; prepare amendments to the European Parliament; collect national debates outcomes; participate in EU events; and follow up initiative on “Hospital standards for European patients”.	High Lobby Priority Co-decision procedure 2009-2011 Alliance other Health Care Professionals, EPSU, EPHA, EHMA and EPF
1.2 Council Recommendation on Patient Safety and Healthcare Associated Infections	DG Sanco Non-Legislative action/Communication Council Recommendations adopted in 2010 – Follow-up implementation phase	Providing practical and legal mechanisms to take actions to improve patient safety and reduce the spread of Healthcare-Associated infections EFN to provide expert advice. EFN views incorporated in Council Recommendations, e.g. Concept of ‘Link Nurses’.	Public Policy Committee: lobby based on EFN position on Patient Safety; produce amendments if needed; participate in High Level Group; collect national debates outcomes. Prepare NNA strategy to implement Council recommendations (social cohesion funds)	Medium Lobby Priority Alliance other Health Care Professionals, HOPE and EPF
1.3 Patient Information Legislative Proposal	DG Sanco proposal for a Directive Co-decision procedure	No advertising Important role Health Care professionals – face to face information	Professional Committee: produce amendments; participate in EU events; collect national debates outcomes.	Medium Lobby Priority EFN alliance EPHA – taking lead
1.4 DG Sanco – Patient Safety EUNetPaS II	Sharing best practices in Patient Safety: culture, education, good practices in medication errors Nursing curriculum integrate EU Patient Safety module	EFN focus on Patient Safety Education and change of practice (example medication errors) NNA to link up with National Contact Points Negotiate Joint Action 2011	Professional Committee – ‘Education & Training in Patient Safety’ Workforce Committee – Registration ‘No Blame No Shame’ Public Policy Committee – ‘quality of care’	High Priority EUNETPAS I – 2008-2010 EUNETPAS II – 2011-2014 Alliance CPME, PGEU, HOPE, EPF EFN members linking National Contact



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2. EFN Lobby Actions related to EFN Objective 2

Title	Type of Proposal	Scope and Objectives	Lead Committee	Priority/Timeframe Implementation
2.1 Green paper on EU Workforce for Health	DG Sanco Non-Legislative action/Communication Belgium EU Presidency leading, followed by Hungarian and Polish EU Presidency European Parliament Declaration Social Dialogue EFN-EPSU	Forecasting Workforce, Recruitment & Retention Strategies, Continuous Professional Development, Skill Mix & Skill Needs Leading to White Paper and policy initiatives	Workforce Committee: EFN position; pro-active Council Conclusions; European Parliament Declaration EFN recognised as lead on EU Workforce for Health debate Collecting EFN Members data to support EU policy-making (Country Report)	High Lobby Priority 2010 Council Conclusions 2011 Impact Assessment 2012 Joint Action Alliance Health Care Professions & EPHA as Civil Society
2.2 Medical Devices Legislative Proposal	DG Enterprise proposal for a Directive Co-decision procedure	Single use medical devices Protect nurses from harm	Workforce Committee: produce amendments; participate in EU events; collect national debates outcomes	Low Lobby Priority Alliance Health First Europe, EUCOMED and EPHA
2.3 Sharps Injuries	DG Employment Directive Implementation Phase – EU Observatory (Spain)	Sharps injuries EU legislative proposal to amend Directive 2000/54/EC Protect nurses from harm	Workforce Committee: follow up social dialog in EPSU-HOSPEEN; implementation of Directive; participate in EU events; collect national debates outcomes	Medium Lobby Priority EFN members leading implementation Directive Alliance Health First Europe
2.4 DG Research – Mobility - Forecasting Nursing Workforce	Quantitative and Qualitative research on mobility and forecasting nursing workforce Forecasting becomes part of EU Workforce for Health strategy	EFN advisory role EFN members in national platforms	Workforce Committee: provide guidance to the project and EFN policy taken into account	Low Lobby Priority January 2009 – 2011



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3. EFN Lobby Actions related to EFN Objective 3

Title	Type of Proposal	Scope and Objectives	Lead Committee	Priority/Timeframe Implementation
<p>3.1 DG Internal Market – Mutual Recognition Professional Qualifications (DIR36)</p>	<p>Transposition Directive 2005/36/EC – Infringements</p> <p>Commission report on DIR 36 by 2012 – prepare accreditation system</p> <p>EFN mapping DIR36</p>	<p>EFN to provide expert advice to Commission sub-group of the Coordinators</p> <p>EFN Position Statement on DIR 36, European Qualifications Framework (EQF) and Bologna</p> <p>EFN report on DIR 36: safeguard principle of Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications</p>	<p>Professional Committee to collect EFN members position and discuss future developments</p> <p>EFN members to follow up implementation DIR 36 at national level</p> <p>Support future Member States in implementing the EU Directive 36.</p>	<p>High Priority</p> <p>Process assessing Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications 2010-2012 (report reflects EFN position)</p> <p>Alliance with Sectoral Professions</p>
<p>3.2 DG Sanco & DG Employment - Social Cohesion Funds</p>	<p>European Parliament – simplify procedures to apply (EFN position)</p> <p>Exchange Best Practices on applying for social cohesion funds</p> <p>DG Sanco political commitment</p>	<p>Actions to build alliances with National/European Patient Organisations</p> <p>Support from DG Sanco and DG Employment</p> <p>EFN-EPF joined political actions</p> <p>EFN members applying for EU funds.</p>	<p>Three Committees to provide guidance in applying for Social Cohesion Funds</p> <p>Agree on topics, generic proposals to apply for social cohesion funds at regional level and link priorities to EU debates.</p>	<p>Low Priority</p> <p>Alliance European Patient Forum</p> <p>Individual Members Support</p>
<p>3.3 DG IST - E-health and Health Information Systems</p>	<p>DG Sanco and DG INFSO Joint Action on eHealth Governance & Thematic Network (EFN stakeholder)</p> <p>Commission Digital Agenda & eHealth Action Plan</p> <p>epSOS and CALLIOPE Network</p>	<p>Bring EFN members actions on E-health into the political arena</p> <p>Bring nurse prescribing into the EU policy arena</p>	<p>Executive Committee member to lead on topic</p> <p>Discussion in Public Policy Committee</p>	<p>Medium Priority</p> <p>eHealth conference Budapest 6-8th May 2011.</p> <p>EFN member of the eHealth Users' Stakeholders Group</p> <p>Alliance PGEU, CPME, HOPE, EPF</p>