

Attendees: PNAE member name and surname	Initials	Member Country	Nursing Association
De Winter Katrin	KdW	Belgium	Netwerk Verpleegkunde
Karen Vansteenkiste	KvS	Belgium	Netwerk Verpleegkunde
Kristina Kuznik	KK	Croatia	Croatian Nurses Association, Paediatric Society
Anette Lund	AL	Denmark	The Danish Nurses' Organization
Siret Lääenlaid	SL	Estonia	Estonian Nurses Union
Charles Eury	CE	France	ANPDE
Vasiliki Matziou	VM	Greece	Hellenic Paediatric Nursing Association
Varvara Boutopoulou	VB	Greece	Hellenic Paediatric Nursing Association
Karítas Gunnarsdóttir	KG	Iceland	Fagráð barnahjúkrunarfræðinga
Maria Brenner	MB	Ireland	National Children's Nursing Network
Rosemarie Sheehan	RS	Ireland	National Children's Nursing Network
Orsola Gawronski	OG	Italy	National federation of Nursing Professions Orders of Italy
Immacolata Dall'Oglio	IDO	Italy	National federation of Nursing Professions Orders of Italy
Marie Friedel	MF	Luxembourg	ALIP association luxembourgeoise des infirmiers pédiatriques
Stephanie Weber	SW	Luxembourg	ALIP association luxembourgeoise des infirmiers pédiatriques
Filipa Barbosa	FB	Portugal	Ordem dos Enfermeiros
Silvia Velková	SV	Slovakia	Slovak Chamber of Nurses and Midwives
Majda Oštir	MO	Slovenia	Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia
Ivanka Limonšek	IL	Slovenia	Nurses and midwives association of Slovenia
Renata Vettorazzi	RV	Slovenia	Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia, Association for paediatric nursing
Josefina Patiño Masó	JPM	Spain	Asociación Española de Enfermería Pediátrica (AEEP)
Helena Wigert	HW	Sweden	Swedish Association for Paediatric Nurses
Katarina Patriksson	KP	Sweden	Riksföreningen för Barnsjuksköterskor
ingrid Hankes Drielsma	IHD	The Netherlands	V & VN vrouw kind
Ayşe Ocağcı	AO	Turkey	Child Nursing Association
Jean Davies	JD	United Kingdom	Royal College of Nursing (RCN)
Jane Coad	JC	United Kingdom	Royal College of Nursing (RCN)

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Welcome to the meeting, introductions and housekeeping by IDO

Immacolata, as the new coordinator, welcomes participants, thanks Majda and the Slovenian Association for hosting this online meeting and introduces the PNAE members from various countries, using an innovative map with the names of PNAE members and their countries.

This is the first meeting of the new leadership team; Immacolata Dall'Oglio as Co-ordinator, Barbara Boutopoulou as Deputy and Katrin De Winter as Secretary.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Katrin discusses attendance and apologies, noting that 28 people should be present. Apologies from Karitas Gunnarsdotir (Iceland) and Estelle Ledon (France).

2. Welcome and activity presentation from from Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia, Association for paediatric nursing Slovenia – by Ivanka Limonšek

Ivanka highlighted the association's focus on preserving and enhancing foundational knowledge in paediatric nursing, facilitating the transfer of new insights, practical skills, and techniques across all levels of healthcare. She also mentioned the association's efforts in addressing current trends and challenges in paediatric nursing care, supporting accessibility, continuous improvement, and innovation in paediatric nursing practices, and promoting research activities. The association also conducted events on topics such as breastfeeding, vaccination, palliative care, and respiratory infections. Ivanka emphasized the importance of mental health, particularly in the context of children and adolescents, and the need for specialized knowledge in paediatric nursing. She also mentioned the association's recognition of excellence in paediatric nursing and its future plans, including a pilot project for children with intellectual disabilities and emotional and behavioral challenges.

3. Breastfeeding friendly towns in Slovenia by Renata Vettorazzi, RN, BSc Org, IBCLC

Renata Vettorazzi, a senior lecturer and member of the Slovenian Breastfeeding Committee, presents Slovenia's comprehensive approach to promoting breastfeeding. She outlines various initiatives including Baby-Friendly Hospitals, Breastfeeding-Friendly Health Facilities, and Breastfeeding-Friendly Towns. These programs aim to educate healthcare workers, create supportive environments, and increase breastfeeding rates. The Breastfeeding-Friendly Town initiative, based on 10 steps, involves free training for healthcare workers, establishment of breastfeeding support groups, and installation of breastfeeding benches in public spaces. Currently, three towns have received this title, with three more in the process.

4. Previous notes and matters arising from in person 44nd PNAE meeting in-person, hosted by Turkey on October 17 & 18th 2024

See notes in Action Grid.

