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European Federation of Nurses Associations - EFN

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For the EFN the most important is that the European Commission takes the European Semester Country Reports to advance the development of the European Pillar of Social Rights across all EU Member States. The Pillar has the power to reduce social inequalities among EU citizens and to advance universal health coverage for all. In doing so, it can advance the status of the nursing profession across EU countries.

In relation to the European Semester process, the EFN recommends all of the following.

- 1) That National and European policy-makers, drafting input to the European Commission, leading to Country-Specific Recommendations, should acknowledge the importance of investing in health, with a more efficient health and social care funding allocation, better working conditions for the nursing workforce, especially front line, building on existing integrated care ecosystems throughout the EU.
- 2) Looking at workforce policies concretely, the European Commission should look at the staffing levels and the shortage of nurses across the analysed countries. It should propose a safe staffing level, as well as a rough outline of what reforms to do to get there.
- 3) The European Commission should include clear indicators across the Country Reports on how the nursing workforce has been engaged in the co-design of healthcare policies by all the EU Member States. Then, clear indicators should reflect the contribution of nurses to each of the analysed policies. The possibility of looking for formulas to foster end-user co-design at the national level should be part of the process, to encourage and incentive EU countries to build the end-user engagement capacity. In these processes, the nursing workforce of the concerned country should be consulted to know first-hand and from the front line what needs to be done to strengthen the resilience of the EU Healthcare Ecosystems.
- 4) The Country Reports are used by the European Commission as a tool to foster the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights across all EU countries. The reports would greatly benefit from including a reference to the 20 principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights, including a detailed focus on how the nursing profession contributed to the innovation and sustainability of each of the different principles as set out in the Pillar of Social Rights is applied.
- 5) A mechanism for consultation with the nurses and health stakeholders should be proposed and fostered. The Country Reports would greatly benefit from including the information and best practices coming from the nursing profession.

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As the EU Country Reports identify healthcare trends across the Member States, it is key the nursing profession uses these trends to position itself for the implementation of the recommendations at the national level.

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The EFN has worked on a full report on the European Semestre process, analysing the Country Reports for the period 2016-2020 and looking at its impact on the nursing profession. It is available here - <http://anyflip.com/eumpx/ytok>

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Final questions

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- Social media advertisement
- Advertisement in specialised magazines/ journals
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