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NURSES GATHER MOMENTUM!

The European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN) organised a roundtable event, hosted by MEP Phil Prendergast, moving forward the discussions on Directive 36 by bringing together representatives of the EU institutions and nursing leaders in order to tackle the key challenges for nurses in modernising of Directive 2005/36/EC.

Given the continuous reform of the health sector, the education of nurses becomes frontline. Yesterday's discussions evidenced the willingness of permanent representations, MEPs and the Commission to collaborate together with nursing leaders in shaping the compromises that will ensure the right balance between mobility and high quality delivery of health care.

"Our major concern as policy makers is to ensure that our policy goals when legislating in the Internal Market do not hamper the highest possible levels of quality and safety in healthcare provision to our citizens" (MEP Phil Prendergast).

MEP Bernadette Vergnaud, rapporteur of this dossier, emphasised with emotion the need to embrace the opportunity we have ahead of us in order to ensure we inject confidence into the recognition of qualifications and in the healthcare system. The minimum requirements for nurses shall be strengthened by looking ahead and preparing the nursing workforce of the future.

The political pressure must be kept in order to ensure that the minimum requirements for nurses are strengthened and that the redesign of nurses' curricula takes into account the new challenges in healthcare in order to ensure a safe and equitable healthcare to be delivered by a mobile European workforce.

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Further information:

- [Directive 2005/36/EC;](#)
- [EFN Evidence Report on Directive 36 – Nursing Education from 10 to 12 years;](#)
- [MEP Bernadette Vergnaud – report;](#)
- [MEP Licia Ronzulli – report;](#)
- [MEP Anja Weisgerber – report.](#)

