

Attendees: PNAE member name and surname	Initials	Member Country	Nursing Association
De Winter Katrin	KdW	Belgium	Association NETWERK VERPLEEGKUNDE
Karen Vansteenkiste	KV	Belgium	Association NETWERK VERPLEEGKUNDE
Koralia Michail	KM	Cyprus	Cyprus Paediatric Nursing Association
Christiana Nicolaou	CN	Cyprus	Cyprus Paediatric Nursing Association
Anette Lund	AL	Denmark	Danish Nurses Organization
Karin Bundgaard Nielsen	KBN	Denmark	Danish Nurses Organization
Siret Läänelaid	SL	Estonia	Estonian Nurses Union Society of Paediatric Nurses
Charles Eury	CE	France	French national association of paediatric nurses and students
Nadia Bouthi	NB	France	French national association of paediatric nurses and students
Vasiliki Matziou	VM	Greece	Hellenic Paediatric Nursing Association
Orsola Gawronski	OG	Italia	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	Luxemburgish Association of Paediatric Nurses
Ingrid hankes Drielsma	IHD	Netherlands	V & VN Moederkind
Silvia Velková	SV	Slovakia	Slovak Chamber of Nurses and Midwives
Josefina Patiño Masó	JPM	Spain	Spanish Association of Paediatric Nursing
Katarina Patriksson	KP	Sweden	Swedish Paediatric Association
Helena Wigert	HW	Sweden	Swedish Paediatric Association
Ayşe Ocağcı	AO	Turkey	Paediatric Nursing Assoss.
Carli Whittaker	CW	United Kingdom	Royal College of Nursing
Jane Coad	JC	United Kingdom	Royal College of Nursing

Thursday 6th November 2025

Hospital visit: Guided tour in the hospital and visit to the Paediatric and Neonatal ward (Centre Hospitalier de Luxembourg, 4 Rue Nicolas Ernest Barblé, 1210 Rollingergrund-North Belair Luxembourg)

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PNAE meeting

1. Welcome to the meeting, introductions and housekeeping by IDO

Immacolata (IDO) welcomes participants, thanks Marie Friedel and the Luxembourg's paediatric association for hosting this in person meeting and introduces the PNAE members from various countries, using an innovative map with the names of PNAE members and their countries.

IDO announced also the resignation of Barbara Mpoutopoulou from the Role of Deputy Coordinator. PNAE would like to thank Barbara for her great work provided for PNAE along the years.

IDO also congratulate Charles Eury as the new PNAE deputy coordinator. Charles is the actual vice president of Paediatric association in France. We would like to thank Chales for this engagement. He will be fully available after the 7th PNAE congress in France.

2. Attendance and Apologies

21 members attended the meeting. There were apologies from Ivona Mikulenhova (check Republic), Eleni Tamvaki (new representative from Greece), Rosemarie Sheehan and Maria Brenner (Ireland), Kristina Kuznik (Kroatia).

New members Christiana Nicolaou and Koralia Michail from Cyprus, Silvia Velková from Slovakia and Carli Whittaker from UK introduced themselves. Welcome!

3. Welcome and presentation from Luxembrougish Association of Paediatric nurses (Association Luxembourgeoise des Infirmier-e-s Pédiatriques – ALIP) by the president Melinda Duarte

Melinda Duarte presented the national context for paediatric nursing in Luxembourg (presentation in attachment).

Key points included:

- Absence of a legally protected paediatric nursing title, creating structural deficits in professional role recognition, equitable remuneration, and regulatory scope enforcement.
- Recruitment challenges influenced by late specialisation, as paediatric nursing is not an entry-level qualification but an optional postgraduate specialisation.

We had also a warm welcome by Professor Serge Haan, Head of Department of Life Science and Medicine, where bachelor of nursing is part of.

4. Debriefing Hospital visit

Visitors were positive about how the wards are organized, with well-educated nurses and nurses who are active in developmental and family centred care.

The presence of Hospital Human Resources contact professionals during the visit was very appreciated by the PNAE members. We enjoyed an excellent lunch, presented by the hospital. Thank you for warm welcome and hospitality.

5. Updates from new PNAE members

We have now contact with Germany and will see how it goes further. Silvia from Slovakia shall make contact with Poland. Albania was also mentioned.

6. Previous notes and matters arising from online 45th PNAE meeting, hosted by Slovenia on March 27th 2025 - See notes in Action Grid.

7. Partnership with International Society: How to expand PNAE collaboration (progress to date and next steps)

In the previous years, we partnered with the **European Academy of Paediatrics (EAP)**, **European Society for Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC)**. In this year we partnered with the **European Academy of Paediatric Societies (EAPS)**, and the **Global Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants**.