5. Updates from new PNAE members

See next point

6. Presentation from Slovak representative by Dr. Silvia Velková, PhD

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Silvia introduces herself and gave us an insight in the organization of the paediatric nursing in Slovakia.

7. Partnership with International Society & update EAPS congress

IDO briefs the group on the current status and ongoing process. Orsola and Filipa are currently collaborating on the scientific committee and have proposed the conference portion for paediatric nursing. This proposal has been endorsed.

The group discusses their collaboration with EAPS (European Academy of Paediatric Societies) for future conferences. They debate whether to participate in the 2026 EAPS congress, considering the potential impact on their own PNAE (Paediatric Nursing Associations of Europe) conference. The options discussed include not participating, participating fully, or maintaining a limited collaboration. Concerns are raised about balancing PNAE's visibility and independence. The group decides to vote on the level of participation by email, after this meeting, with one vote per country. IDO updated the PNAE members about the request by the agency organizing the EAPs Congress (Kenes Group) to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and the general framework of the congress itself (e.g. other collaborating scientific societies). Finally, they briefly discuss ethical concerns regarding sponsorships but do not reach a conclusion on that topic

8. Updates on about PNAE leadership:

- Transfer Role of Co-ordinator and Deputy and formal communication of new Deputy
IDO introduces BM as the new deputy coordinator. The vision of BM is to enhance paediatric nursing in Europe and develop common guidelines with the sole aim of providing optimal care to paediatric patients and their families. We wish Barbara all the luck in her new role.
- TOR Definition of the Leadership team roles and advisory board
The PNAE leadership team provides an update on their new structure and roles. They discuss the roles of coordinator, deputy coordinator, and secretary, as well as propose creating an Advisory Board with JC and IHD as initial members. The group debates whether to have a formal process for volunteering for advisory roles and whether a separate steering committee is needed for the congress.
- TOR format, style and content of an Active PNAE member
The group decides that the leadership team will propose criteria for an active member.

9. Information about 7th PNAE Congress France, June 2026

The group discusses the upcoming PNAE Congress in Paris in 2026, which will be held in conjunction with the 51st ANPDE (National) Congress. CE presents details about the venue, registration fees, timeline and committee structures.

- Dates: 11th and 12th June 2026 PNAE congress,
- Venue: Palais des Congrès d'Issy-les-Moulineaux near Paris.
- Theme of the congress: A holistic approach to paediatric care and care: European perspectives

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- Registration fee:
 - 2 days for international paediatric nurses 200 euro (early bird), 250 euro (late bird)
 - 2 or 3 days for international students 70 euro (early bird), 120 euro (late bird)

CE let the group know that they are working with ICN for the accreditation. AO raises a question about indexing the conference proceedings in academic databases, which IDO acknowledges as an important point to address. PNAE meeting will be held on the 10th June 2026.

10. Organisation and information about 46th PNAE meeting in person hosted by Luxembourg on 6 and 7 November 2025

MF introduces Stepanie Weber as the president of the French Association ALIP.

- Venue: University Luxembourg (campus Belval)
- Nearest train station: Gare de Luxembourg: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/Q5DYfFUEnW2Xdr6L6>
- Nearest airport: Findel <https://maps.app.goo.gl/zcVKN2YSiTHfH1498> The distance by train from Luxembourg city to campus University is about 30 minutes.
- The accommodation proposal will be send in a separate document
- Programme will be available in the next weeks.

11. Upcoming meetings and Congress

- 6-7 November 2025 - In person hosted by Luxembourg
- Spring 2026 - PNAE meeting - 10 June PNAE meeting and 7th PNAE Congress on the 11 & 12 June – In person, hosted by FRANCE
- Autumn 2026 – PNAE meeting – date to be agreed - online – hosted by IRELAND thank you Rosie
- Spring 2027 – PNAE meeting – date to be agreed – In person hosted by DENMARK, Copenhagen, thank you Anette & Karin
- Autumn 2027 PNAE meeting – date to be agreed - online hosted by SWEDEN, thank you Helena & Katarina
- Spring 2028 PNAE meeting & 8th PNAE congress hosted by the UK, – RCN will help with the event
- Autumn 2028 PNAE meeting – date to be agreed – online hosted by GREECE, thank you Prof. Matziou and Barbara
- Spring 2030 PNAE meeting & 9th PNAE congress in Ireland, Dublin

About the next PNAE congresses in 2028 and 2030, we'll take in account the decision about the EAPS collaboration.

