

## European Federation of Nurses Associations, Belgium

1. Respondent Profile	
1.1 Please indicate the type of organisation on behalf of which you are responding to this consultation:	Health professionals' organisations (e.g. doctors, nurses, managers)
Please indicate level:	European Union umbrella organisation
Please indicate Member States representation:	Pan European
Please indicate for what the administration is responsible:	
1.1.1. Other (please specify):	
1.2 Please indicate the name of your organisation or centre:	European Federation of Nurses Associations
1.3 Please indicate the country where your organisation/centre is located/has its headquarters or main representative office in Europe:	BE
1.4 Please indicate the number of EU Member States and EEA countries (Norway, Iceland, Lichtenstein) and accessing country (Croatia) in which your organisation conducts business/is represented:	7
1.5 If need be, can we contact you by e-mail to obtain further information on your submission?	Yes
1.5.1 Please provide an e-mail address where we can contact you:	efn@efn.be
1.6 Please provide us with a contact person (incl jobtitle and daytime phone number):	Paul De Raeve General Secretary 0032 2 512 74 19

1.7 Please provide additional contact details if needed:

## 2. Involvement of your organisation in the matter of centres of excellence/reference (COE) and healthcare networks in highly specialised healthcare (HSHC).

2.1 How would you describe your organisation's knowledge of CoE and HSHC? High

2.1.1 Space for further comments:

2.2. What aspects or domains related to the topic of CoE and HSHC would correspond to your organisation's key knowledge? (cross any that applies)

Highly specialised healthcare provision  
Priorities, description and characteristics of CoE and HSHC  
Management and organisational aspects of highly specialized healthcare  
Professional performance, clinical practice, quality and safety of specialized healthcare  
Assessment/evaluation/certification of clinical practice and healthcare providers

2.2.1. Space for further comments:

The EFN members are engaged in the development and implementation of Advanced Nurse Practitioner roles across community and acute care settings.

2.3 Is highly specialised healthcare a priority in your organisation's strategies and work plans?

High

2.3.1 Space for further comments:

One fundamental pillar to promote excellence is through a highly educated, dedicated and skilled workforce. Promoting safe staffing levels, optimal skill mix and advanced roles for nurses.

2.4. What specific field of healthcare services/specialities are most relevant for your centre/organisation's field of work?	Other
Please specify:	Governance and management of healthcare
2.5. Has your organisation/centre been directly involved in the design or assessment of professional standards and criteria related with highly specialised healthcare?	Frequently
2.5.1 Please describe your role in such actions/projects:	Design and assessment of professional standards, continued professional development, workflows, staffing level ratios and skill mix, and quality and safety monitoring and evaluation.
2.6. Has your organisation been involved in projects/activities supported by the Commission in relation with HSHC or professional and technical criteria/standards in highly specialised healthcare?	No
2.7. Do you have concrete examples based on your own organisation's experience or could you provide us with references or links to documents related with professional criteria and standards in highly specialised healthcare/CoE or HSHC (e.g. quality criteria, guidelines, consensus documents)?	Yes
2.7.1 Space for further comments:	Key organisational values and guiding principles include: Always put our patients first, Focus on pioneering research, Provide innovative learning opportunities, Transform the nature of healthcare.
2.13. What is the scope of the network?	
2.14. Which kind of network?	
2.14.1 Space for further comments:	

2.15. Would you be interested in applying to the process to be considered Centre of Excellence of the future European Reference Network? (1 = not interested at all, 5 = very interested)

2.15.1 Space for further comments:

### 3. Proposed criteria for ERN (scope, general and specific criteria)

#### 3.1 Criteria related with diseases or conditions in order to be considered under the scope of the ERN

3.1.1. Need of highly specialised healthcare	5
3.1.1.1. Complexity of the diagnosis and treatment	4
3.1.1.2. High cost of treatment and resources	4
3.1.1.3. Need of advanced/highly specialised medical equipment or infrastructures	5
3.1.2. Need of particular concentration of expertise and resources	5
3.1.2.1. Rare expertise/need of concentration of cases	4
3.1.2.2. Low prevalence/incidence/number of cases	5
3.1.2.3. Evaluated experiences of Member States	5
3.1.3. Based on high-quality, accessible and cost-effective healthcare	5
3.1.3.1. Evidence of the safety and favourable risk-benefit analysis	5

3.1.3.2. Feasibility and evidence of the value and potential positive outcome (clinical)	5
3.1.4. Do you recommend any additional criteria or option that would effectively address the issue?	Yes
3.1.4.1 Explain your proposal in free text:	EFN Position on Continuity of Care ( <a href="http://www.efnweb.be/?page_id">http://www.efnweb.be/?page_id</a> ) Magnet Hospitals ( <a href="http://journals.lww.com/jonajournal/Abstract/2011/10000/Nurse_Outcomes_in_Magnet__and_Non_Magnet_Hospitals.9.aspx">http://journals.lww.com/jonajournal/Abstract/2011/10000/Nurse_Outcomes_in_Magnet__and_Non_Magnet_Hospitals.9.aspx</a> )
3.1.5. Would you prioritise or suggest any concrete disease or group of diseases to be addressed by the future ERN according to the above criteria?	Yes
3.1.5.1 Explain your proposal in free text:	Non-Communicable Diseases is needed, due to the burden that they represent and the complexity in their care.

### 3.2. General criteria of the centres wishing to join a European Reference Network

3.2.1. Organisation and management	5
3.2.2. Patients empowerment and centered care	5
3.2.3. Patient care, clinical tools and health technology assessment	5
3.2.4. Quality, patient safety and evaluation framework policies	5
3.2.5. Business continuity, contingency planning and response capacity	4
3.2.6. Information systems, technology and e-health tools and applications	5

3.2.7. Overall framework and capacity for research and training	5
3.2.8. Specific commitment of the management/direction of the centre/hospital to ensure a full and active participation in the ERN	3
3.2.9. Do you recommend any additional option that would effectively address the issue?	Yes
3.2.9.1. Space for further comments:	EFN Position Statement on Criteria for Excellence Centres ( <a href="http://www.efnweb.be/?page_id=845">http://www.efnweb.be/?page_id=845</a> ).

### 3.3. Specific criteria regarding the areas of expertise

3.3.1. Competence, experience and good outcomes and care	5
3.3.2. Specific resources and organisation:	5
3.3.2.1. Human resources	5
3.3.2.2. Team/centre organisation	5
3.3.2.3. Structural conditions	4
3.3.2.4. Specific equipment	3
3.3.2.5. Presence and coordination with other required complementary units or services	5
3.3.3. Patient care pathways, protocols and clinical guidelines in the field of expertise	5
3.3.4. External coordination, care management and follow-up of patients	5

3.3.5. Research, training, health technology assessment in the field of expertise	5
3.3.6. Specific information systems	5
3.3.7. Do you recommend any additional criteria or option that would effectively address the issue?	Yes
3.3.7.1. Space for further comments:	evidence based care pathways and guidelines, nursing leadership and research opportunities, multidisciplinary approaches, optimal staffing skill mix ratios.