



EFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPORT: WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING ALL THIS MONTHS?

The board of the European Nursing Student Association (ENSA) has been working during the last six months defending the rights of the student around the continent. But in what way we have done it? Take a look in this report at our actions...

1. The 8th November 2016 demonstration in Paris



The first action in which we took part was the Nursing Demonstration in Paris promoted by 18 associations in total. One of this federations was the French Nursing Students Association (FNESI), which is an ENSA member.

We were there to show that Europe will not let the French students fall against the discrimination and inequalities they are suffering respecting to the other health formations.

Here you can find the video we made about that demonstration: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ssFBft0-lmA>

Since then, we have been taking care of them, by supporting and sharing all the initiatives they have done to improve the conditions of their situation.

2. The Brussels Meeting with the EFN, December 2016

The first visit in Brussels had as objective presenting our working plan to our colleagues of the EFN and to know in which actions we could cooperate with, such as the European Solidarity Corps.

3. “ENSA is Changing”, January 2017

On January, we have sent to all the national federations a statement concerning the changes our association had approved and which are the biggest change in our association for the last two years.



Here is the official video of this important decision:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4Zlska-rco>

In the next lines, we detail those changes:

- **ERASMUS+**: As ENSA is now a member of the European Students Union, we want to start bringing services to the students. For this reason, we will start advising students who desire to make a stage by using the ERASMUS+ program. We will put them in contact with all the National Federations we can, so that we establish a communication between the student and the Nursing Students Organisation of the country of destination to make their journey a little bit easier.
- **WORKGROUPS**: After the ENSA Mid-Term Meeting in Malta which will take place in March, we will develop the workgroups. We will ask to all the nursing students around Europe, to cooperate with us in the development of our policies. We will work in two different topics: the first one, the development of the EU directive 55 which talks about the harmonisation of the degrees (like Nursing) around Europe, and the second one, about how making our organisation bigger, and which will be the best ways to make ENSA grow. In this second workgroup, we will include the mobility programs.
- **NEW MEMBERS**: ENSA is looking for students! If you are from a European National Federation of Nursing Students, or a Nursing Student, they can join us to be a part of ENSA! Being a member gives you the opportunity to attend our meetings and to take part in the voting procedures. And the registration is for free! You will find our registration forms in the ENSA website, and you can also ask the form in our mail ensaagm@gmail.com
- **WEBSITE**: Here you have the link of our website: Ensanetwork.eu. You will find there our constitution, the registration forms to become a member and our mails and profiles to contact us.
- **STAGE IN BRUSSELS**: This is, probably, one of the most important engagements of this board. We are under conversations with the European Federation of Nurse Associations to create an ERASMUS+ Project in Brussels in collaboration with them and for a period between 2 to 4 months. All the nursing students who do a master related with our profession and with public health will be able to benefit of it.



4. The EFNNMA Meeting, March 2017

The European Nursing Student Association (ENSA) was represented by its President, Julián Vadell Martínez, in the European Forum of National Nursing and Midwifery Associations (EFNNMA) which has taken place in Berlin, Germany, on March the 2nd and 3rd.



This meeting has shown us the importance of the harmonization of the nursing education around the continent (and not only the European Union), thanks to the EU Directive 2013/55. Nevertheless, we have observed with deeply sadness that there is a big gap in between the western-central-eastern European countries, which will not allow some of them to incorporate the new plan during decades.

Communication has been another topic in which this meeting has been essential. As you probably know, in the EFN meeting in Madrid we asked you to bring us your students to our events. We have had the opportunity to meet some countries which are not at the EFN such as Russia. We have taken contacts with the majority of eastern countries, which will allow us to prepare new actions and to develop even more our communication system to arrive further.



During this meeting, we had the pleasure to exchange with the WHO representatives of the European Region. This has allowed us to understand the importance of the collaboration in between this organization and ours in what concerns nursing education.

We had also the pleasure to exchange with the German Federal Secretary of State in Health Issues, Ms. Annette Widmann-Mauz, in what concerned the improvements in the situation of German Nurses.



For that reason, we have started conversations to collaborate in a research made by Stephanie Praxmarer about the different models of nursing education, to give the information about some countries and to being able to promote the EU directive 55 in every single European Country and, what is more important, to promote this model in meetings such as the ICN Meeting in Barcelona, on May 2017.

To sum up, these are the three main ideas we extract from the EFNNMA Meeting:

1. ENSA will collaborate in any action which promotes the research, promotion and diffusion on Nursing Education
2. ENSA will expand its communication to the center-eastern European Countries, in order to help, with the EFN and the other professional organisations, to reduce the inequalities in between countries in what concerns formation, mobility and salaries.
3. ENSA will support every action (example given, the European Solidarity Corps) which allows the empowerment of the nursing students.

Finally, we want to thank Mr. Franz Wagner and the DBfK for helping us to attend this meeting, as the EFNNMA Board, starting with the President, Ms. Valentina Sarkisova. And we would also like to thank Mr. Max Vincent Zilenski, President of the Students Section of the DBfK, for his collaboration in what concerned all the German nursing students' questions.

5. The European Solidarity Corps

Since the election, this Board has been really interested in the European Solidarity Corps (ESC). We have cooperated with the EFN in its diffusion through our national federations and social networking sites to the Nursing Students, but also in what concerns giving ideas to this project and participating in the political events, such as the presentation of the ESC which takes place on March the 24th and the workgroups in Brussels on April the 12th.





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