

**Patient Safety
in the EU**
- EUNetPaS -
European Union Network for Patient Safety

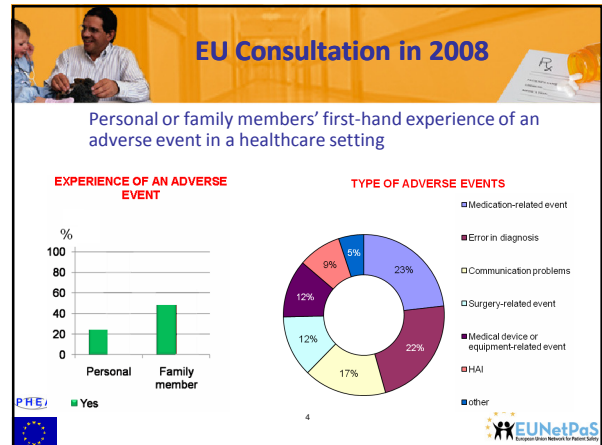
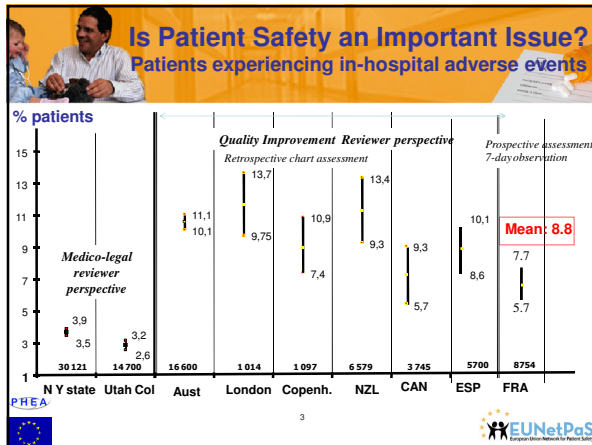
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EUNetPaS is a project which has received funding from the European Union in the framework of the Public Health Programme

EU Definition

Patient Safety
“Freedom for a patient from unnecessary harm or potential harm associated with healthcare”

As given in the COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION on patient safety, including the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections (20 Jan 2009)



Challenges for Patient Safety in the EU

Patient Safety should be

- more integrated → hospital + healthcare pathways
- more participative → involvement of all stakeholders committed to a patient-centered approach
- more effective → focus on clinical outcomes
- more European → sharing of good practices

Patient safety is a key foundation of good quality healthcare

« Two sides of the same coin »

EU Initiatives on Patient Safety

- Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare
- Council recommendation on patient safety and quality of health services, including the prevention and control of healthcare-associated infections
- Projects: EUNetPaS, IPSE, data mining ...

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Looking ahead

Trend toward greater EU harmonization to lessen inequity

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Centralisation
= normative approach
(e.g. drug industry)

Mutual recognition
= participative approach
(e.g. telecom industry)
EUNetPaS way

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Objectives of EUNetPaS

- added value + faster progress through collaboration, mutual support, and exchange of ideas and materials among Member States
- pan European NETWORK for patient safety; stakeholders participate in "National platforms" organised around National Contact Points (NCPs)
- pilot test of tools to reduce medication errors
- education, change in culture, learning environment
- basis for research projects on better patient safety

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EUNetPaS: Network of national platforms

Network for collaboration among 27 Member States, international organizations, and stakeholders in the field of Patient Safety (PS)

Σ National platforms

- National PS Institutions
- Dedicated PS and Quality agencies or departments
- Decision makers and financiers
- Healthcare professionals
- Patient representatives
- Research teams on PS

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EUNetPaS Structure

European Commission

EUNetPaS
European Union Network for Patient Safety

National Platform

- Decision makers
- Healthcare professionals
- National Contact Point (NCP)
- Research teams
- Patient representatives


4 core work packages


AUT
BEL
DEU
DNK
ESP
FIN
FRA
GBR
GRC
NLD
SWE

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4 Core Work Packages

WP 1	Culture	CBO (NLD)	Measurement instruments
WP 2	Education	EKEYYL (GRC)	Guidelines
WP 3	Reporting/ Learning	NBH (DNK)	Library of methods, rapid response mechanism
WP 4	Medication errors	HOPE (European Hospital and Healthcare Federation)	Recommendation, development of a community of hospitals in PS



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WP 1: PS Culture (NLD)

1. Literature search by ESQH to identify PSC measurement tools (19 tools) and indicators
2. Identification by NCPs of tools used in MS (list of organisations and experts)
3. Tool selection criteria validated by NCPs
4. Selection and pilot test of one tool in one MS
5. Feedback on tool and indicators use from MS



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WP 2: Education Guideline (GRC)

1. Survey by NCPs of Good Practices (37 in 7 MS)
2. Drafting of guideline (DEU, DNK, ESP, GBR, GRC)
3. Validation of draft guideline by NCPs
4. Pilot test of guideline in medical/nursing schools
5. Final guideline
6. Online course available through EUNetPaS (ESP)



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WP 3: Reporting and Learning Systems (DNK)

1. Survey of good practices on setting up of reporting / learning systems (34 from 10 MS)
2. Interviews of contacts identified during survey
3. Drafting of guideline (AUT, DNK, GBR, SWE)
4. Validation of draft guideline by NCPs
5. Rapid Alert Mechanism

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WP 4: Medication Errors

European Federation of Hospitals HOPE (leader), nurses (EFN) and community pharmacists (PGEU) and AUT, BEL, FIN

1. Oct. '08: Identification and selection of good practices (n=7): safety vest, sleep card, bed dispensation (n=2), medication reconciliation at discharge and at admission (n=3)
2. Jan. '09: Selection of hospitals (3-5 in 11 MS)
3. Jan. '09 – Jan. '10: Pilot test in 11 MS (LTU, DNK, NLD, FRA, PRT, GRC, IRL, ITA, AUT, BEL, FIN)
4. May '10: Recommendation


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EUNetPaS: Outcomes and Deliverables

- Make existing knowledge / know-how available
- Acquire new knowledge
- Evaluate uptake of tools and recommendations
- Develop an **EU community of Hospitals** in PS
- Create a sustainable European Network on PS

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Added Value of the EUNetPaS way for Local Providers

- Share information and experience
- Promote YOUR best practices at EU level
- Obtain feedback on European recommendations
- Influence EU strategy on convergence of health systems

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Sustainability, a life after EUNetPaS

Commission co-funding should provide an opportunity for MS to engage in common actions relevant to their needs and to adapt and implement solutions which have been validated at international level (i.e. High 5 project).

Development and Implementation of good practices will contribute to the improvement and harmonization of patient safety and quality of care in every Member States

Patient safety standards could be proposed at a later stage when convergence will ensure their relevance for all the Member States.

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EUNetPaS Contact Information

- EUNetPaS website : <http://www.eunetpas.eu>

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