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RE: Nurse Prescribing

To whom it may concern,

Poland has joined the EU in 2004. Ten years after this important historical EU accession, the nursing profession in Poland has made enormous progress in complying with EU legislation and more importantly, transposing EU innovative practices into the daily reality of patients and citizens.

Therefore, the EFN takes this opportunity to congratulate the Polish main and regional Nurses and Midwives Chambers for their leadership in designing Polish nursing legislation on several topics which will benefit patient outcomes. Not only the nursing language ICNP®, on which Poland is leading internationally, contributes to the development of continuity of care, equally important is the design and implementation of nurse prescribing to contribute to a cost effective healthcare system. In many EU Member States, nurse prescribing is a fact and show positive impact on patient outcomes as nurses have now the opportunity to use their knowledge, skills and competencies at their full potential to empower patients within their everyday practice.

The Polish legislative initiative supports the Commission thematic network on eHealth services in nursing and social care. Next to prevention, clinical practice, integrated care and advanced roles for nurses, nurse prescribing is high on the professional agenda, leading to EU guidelines. The Polish nursing leadership can therefore be named pro-active as it set the scene for many other EU Member States, in particular Eastern European countries. The legislative proposal on prescribing is not just changing the Polish healthcare systems, it is helping other countries to move forward the nursing profession agenda.

On behalf of all EFN members and the EFN President, Marianne Sipilä, the EFN, representing over 3 million nurses, congratulates all Polish nursing leaders and policy-makers for putting nurse prescribing high on the political agenda.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PDR', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Paul De Raeve
EFN Secretary General