

“Trends and developments in Europe with an impact on health services, nursing education, nursing practice and working conditions for nurses.”



“Nursing Practice in Europe with focus on Patient Safety”



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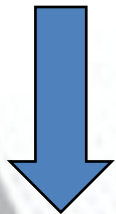
'Bolkenstein Directive'



- Collective bargaining



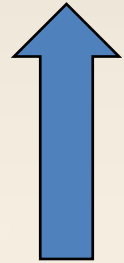
- European social model



- National labour market

- Quality in Healthcare

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- Common values and principles



- Stakeholder approach
- Universal access



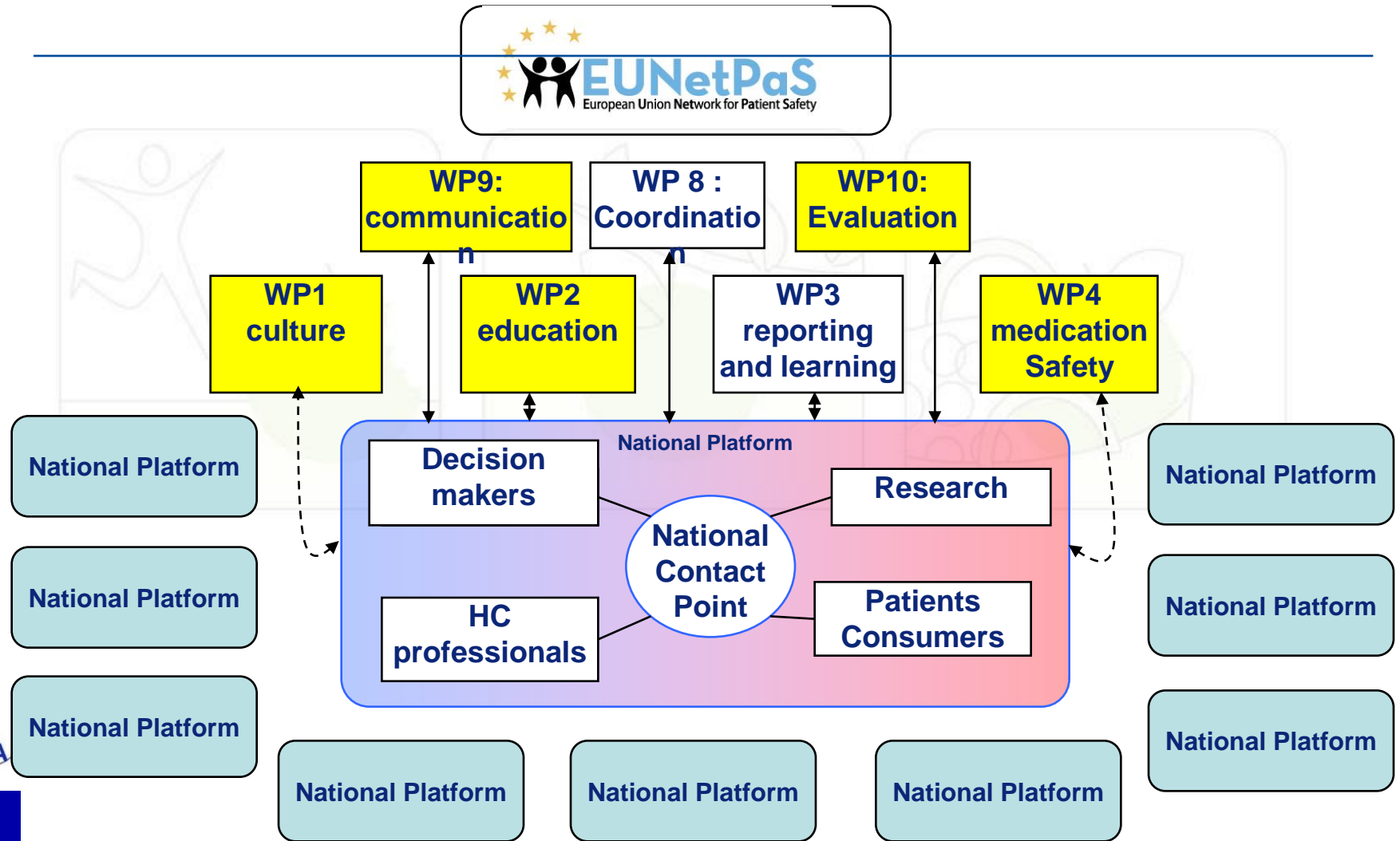
- Solidarity




**Effective Stakeholder
Approach at national
and European level,
involving nurses and
nursing in all phases
of policy-making.**



HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED?





