

PNAE

**Paediatric Nursing Associations
of Europe**

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The goals and purposes of the PNAE are to:

- Enhance the care of children and adolescents world wide
- Use the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child to promote and advocate for the health and development of children
- Encourage communication between paediatric nurses to help further the care of all children.

Through its activities the network of Paediatric Nursing Associations of Europe will seek to ensure that children, young people and families across Europe are guaranteed the quality of nursing care they have a right to receive. Action is planned to:

- Establish and communicate a clear vision for paediatric nursing across Europe
- Promote common standards in paediatric nursing practice, education, management and research
- Promote free movement of paediatric nurses between the countries of Europe, through recognition of differing educational preparations and professional registrations.
- Proactively inform and advise European organisations and others on paediatric nursing issues
- Communicate and collaborate with other organisations concerned with the health and welfare of children in Europe, particularly the European Association for Children in Hospital (EACH).

Members¹

Belgium	Paediatric Nurses Association
Croatia	Croatian Nurses Association of Paediatric Nursing Society
Denmark	Danish Paediatric Association
Czech	Czech Association of Nurses
Estonia	Estonian Paediatric Nurses Association
Greece	Paediatric Nursing Sector of Hellenic Nurses Association
Ireland	Irish Children's Nurses Association
Italy	Italian Nurses Association
Lithuanian	Lithuanian Nurses Association
Luxemborg	Luxembourg Paediatric Nurses
Malta	Malta Union of Midwives & Nurses
Netherlands	Dutch Association of Paediatric Nurses, Netherlands
Poland	Polish Association of Paediatric Nurses
Romania	Asociatia De Nursing Din Romania
Slovak	Slovak Chamber of Nurses and Midwives
Slovenia	Paediatric Nurses Association of Slovenia
Sweden	Swedish Paediatric Nurses Association
United Kingdom	Royal College of Nursing,

Observer/For information:

European Federation of Nurses [EFN] - Standing Committee of Nurses of the EU

¹ The membership of PNAE is continually expanding to encompass representatives from other countries within the EU

Operating procedures of PNAE

Participants

One or two representatives from each country/Association can participate. Each country/Association should appoint a person who is the main contact for **PNAE**.

Meetings

PNAE will have two meetings annually. The location will alternate between the members.

Invitation

The host country will send the invitation 2 months before the meeting. This will include information about accommodation and travel details.

Agenda

Agenda items will be sent to the named contact in the host country at least 5 weeks before the meeting. The host country will make a short presentation of their association and Paediatric Nursing in their country.

Notes of meetings

The host country will ensure notes are taken of the meeting. The notes will be distributed within 3 weeks of the meeting.

Economy

The host country will arrange the meeting, ensure access to a meeting room, and provide refreshments during the meeting. Representatives and their Associations will be responsible for covering their own travelling and accommodations expenses.

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All Paediatric Nursing Associations² in Europe are encouraged to participate in the network so that a strong and united voice is possible on the important common issues that have been identified for action, such as:

- Defining paediatric nursing competencies
- Raising the profile of paediatric nursing and children's healthcare in Europe
- Ensuring transferability of qualifications across Europe

The network will also provide the means for Associations in different countries to share information and resources, such as

- Standards for practice
- Recommended staffing ratios in paediatric wards and units
- Educational curricula and learning resources.

² Some countries do not have a national paediatric nursing association. In this case a group of paediatric nurses in a country can participate in the network as they attempt to establish an association over time (and linked to their national nursing association if possible).