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French Nurses rally against their National Regulatory Body

Several nursing unions have called upon French nurses to take the streets of their country the 30/09/09 in order to demonstrate their disapproval to the creation and register Nursing Regulatory Body.



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These Unions, who seem to have formed a temporary alliance, have in fact published a press release, in which they call for an active expression of disappointment with the Regulatory. The “communiqué” calls for actions to be taken at local, municipal or regional level.

French Nursing Unions declared they have already written to the Ministry of Health and to all the other official nursing authorities, but talks with these

institutions have so far proved to be fruitless. After this day of demonstrations, the Unions will meet again the 02/10/09 to decide if further actions need to be undertaken.

In a press release available on its new website, the “Ordre National des Infirmiers”, the French Regulatory Body for Nursing, has issued a ‘question and answers’ document explaining the necessity for the profession to be regulated, providing all the adequate answers to the arguments raised by the Unions.

It is obvious that the creation of Nursing Regulatory Body in countries where long-time-operating Unions already exist is viewed as a “threat” by the latter and this in spite of the fact that the objectives of a Regulatory Body are quite distinct with those of a Union. The necessity of a document clearly explaining the objectives of regulation at the Community level, such as the one our Policy Group is working currently on is thus clearly demonstrated.

Communiqué from the alliance of the French Trade Unions: http://www.sud-sante.org/IMG/pdf_communique_intersyndicale_18_09_09.pdf

Questions and Answers paper from the Ordre National des Infirmiers: http://www.ordre-infirmiers.fr/wp-content/themes/default/pdf/CP_bilan_inscription_170909.pdf

**European Commission’s DG Education and Culture
launched an open consultation on its Green Paper
‘Promoting the Learning Mobility for young People’**

The Directorate General Education and Culture (DG EAC) of the European Commission has recently launched an open consultation on its Green Paper ‘Promoting the Learning Mobility for young People’ ending on the 15th of December.

The Green Paper in question is being put forward with a view to raising a wide number of issues linked to the learning mobility of young Europeans in all disciplines and contexts. As you remember, the Leuven Communiqué, adopted on 29 April 2009 by the Ministers in charge of higher education in the countries participating in the Bologna Process, stipulates that in 2020, at least 20% of those graduating in the European Higher Education Area should have had a study or training period abroad.



In this line, the Green Paper published by the DG EAC seeks to promote organized learning mobility. This means that mobility should be linked to specific learning outcomes and lead to the attainment of qualifications, credits and/or professional experience. This Green Paper also highlights a number of areas where further efforts are required. Many of these efforts imply action at national, regional and institutional levels, as well as the active involvement of civil society, business and other stakeholders.

The consultation is open to every stakeholder, individuals and public authorities having interest in the issues tackled by the Green Paper. Contributions are to be made through an online questionnaire available on the DG EAC's website in the 22 official languages of the European Union (<http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=greenpaper&lang=en>).

Contributions can be given until the 15/12/09. After that date, the European Commission will analyze the replies received and will publish the results of the consultation on its website (surely not before February-March 2010).

The Green Paper in question is available at this webpage (http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning_policy/doc/mobility/com329_en.pdf) or on request at the FEPI Secretariat.

Should you feel FEPI could contribute as an organisation to this consultation, please do let the Secretariat know.

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<i>Meetings and Events to come:</i>
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- **HPRO card Plenary Meeting:**
 - o Athens, 12/10/09
 - o Crowne Plaza Hotel

- **Health Forum Gastein, 'Financial Crisis and Health Policy'**
 - o Bad Hofgastein, Austria
 - o 30 September – 03 October
 - o <http://www.ehfg.org/index.php>

- **Chief Nursing Officers Meeting, Swedish Presidency**
 - o Stockholm, Sweden
 - o 30/09/09 – 02/10/09
 - o http://www.se2009.eu/en/meetings_news/2009/9/30/meeting_with_representatives_for_medical_dental_and_nursing_issues