**Provide strategic support
for a qualitative and
equitable health service in
Europe by developing a
workforce of effective,
competent and motivated
nurses.**

EU Nurses Age %

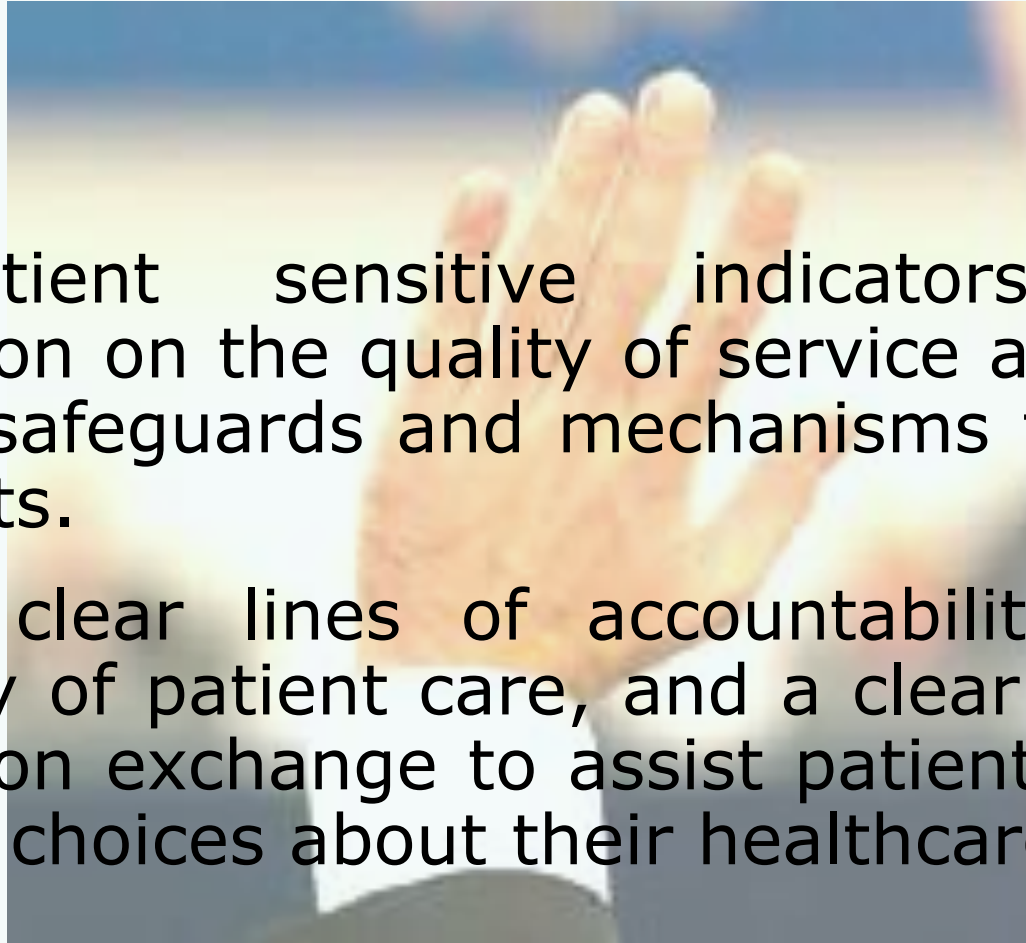


**Invest in human capital
by ensuring better
education provision and
steadily increasing
qualification levels.**

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**EU Health Services
Legislation
is essential for Patient
Safety & Quality.**

Therefore, it is important to:



- Use patient sensitive indicators, gather information on the quality of service and putting in place safeguards and mechanisms to address complaints.
- Develop clear lines of accountability for the continuity of patient care, and a clear system of information exchange to assist patients to make informed choices about their healthcare.



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EFN NEED TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE "SOFT LAW INITIATIVES led BY DG SANCO



Patient safety is a serious concern in the EU. Recent studies consistently show...



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High Level Patient Safety and Quality of Care Working Group

To examine EU added value in relation to:

- the **reduction of harm** to patients;
- the reduction of **variations in care** by making sure that procedures are in place ensuring comparable outcomes for patients;
- the creation of a more compassionate healthcare environment in which a **patient-centred** approach with full respect of dignity and rights of patients and their families is central.

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To reflect on:

- increasing the **quality of life** of the patients
- empowering **patient choice** with clear and comprehensive information
- how to **support the patient** and his/her relatives in difficult decisions
- ensuring that patients have the possibility to have an **active role** in their healthcare

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To develop:

- a reflection paper by the end of 2009
- a platform of information exchange on current work in the field of **healthcare quality** at Member State and European levels
 - EU Project on Quality Standards
- EFN to bring upfront EFN Members experiences related to guaranteeing high quality and **safe health services**

**Accreditation could be a mean
of assuring quality and safety
by confirming that individuals,
programmes, institutions and
services meet agreed EU
standards.**

**Professional preparedness in
Europe**



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EUNetPaS Coordination Meeting (03/06/2009)



The EFN President, Grete Christensen, EFN Secretary General, Paul De Raeve, and EFN Policy

Advisor, Andreas Xyrichis, participated in the 3rd EUNetPaS coordination meeting and workshops in Copenhagen where significant progress was made on WP1 - Patient Safety Culture; WP2 - Education; and WP4 - Field Testing. Concerning WP1, three safety culture measurement tools have been chosen and will be piloted in Lithuania in September 2009. An accountability toolkit discussing the utility of various instruments and the process of change towards a safer culture shall be developed after the 24 September Meeting. Concerning WP2, Patient safety guidelines were discussed taking into account EFN members input. A next draft will be prepared for the October Brussels meeting. The EFN members and alliances will be consulted on the next draft and will be consulted on the next draft and how the guidelines can be used. Concerning WP4, the process of piloting medication safety interventions, including the EFN members' contribution, is underway in 11 EU Member States. Next steps include working towards developing a community of hospitals as a forum for further exchanging of advice, support, and best practices. The next coordination meeting will take place in Athens, Greece, on 28-29 January 2010.

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