



*Your nursing students voice in Europe*

### **UPDATE: MID-TERM MEETING IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, 14-15 APRIL 2016**

On Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>, the ENSA Board was reunited in Brussels for our mid-term meeting. For those of you who are in touch for the first time with our Association, we are going to explain you what it is about.

**The mid-term meeting** is addressed to the members of the board and it takes place in Brussels, where the organization was legally established in October 2014. We discuss about the AGM (when it will take place, where it will be, the schedule, the topics...), but also we talk about our challenges as an association (how we can help the rest of the countries, in which topics related with nursing and nursing education is the European Union now taking part, how we can find funds for our organization...).

**The importance of the EU directive 55**, what it really means for every nursing student in Europe and how it has become the essential framework for the present and the future of the nursing education has turned out as the most relevant topic of the meeting. This directive will mark also the AGM in Madrid.

Furthermore, this Board has decided to develop a video project for the different nursing students' associations in Europe so that we can show to every single one who we are, which our objectives are, in what we are working and how to contact us.

But not only with nursing associations. We have started conversations with the rest of health care students' associations, to get to know each other and also to deal with another of the main topics of this mid-term meeting and the next AGM: Interprofessional collaboration and education. This is also related with the directive EU 55.

Finally, we haven't forgotten the topic of discrimination in nursing for any reason (gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnics or disability).

This year, we had the pleasure to have an interesting long conversation with Paul de Raeve, General Secretary of the European Federation of Nurses (EFN), and Kostas Aligiannis, Policy Advisor of the EFN, about the crucial relevancy that ENSA could have for

the students and in which ways we could develop long-term projects, without forgetting the importance of funding.

Apart from this, we can reveal you that the next AGM will take place in Madrid **from October the 17<sup>th</sup> to October the 19<sup>th</sup>**. We are working hard to get in touch with the different organizations in Spain in order to make you have a hard-working but at the same time wonderful experience with us. We will keep you updated with more specific informations on our Facebook and twitter page.

**ENSA wants you to collaborate with you.** As you know, we posted a filling form to become a member of our organization (you can become a member at our webpage: [http://ensanetwork.eu/?page\\_id=183](http://ensanetwork.eu/?page_id=183)). But we want to go a step forward. We want to develop a group work system in order to improve our projects. We will inform you about this with more details soon.

You can contact us at [http://ensanetwork.eu/?page\\_id=50](http://ensanetwork.eu/?page_id=50), on Facebook (ENSA – European Nursing Student Association), Twitter (@ensanetwork), Instagram (ensanetwork) and via email at [info@ensanetwork.eu](mailto:info@ensanetwork.eu).

The ENSA Board,

In Brussels, the 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

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