

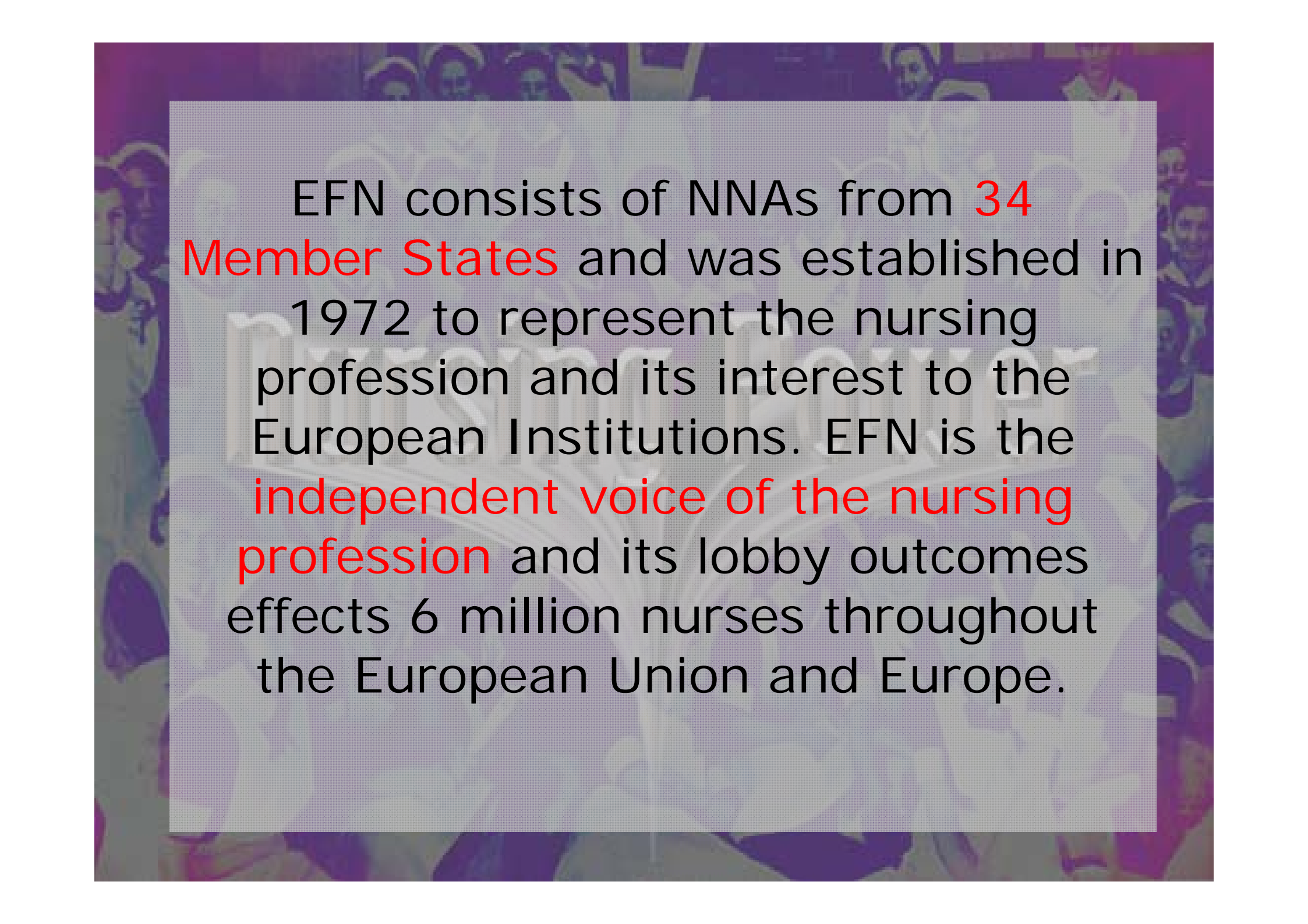
*A Blueprint for Implementation – A
Business Case for Social Cohesion
Funds*



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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.



INFRINGEMENTS

The European Commission refers Member States to the European Court of Justice over non-implementation of a Directive.

A Business Case for SCF

Risk Assessment (Clause 5)

Elimination, prevention and protection (Clause 6)


Training (Clause 8)

Information and Awareness Raising (Clause 7)


Reporting (Clause 9)



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

A hand holding a white cloth over a crowd of people. The background is a blurred crowd of people, suggesting a public event or gathering. The hand is in the foreground, holding a white cloth that is draped over the crowd. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, purple font.

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

A photograph of a hand reaching upwards, with fingers slightly spread, set against a blurred background. The hand is positioned centrally behind the text.

Operational Programmes for
European Social Fund relate to
education and employment
(upgrading nurses skills)

Make SCF Proposal and negotiate
with your Region



**SUPPORT HIGHEST POLITICAL
LEVEL NEEDED**

Council Conclusions 6 June 2011

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