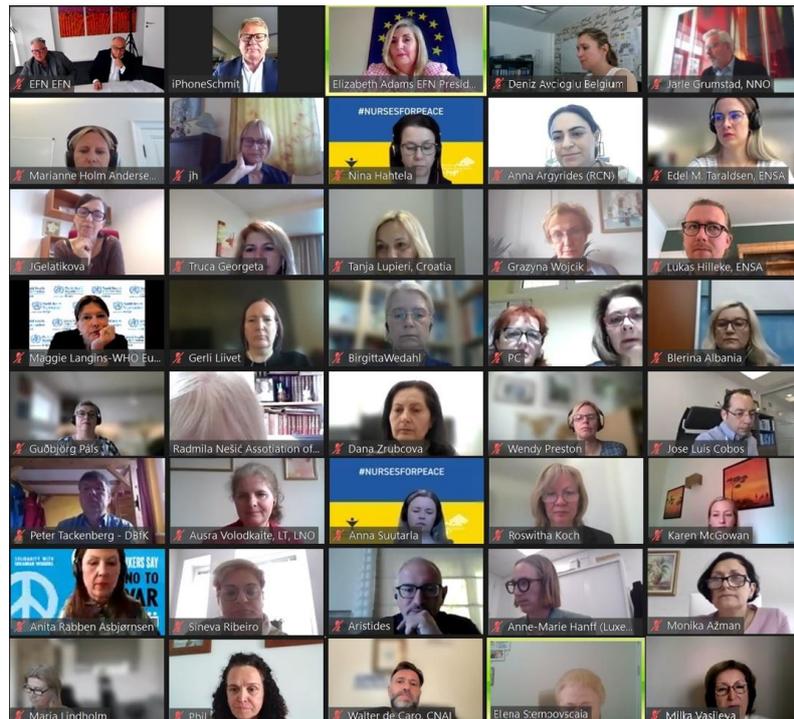


As part of [EFN Strategic and Operational Lobby Plan 2021-2027](#), the EFN Members discussed and approved three key Policy Statements: 1/ Advanced Practice Nursing, 2/ Building and Sustaining a Resilient Nursing Workforce, and 3/ Nursing Planetary Health. These Policy Statements will support the EFN in its lobby work towards the EU Institutions in advancing the nursing profession. The EFN is eager to get political results within the EU Institutions and this General Assembly was extremely important from that perspective.

In addition, the EFN Members shared information on the developments on education, workforce and quality & safety, including digitalisation, at national level. Many crucial challenges in the Member States were reported. It is key EU health policies reflect the nurse's reality to better shape fit-for-purpose solutions and initiatives in the healthcare sector. The EFN Members reaffirmed their commitment and determination to ensure that EFN EU policy agenda priorities on education, workforce, quality and safety, remain high on the EU political agenda.

Nurses are best placed to deliver safe, high-quality, effective and efficient health services and make health ecosystems more resilient. Positioning nursing more central to health policy and technology design and ensuring that nurses can use their skills, including e-skills, to their full capacity, can lead to improved citizens health and well-being, enabling the achievement of a resilient healthcare ecosystem. Therefore, national governments should use the COVID-19 funds, the EU Recovery and Resilience Funds to invest in nursing education and workforce.



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