Our main objective is to strengthen visibility, as we represent 24 European countries—a unique advantage. However, operating without a budget requires strategic collaboration to maximize opportunities. Partnerships also help us align with current priorities and share key issues via our social channels.

Initial steps include engagement with **SIOPE (European Society for Paediatric Oncology)** and future discussions with **the WHO Regional Office for Europe**, the **EU Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety**, and **ESNO**, which already collaborates with many countries.

Next steps will be explored and presented at the upcoming PNAE meeting for feedback.

8. Update on EAPS collaboration

• **Evaluation of EAPS congress by OG (Italy) & Filipa Barbosa (Portugal): presentation „Partnership with EAPS“**

OG and FB served on the scientific committee and were responsible for the nursing component. Preparation for EAPS progressed rapidly, placing the program development under considerable pressure. Some sessions were scheduled very early in the morning, while others were multidisciplinary. Overall, participation was positive, as it enhanced PNAE's visibility and promoted the network. Several valuable ideas emerged during the discussions. However, late involvement in the planning process limited our influence, and the allocation of less favorable time slots—either early in the morning or at the end of the day—resulted in low attendance.

• **Future agreement with EAPS and proposed PNAE workplan by IDO: presentation „Partnership with EAPS“**

We expressed our gratitude to OG and FB for their outstanding contribution to the EAPS Congress 2025. We also shared information about the informal agreement with EAPS regarding future congresses. It was confirmed that for EAPS 2026 in Athens, the PNAE representatives on the Scientific Committee will be KP (Sweden), OG (Italy), and one member from Greece (VM will give a name lateron).

- **It was discussed the possibility to obtain a legal recognition of the name and logo of PNAE**, IDO will explore this opportunity

9. Update 7th PNAE congress by CE and NB: presentation „7th PNAE Congress in France“

- Deadline for abstracts has been moved forward to end of November. Please update your colleagues in your country about this new and last opportunity to actively participate at 7th PNAE Congress.
- More than 200 abstracts were submitted at the meeting time. At this time they were especially from Italy, France and Turkey.
- Estonia (SL), Cyprus and Belgium (KdW) will do a Virtual Reality Workshop on both their Erasmus Plus projects.
- Reviewers (scientific committee) need to register on the dedicated digital platform
- Gala evening on The Annette K., houseboat with a view of the Eiffel Tower - 30 minutes on foot from the conference centre, accessible by underground and bus - 40€/person

Friday 7th November 2025

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PNAE meeting

1. Scientific update: presentation interesting research from Luxembourg

- Paediatric palliative care (Micha Massaad Ped nurse, MPH, PhD cand.)
- Post traumatic growth and existential growth (Micha Massaad , ped nurse, MPH, PhD cand.)
- Impact of Mentorship program on nursing students (Dr Semra Smajic, ped nurse, PhD, Deputy Director bachelor paediatric nursing, Unilu)
- Spiritual care education (Prof. Marie Friedel, Director of programs in nursing at unilu)

We thank the University for their excellent presentations and research.

2. PNAE work schedule: Proposals and Updates

The revised PNAE Terms of Reference (TOR) were updated and approved. The revision included an updated list of PNAE member countries, a definition of active membership, a description of the advisory board, and the addition of an appendix detailing the roles of the PNAE Coordination Team. The updated TOR will be published on the PNAE website.

3. Organisational update: Paediatric nursing associations in Europe:

Each country gave a presentation addressing three key questions: how the national structure is organized, how to strengthen connections within the country, and how to involve the new generation. All presentations will be made available on the website. We discussed the possibility of expanding the number of PNAE members per country to three. The third one could be referring young generation of paediatric nurse in each country, if available. The PNAE Leadership team will send a proposal about this issue to discuss at the next PNAE meeting in Paris.

4. Upcoming meetings and Congress

- Spring 2026 - PNAE meeting - 10 June PNAE meeting and 7th PNAE Congress on the 11 & 12 June – In person, hosted by FRANCE. On 10th will be planned the visit at the hospital in Paris and the 47th PNAE meeting.
- Autumn 2026: online PNAE meeting – date to be agreed - ~~hosted by IRELAND~~ Because of the opening of the new hospital, it isn't possible anymore to host this meeting. Which country can replace Ireland? We would suggest 18 November from 13 till 17.30 pm (CET). → Slovakia offered to host this online meeting on 18 November from 13:00 – 17:30 (CET).
- Spring 2027: in person PNAE meeting – date to be agreed (we suggest mid-May) – hosted by DENMARK, Copenhagen
- Autumn 2027: online PNAE meeting – date to be agreed - hosted by SWEDEN
- Spring 2028 PNAE meeting & 8th PNAE congress hosted by the UK,– RCN will help with the event – June 2028 – presentation in next meeting
- Autumn 2028: online PNAE meeting – date to be agreed –hosted by GREECE
- Spring 2029: in person PNAE meeting – date and host to be agreed Cyprus?
- Spring 2030 PNAE meeting & 9th PNAE congress in Ireland, Dublin

5. Document review

- Closing review document 'Definition of Paediatric nurse' by **KvS**: We extend our thanks to KvS for the excellent coordination and to all colleagues who contributed to this work. The revised document will be published on the PNAE website in the coming weeks.