12. PNAE work schedule: Proposals and Updates

- **Presentation on 'Nursing Workforce in European Children's Hospitals' (ECHO) by RS**

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RS presents the preliminary results of the survey about

nursing workforce, conducted in 16 European hospitals. The survey is about the role, organization, the qualifications, recruitment strategies and type of support roles. Publication will be done and details will be shared by the publication.

➤ **Discussion on partnership – which organisations and what are the goals IDO & ALL**

The following organizations are mentioned in the meeting:

- Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH)- United Kingdom.
- Association of British Paediatric Nurses (ABPN)- United Kingdom
- SIOP
- ICPCN
- Parents organizations

➤ **Goals, content and flow chart for dissemination through Social Media by OG and IDO**

OG and IDO informs with a Power Point presentation about the possible Social Media platforms and recommendations. The group decides to use Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn

➤ **Proposition of terms by JC**

This topic is tabled because we need to focus on the definition of a paediatric nurse first.

➤ **Result about reviewing the document of Definition of Paediatric Nurse by IDO, MB, KP, HW, KvS, BB, JC**

KvS presents the work the group has done so far. She thanks the group for their work.

There is discussion about the use of the term „Newborns“. IHD suggests the term „Infants“ according to the use of this term in IFCNI.

13. **Any other business /Specific Country Updates**

No other business.

15.30 Europe – 14.30 UK: Meeting closes

IDO, BM and KdW, thanks everyone for their attendance and valuable contributions.

Next 46th PNAE meeting will be hosted in person by Luxembourg on the 6th and 7th November 2025.

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Action number	Action required	Member /s	Target date	RAG status
Action 1	All to check the named person and association details on the https://pnae.eu/ website. Names of Associations in local language along with an English translation if possible. Please send any further corrections to IDO, BM and KdW	All	At any time	Amber
Action 2	UPDATE on 7 April: we are in contact with Germany! Promote PNAE as widely as possible with all your countries contacts and networks.	All	Next meeting	Amber
Action 3	Check the links in the notes about palliative care Congress about palliative care in Rome – Jean will link the outcome The document of palliative care is one of the last developed documents (2021) It is not clear in which way we, as a nurse, could make a difference in this. Item to discuss in next meeting	JD, IHD	As part of the documents review agenda	Green
Action 4	Immacolata compiled a folder for Congress guidance to support PNAE members. The colleagues from France, need to complete it for the appropriate skills at this stage	IDO	In meeting with CE and EL	Green
Action 5	A definition of complex health care is required to enable standardisation of terms, similarly regarding what is generally understood by the terms, baby, infant, child, adolescent and teenager. We will take the definition from the European Academy of Complex Healthcare. We suggest to form a little group to look for this definition.	A small group of volunteer	By next meeting	Amber
Action 6	TOR – adding a definition of ‘an active member’ (eg. coming online at least once a year, or active contribution on certain themes). TOR- possible voluntary proposal for Advisory Board Co-ordination Team will make a proposal on this and will share this with all members by email before next 46 th PNAE meeting.	IDO, KdW, BM	By next meeting	RED
Action 7	Goals and content for Social media decision – to be continued	IDO, BM, KdW	Before next meeting	RED

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Action 8	Documents review: Determine the format, style and content of the first document: Definition of Paediatric nurse. – to be completed	HW, JC, KP, KvS, BM, RS, IDO	By next meeting	RED
Action 9 bis	Documents review: to decide the next document to review and call for a small group, in order to receive a final draft before next 46 th PNAE meeting	IDO, KdW, BM and a referent person plus A small group of volunteer	By next meeting	RED
Action 10	Email etiquette! Please, do not reply on emails, if the subject has changed. Adapt your subject according your email content and start a new email, if necessary. We want to avoid long email content and it makes it also more easy to find a specific email!	ALL	At any time	RED
Action 11	PRELIMINARY DRAFT Agenda next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation paediatric nursing in Luxembourg by MF - Presentation paediatric nursing association in Luxembourg by MF - Introduction of the German delegee - TOR – active member and completing PNAE roles by IDO - Evaluation of experience for EAPS congress by OG and FB - Future agreement with EAPS IDO, KdW, BM - 7th PNAE congress in France by CE and EL - Documents review – definition of paediatric nurse and next steps by KvS - Paediatric nursing associations across Europe and improving the PNAE network 		Next meeting	

NOTE: Documents circulated with a request for comment and agreement: If no response is received it will be assumed by default that there is agreement. Please update details if applicable.

All countries to check their details on the online Contact document <https://pnae.eu/> and send any corrections to katrin.dewinter@thomasmore.be, immacolata.dalloglio@opbg.net and bmpoutopoulou@gmail.com

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Membership Information

Country	
Association	Local name and the name translated into English if possible
Website	
Contact name	
Contact title	
Contact email address	
Contact telephone	

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