



Introduction

The EFN Strategic Lobby Plan consists of EFN mission and objectives. In order to achieve these objectives, 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

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

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



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1. EFN Lobby Actions related to **EFN Objective 1**

Title	Type of Proposal	Scope and Objectives	Lead Committee	Priority/Timeframe
1.1 Health Services Framework	Commission proposal for a Directive Co-decision procedure	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".	Co-decision procedure 2009-2011 High Lobby Priority 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	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.	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)	EFN Internal consultation December 2008-March 2009 High Lobby Priority Alliance other Health Care Professionals, HOPE and EPF
1.3 Patient Information Legislative Proposal	DG Enterprise 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.	EFN supports EPHA Position Medium Lobby Priority Alliance EPHA – taking lead
1.4 DG Sanco – Patient Safety EUNetPaS	Sharing best practices in Patient Safety: culture, education, good practices in medication errors	EFN partner in WP1 (Culture), WP2 (Education) and WP4 (Medication error good practices) Produce Patient Safety Education Guidelines, and test good practices (transferability) NNA to link up with National Contact Points	Workforce Committee – WP1 on 'Patient Safety Culture' Professional Committee – WP2 on 'Education & Training' Public Policy Committee – WP4 on 'Pilot Implementation on Medication Safety'	Started February 2008 – end 2010 High Priority Alliance CPME, PGEU, HOPE, EPF



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2. EFN Lobby Actions related to **EFN Objective 2**

Title	Type of Proposal	Scope and Objectives	Lead Committee	Priority/Timeframe
2.1 Green paper on Health Professionals Mobility in Europe	DG Sanco Non-Legislative action/Communication	Recruitment , retention, Continuous Professional Development Leading to White Paper and policy initiatives	Workforce Committee: develop EFN position; produce amendments if needed; participate in EU events; collect national debates outcomes	EFN Internal/Commission consultation December 2008-May 2009 High Lobby Priority Alliance Health Care Professions
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	EFN input to Consultation July 2008 European Parliament co-decision beginning 2009 Medium Lobby Priority Alliance Health First Europe, EUCOMED
2.3 Sharps Injuries	DG Employment proposal for a Directive Co-decision procedure	Sharps injuries EU legislative proposal to amend Directive 2000/54/EC Protect nurses from harm	Workforce Committee: follow up social dialog in EPSU-HOSPEEN; amendments to proposed Directive; participate in EU events; collect national debates outcomes	EFN input to EU consultation High Lobby Priority Alliance Health First Europe
2.4 DG Research – Mobility - Forecasting Nursing Workforce	Quantitative and Qualitative research on mobility and forecasting nursing workforce	EFN advisory role EFN members in national platforms	Workforce Committee: provide guidance to the project and EFN policy taken into account	Start January 2009 – 2011 Medium Lobby Priority



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3. EFN Lobby Actions related to **EFN Objective 3**

Title	Type of Proposal	Scope and Objectives	Lead Committee	Priority/Timeframe
<p>3.1 DG Internal Market – Mutual Recognition Professional Qualifications</p>	<p>Transposition Directive 2005/36/EC – Infringements</p> <p>Commission report on DIR 36 by 2012 – prepare accreditation system</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>Professional Committee to implement EFN Position Statement</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>Process assessing Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications start 2009</p> <p>High Priority</p> <p>Alliance with Sectoral Professions and the European University Association (EUA)</p>
<p>3.2 DG Sanco & DG Employment - Social Cohesion Funds</p>	<p>Actions to support EFN members in applying for social cohesion funds and achieve 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 list of members</p> <p>Draft proposals to support EFN members in applying for these funds.</p>	<p>Three Committee 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>High Priority</p> <p>Alliance European Patient Forum</p>
<p>3.3 DG IST - E-health and Health Information Systems</p>	<p>Exchange of Best Practice</p> <p>Focus on Prescribing medicines – EFN members evidence</p>	<p>Bring nurse prescribing into the EU policy arena</p> <p>Bring EFN members actions on E-health into the political arena</p>	<p>Public Policy Committee</p>	<p>Medium Priority</p> <p>Alliance PGEU, CPME, HOPE, EPF</p>