- New PNAE Position Statements to review:
 - position statement on "[The Goals and Purposes of the PNAE](#)" The Netherlands (IHD chair), Denmark (KBN and AL), Greece (ET), Spain (JP),
 - position statement on "[Paediatric Nurse Education in Europe](#)" Belgium (KdW as Chair and KV), UK (JC), Estonia (SL), Cyprus (CN), Spain (JP)

Please inform the leadership team if other members will join these groups.

The PNAE co-ordinator will be as support for both the position statements revision.

6. Advanced Nursing Roles in Paediatrics and update PNAE Survey

It was agreed to repeat the PNAE Survey on Advanced Roles in Paediatric Nursing. The previous 2019 survey will be updated and distributed to PNAE members at the beginning of February (Italy (IDO and OG), UK (CW). Rosemarie (Ireland) and Carli (UK) also gave her availability for this project.

7. Dissemination via Social Media - Goals, content and flow chart by OG

It is essential to maintain an active presence on social media. Our focus will be on LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook. Each member will be responsible for contributing content and remaining active on these platforms. IDO informed the participants about the new PNAE social accounts were opened with the contribution of Italian Nursing Professions Orders Federation (LinkedIn, Instagram and Facebook). Please updated IDO on any PNAE member could be available in participation in PNAE social managing

8. Update PeDXR – Erasmus Plus project: Extended Realty Framework for paediatric nursing (Greece, Cyprus, Belgium and Bulgaria) by KdW

There are currently two similar Erasmus+ projects involving PNAE members. Both projects share a common focus: the use of virtual reality in paediatric education. SL from Estonia and CN from Cyprus are working on a project targets paediatric nurses on the ward, while the project of KdW from Belgium, VM from Greece, and CN from Cyprus is designed for nursing students. Both projects will be presented on the 7th PNAE congress.

10. Shortage in foster care places with impact on paediatric wards by KdW (presentation ,,

KdW presented a specific issue regarding the shortage of foster care places in Belgium, which is impacting non-medical admissions to paediatric wards. Representing the Belgian association, KdW asked whether this is a broader European trend. A roundtable discussion was held, and it was suggested that sharing such experiences on our social media channels would be valuable. We could upload some stories on the PNAE website, with attention to maintain the privacy of involved persons.

11. Any other bussiness?

- Slovakia is working on a survey on patient Safety – we will forward the email from SV with invitation to participate by email.
- RS from Ireland would like to know whether hospitals have their own patient and family charter or do they use the EACH charter as their guided framework? – We will forward RS's email so that you can respond directly.

Meeting closes

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

Next 47th PNAE meeting will be hosted in person by France on 10th June 2026 (7th PNAE congress on 11 and 12 June 2026). The general information about the 47th PNAE meeting will be send early, when they are available from France colleagues.

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 leadership team (IDO, KdW and CE)	All	At any time	Amber
Action 2	Promote PNAE as widely as possible with all your countries contacts and networks.	All	At any time	Amber
Action 3	Check the links in the previous 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	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-ongoing	Green-
Action 5	A definition of complex health care is required to enable standardisation of terms, similarly the same process we provided for newborns, children and young people. 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

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	In a reaction RS let us know that Professor Maria Brenner published a concept analysis in the European Journal of Paediatrics (2018) as part of the MOCHA project, which provides a robust and widely recognised definition of children with complex care needs: “Children’s CCNs refer to multidimensional health and social care needs in the presence of a recognized medical condition or where there is no unifying diagnosis. They are individual and contextualized, are continuing and dynamic, and are present across a range of settings, impacted by healthcare structure.”			
Action 6	TOR – PNAE members number 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 , CE	By next meeting	RED
Action 7	Goals and content for Social media decision – to be continued	IDO, CE, KdW	Before 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 education and paediatric nursing association in France by CE - Introduction of new delegees - EAPS congress in Athens 2026 by KP, OG and Greece - Last minute information about 7th PNAE congress in France by CE - Document review – Paediatric nursing Education by JC, KdW, SL, - Document review – Goals and Purposes of PNAE by IHD, KBN, ET, JB - Results of survey on advanced roles by IDO - PNAE members number 		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 c.eury@anpde.asso.fr

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Paediatric Nursing Associations of Europe

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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