



EFN European Election Manifesto

With up to 6 million nurses within Europe, the European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN) and its members are a significant voting force.

The EFN members are calling on MEPs to support three priorities and use their influence to help:

- ✓ Implement the European Directive which regulates the Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications (DIR 36).
- ✓ Plan the EU Workforce for Health to meet citizens' needs.
- ✓ Deliver Quality and Safeguard Patient Safety.

The EFN members are taking action

- Questioning MEP candidates about how they will influence the EU's impact on health and employment;
- Engaging with the press on the significant issues MEP candidates need to address;
- Rallying members to make their vote count.

Act now!

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EFN call to action for MEP candidates

1. Implement the European Directive (2005/36/EC), safeguard high quality education for nurses and install a continuous professional development framework

The EFN calls on MEP candidates to use the EU's legislative framework to help move the EU's mutual recognition system for nursing to a higher-quality education. Clinical outcomes cannot be separated from academic levels of achievement. An EU Continuous Professional Development Framework and the means of monitoring this should be developed as part of an EU mechanism for workforce planning and the sharing of information between the EU Member States.

2. Plan the EU Workforce for Health to meet patients' needs

To secure patients rights and patient safety it is a prerequisite that healthcare is primarily a national responsibility and the EFN calls on the MEP candidates to engage effectively at the European Parliament and nationally in consultations and debate about the monitoring and planning of the health care workforce. In order to meet the challenges of the health system, skill mix and skill needs, next to the development of primary health care, needs to become a political priority within the EU. The EFN calls on MEP candidates to ensure governments across the EU develop legislation and initiatives taking into account the health and social needs of patients.

3. Delivering Quality and Safeguarding Patient Safety

The EFN calls on MEP candidates to ensure that all EU countries have mechanisms for the continuous monitoring and development of the quality and safety of their health care systems, including consideration of outcome measurements. Such mechanism should also be used to inform an agreed European framework for quality and safety.

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