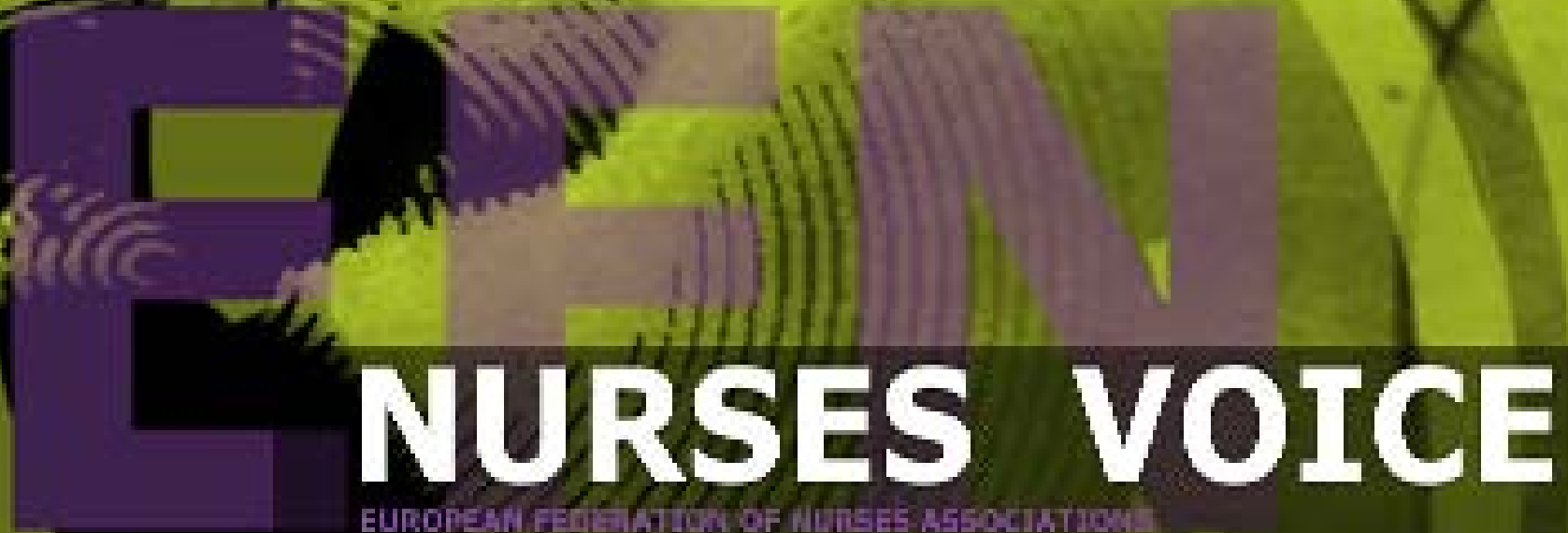


*A Blueprint for Implementation – A  
Business Case for Social Cohesion  
Funds*



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EFN consists of NNAs from **34 Member States** and was established in 1972 to represent the nursing profession and its interest to the European Institutions. EFN is the **independent voice of the nursing profession** and its lobby outcomes affects 6 million nurses throughout the European Union and Europe.

# EFN Lobby Priorities

Professional  
Committee

- **Directive 36 – EU Enlargement**

Workforce  
Committee

- **EU Workforce for Health - Skill Mix/Needs**

Public Policy  
Committee

- ***Quality of Care – Patient Safety – E-health***


December **2004**, World AIDS Day - European Parliament - **2005-2006** – EFN amendments to the Biological Agent Directive 2000/54/EC - Adoption July **2006** of the Stephen Hughes own-initiative report and the Parliament Resolution 2006/2015 - **2008** EFN input to the public consultation on the revision of the Medical Devices Directive, to the second stage consultation on Needlestick injuries - EFN concerns to the EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, about delay of more than two years in the publication of an amendment to the Directive 2000/54/EC, on the protection of workers from risks related to exposure to biological agents at work - July **2009**, EFN welcomed the binding agreement signed by the European Social Partners, the designated EU representatives of healthcare workers (European Public Service Union, EPSU) and healthcare employers (European Hospital and Healthcare Employers' Association, HOSPEEM) on the prevention of sharps injuries in the hospital and healthcare sector. - June **2010** adoption of the new European Directive on prevention from sharps injuries (2010/32/EU), celebrated in Spain during the EU Spanish Presidency. A new European Biosafety Network was created developing implementation guidelines for the Directive

## Czech Republic Case

Amendments to the existing national worker safety Act is not enough to comply with the Directive 2010/32/EU as this Act is largely ineffective in protecting health care workers from potentially fatal injuries from contaminated needles and other medical sharps.

A yellow train engine is shown from a front-three-quarter perspective, moving along railway tracks. The scene is set at night, with a city skyline visible in the background under a dark sky. A street lamp is visible on the right side of the tracks. The train has a large windshield and a small light on top.

**We need to get urgently on the train of the EU Accession Funds & the Social Cohesion Funds to implement DIR 2010/32/EU.**



**The Social Cohesion  
Funds are rarely used for  
health - only 3% is spent  
on Health**



## Operational Programmes for European Social Fund

Together with DG Sanco and DG Employment lawyers, 4 generic scenarios, two on Nurse Education and two on EU Workforce for Health were developed.

# **Bulgaria Business Case**

**Risk Assessment (Clause 5)**

**Elimination, prevention and protection (Clause 6)**

**Training (Clause 8)**

**Information and Awareness Raising (Clause 7)**

**Reporting (Clause 9)**

## **SUPPORT HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL NEEDED**

HR operating program fully committed, but ONLY 5% of funding absorbed. In September, new programs will be considered. The HR operating program is structured in such a way that the Ministry of Health is beneficiary and it needs to follow the public procurement procedures regarding selection of implementing partners. One potential opportunity that the HR operating program offers is small grants of 100,000 euro for running projects in partnership with international organizations. This might be a good opportunity to the European Nursing Association/Biosafety Agency to apply directly with its two Bulgarian partners.

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