



EUROPEAN CURRICULUM FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY NURSE

WHY?

EU population ageing is a long-term trend placing many challenges at EU and national level. EU recommendations point out the importance of family and community in the ageing process, emphasizing Primary Health Care (PHC), frailty prevention, early detection, and diagnosis.

To face these challenges, many WHO reports underline the need of implementing **new healthcare models centered on PHC**, i.e. a first-contact, accessible, continued, comprehensive and coordinated care providing a gateway between the community and the health systems. **Family and Community Nurse (FCN)** is also identified as a **key-actor in the new PHC model**.

RELEVANCE OF PROJECT

Currently, no standardized Professional Profile (PP) for FCN has been defined at EU level taking into account WHO and EU recommendations.

The ENhANCE Project will target the specific mismatch between the skills currently offered by nurses working in Primary Health Care (PHC) and those actually demanded by both public health care institutions and private service providers when applying innovative healthcare models centered on PHC.

Starting from existing research evidence and results of ongoing EU Projects, a Professional Profile (PP) for FCN will be defined, as the EU benchmark for VET of FCN. The competence-based PP will be the baseline for the definition of a European, innovative, learning outcome-oriented modular VET Curriculum for FCN.

THE PROJECT PARTNERS

The ENhANCE Alliance includes 13 partners, from 5 different EU countries representing VET providers in the field of Nursing, Regulatory Bodies for FCN training, Professional Associations and Public and Private Employers.

National Research Council-Institute for Educational Technology (CNR-ITD), *Italy* - SI4life srl, *Italy* - University of Genoa (UNIGE), *Italy* - Ligurian Health enterprise (ALISA), *Italy* - EUROCARERS, *Belgium* - European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD), *Belgium* - University of East Finland (UEF), *Finland* - Technological Educational Institute (TEI) of Thessaly, *Greece* - Technological Educational Institute (TEI) of Crete, *Greece* - Hellenic Regulatory Body of Nurses (ENE), *Greece* - Future Balloons Unipessoal, Lda, *Portugal* - Academy of Business and Administration GmbH (AWV), *Germany*

MORE INFORMATION: WWW.ENHANCE-FCN.EU

MAIN ACTIVITIES:

To achieve the project objectives the Alliance will carry out a number of activities including:

- Definition and delivery of a **Professional Profile for the Family and Community Nurse (FCN)** which could be taken as a reference at European level for the Vocational Education and Training (VET).
- Design of a **Curriculum for Family and Community Nurse (FCN)** which could play a reference role at European level.
- Development of specific **guidelines/instructions supporting VET providers** in the instantiation of the EU Curriculum into local curricula.
- Delivery of a **training course for teachers** and development of guidelines and methodological recommendations for them on how to effectively use and tailor the tools and methods proposed by the project.
- Development of an **innovative open online tool** supporting case studies and best practice sharing for nurses
- Design of **3 national FCN curricula** and implementation of **3 pilot courses**.
- **Development of Recommendations for efficient investments on FCN professionals both for public and for private employers.**
- Evaluation and Quality assurance of the project results.
- **Dissemination** of the project outputs among different stakeholders.
- Exploitation of the results and assurance for **project sustainability**.

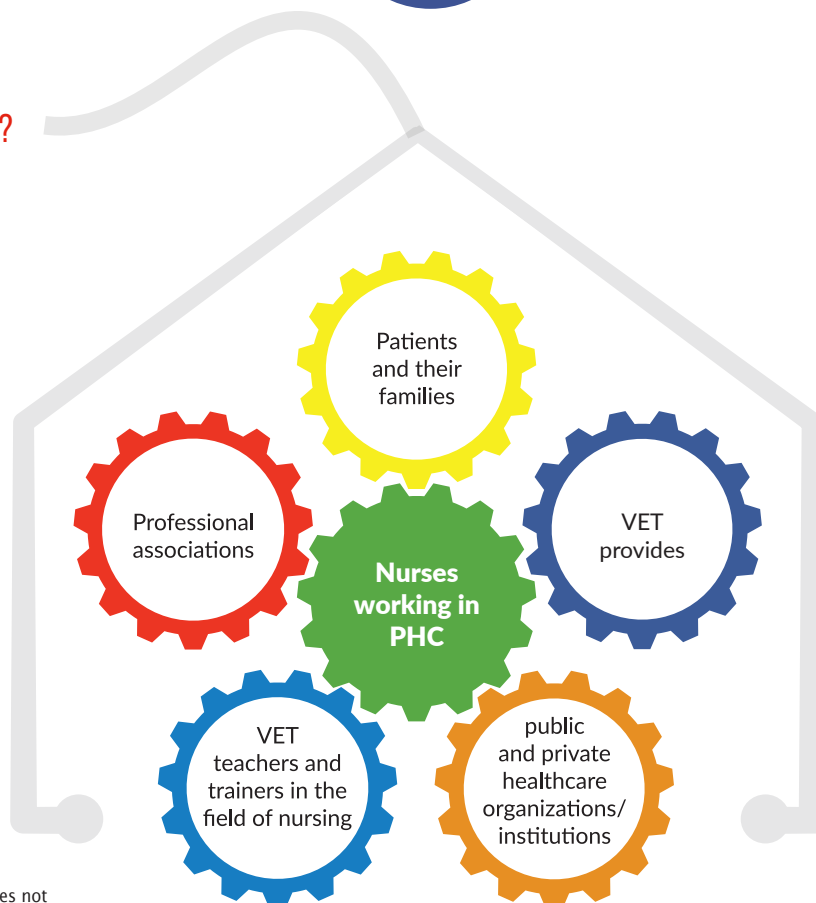
MAIN OBJECTIVES

- **To increase the specialization level of nurses working in PHC Family and Community Nursing skills;**
- **To foster the development of FCN curricula referring to a formalized EU profile based on WHO and EU politics recommendations;**
- **To enhance the shift from the old PHC model to the new healthcare models centered on PHC.**

MAIN EXPECTED RESULTS:



WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT RESULTS?



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