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Accessibility and EHR



Glad to hear the European Commission say patients will have right to control what information to share in cross-border e-health records. Crucial for trust.

Various stakeholders, current MEPs, EU institutions' representatives, EU member states' representatives, experts from different DGs' of the European Commission and Parliamentary Committees met to discuss the EU cooperation in favour of more accessible health systems across the EU.

The event, organised in the European Parliament by the MEP [Interest Group](#) on Access to Healthcare, in collaboration with [PACT](#), of which EFN is a partner, offered the opportunity to showcase the achievements of the Interest Group, and the efforts and key messages of health stakeholders to the MEPs ahead of the upcoming elections; EFN [Manifesto](#) highlights the key political message on education, health workforce and quality & safety.

When it comes to quality and safety, and especially accessibility to healthcare, nurses play a central role to achieve patient empowerment and accessibility, also to the citizens/patient's own health data!

The EFN being a consortium partner in [H2020 projects on EHR](#) is key as **the end-user requirements need to guide IT developers to develop fit-for-purpose solutions**, that work frontline and importantly, reduces the workload of nurses. We do not need disruption, we do not need complex tools, we need support! And IT comes here, as clearly said by a US nurse, Shawna Butler: **"A NURSE CREATES A BRIDGE BETWEEN PATIENT AND TECHNOLOGY!"**

Shawna continued saying that: *"Nurses are finely tuned to the needs of the patient and good at assigning priority to their needs and aspirations. Using their unmatched feedback loops with patients, data, devices and health systems, nurses are often the first to identify an unmet need and bridge the gap between clinical practice, patient experience and innovation"*, and that *"what we are doing in many H2020 and Erasmus+ projects: co-designing with the end-users!"*

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