

## Evidence Based Guidelines for Nursing and Social Care on eHealth Services

*Welcome to the third edition of the ENS4Care Project eNewsletter!*

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### The preparation of the EU guidelines

Following the successful ENS4Care General Assembly held in Brussels in April 2014, the Work Package Leaders, in collaboration with the consortium, finalised the selection process of the best practices to be used as starting point for the guidelines' development.

Pat, Tine, Marianne, Elizabeth and Dorota met online on 25 June 2014 and worked together to develop a common structure and layout for the respective future guidelines on prevention, clinical practice, advanced roles, integrated care and nurse ePrescribing.



The guidelines are based on identified best practice examples collected through the ENS4Care network across different European countries and will serve for those authorities willing to deploy eHealth services for nurses and social workers at local, regional or national level.

The document will include the scope of the guideline, the deployment process, key factors that can act as barriers and facilitators, outcomes and implications, and finally the relevant policy context required for the implementation. While based on examples from different countries across the EU,

the guidelines will be developed following analysis that identified the key success features of such practices without limiting themselves to particular policy or practice contexts. There will be therefore designed and intended to be readily transferable across EU countries!



The first draft of the guidelines will be presented at the third ENS4Care General Assembly that will be kindly hosted by the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation (INMO), leading the Work Package on Nurse ePrescribing. The meeting will take place in Dublin on 22 October 2014!!

All partners will be invited to actively share their opinions and views on the guidelines and to provide their input to make them successful! Thanks to the partners' engagement, ENS4Care will ensure that the guidelines reflect the perspectives of a broad range of different stakeholders and users as patients, carers, physicians, citizens, women, students and industry. The Work Package Leaders will collect all input from the partners and work on a second version of the guidelines that will be submitted to the European Commission in February 2015.

Next to the guidelines elaboration, the ENS4Care General Assembly will have the possibility to take part at a roundtable where different representatives from Eastern European countries will discuss together the opportunities and challenges for implementing the guidelines in their countries.



### ENS4Care at the 8th ICN IPN/APNN Conference

The ENS4Care Coordinator, EFN, was invited to speak at the [8th ICN INP/APNN Conference](#) which was hosted by the Finnish Nurses Association and took place from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014 in Helsinki, Finland. The three-day Conference gathered together nurses, researchers, educators, policy makers and managers from all over the world to share knowledge and views on the advanced nursing practice and on its patient and healthcare outcomes.



During the session dedicated to eHealth, Alessia Clocchiatti, EFN Policy Advisor, presented the ENS4Care project and in particular the area dedicated to the advanced roles (WP4) that is coordinated by Marianne Sipilä, EFN President and Vice-President of the Finnish Nurses Association. It was highlighted how important is the role played by the advanced roles for both health and social care professionals and how the use of new technology

requires today an advanced knowledge and expertise.

With this regard, the EFN is leading a paper in the context of the eHealth Stakeholder Group (DG Connect) on the “eSkills for the EU health workforce”.

### ENS4Care invited at the COCIR Executive Committee

COCIR (European Coordination Committee of the Radiological, Electromedical and Healthcare IT Industry) is one of the 24 partners of the ENS4Care project and represents the views of the industry in the health sector.

The COCIR Secretary General, Nicole Denjoy, invited EFN to attend the COCIR Executive Committee held in Brussels on 16 June 2014 to present the development of the ENS4Care project and the involvement of COCIR. Paul De Raeve, ENS4Care Project Coordinator, highlighted the key features of the guidelines and the importance of the role played by COCIR in their future implementation across different European regions.

### Upcoming meetings

22 October 2014: ENS4Care General Assembly, Dublin, Ireland

7-8 October 2014: Conference on eHealth, under the Italian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Rome, Italy

15 April 2015: ENS4Care General Assembly, Brussels, Belgium

### The ENS4Care flyer

On May 2014 the ENS4Care made available and disseminated the flyer of the project. This leaflet will help the ENS4Care members to make the project more visible and to disseminate information about it in order to raise awareness about the guidelines development.

Feel free to download and disseminate the ENS4Care flyer throughout your network!

### Get involved

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