



**The Exchange Programme –  
sharing expertise to develop  
critical care nursing practice**



**Membership Benefits**



**Working together  
Achieving more**



Critical care nursing in Europe varies between countries. There are national differences in education, the delivery of nursing care, available equipment and in the degree of collaboration with the multidisciplinary team.

The EfCCNa Exchange Programme enables nurses from member associations to visit critical care units abroad in order to develop a deeper understanding of how critical care is delivered in Europe.

**Objectives of the programme**

- to...** widen the professional horizon of critical care nurses in Europe
- to...** promote international collaboration
- to...** stimulate the personal professional development of critical care nurses in Europe

**For more information on the programme see the EfCCNa web site: [www.efccna.org](http://www.efccna.org)**

**Being a member association of EfCCNa can bring several benefits for national societies, e.g.**

- to...** have a voice in designing **international research studies** for the benefit of critical care patients and practice
- to...** enable your members to take part in the **exchange programme**
- to...** create **international networks** for developing critical care practice and education
- to...** participate in planning and organizing the biennial EfCCNa **congresses**
- to...** be part of a strong group **promoting visions of the future** for critical care nursing in accordance with European directives

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The European federation of Critical Care Nursing associations (EfCCNa) is a formal network of critical care nursing associations in Europe.

Founded in 1999 it currently has 24 national member associations that represent approximately 20,000 European critical care nurses.

Since its inception the mission of the federation has been clear: to promote collaboration and equity among the national critical care member associations in order to improve nursing care of critically ill patients and their families.

EfCCNa provides a unique opportunity for European critical care nurses working as equal partners in the advancement of European critical care practice, education, management and research.

**to... represent** critical care nurses and critical care nursing within Europe

**to... promote co-operation and collaboration** between European critical care nurses

**to... advance the art and science** of critical care nursing across the European countries

**to... improve the recognition** of critical care nursing by all European health care institutions by serving as the authoritative voice of critical care nurses across Europe

**to... maintain effective co-operation** between all health care professionals, institutions, agencies and charities who have a professional interest in the care of the critically ill patients

**to... establish standards** for education, practice and management of critical care nursing

**to... harmonise the education** programmes in critical care nursing in Europe

**to... provide conferences, congresses** and continuing education for critical care nurses

- **Membership** of the federation has increased and now represents 24 critical care associations in Europe
- A popular and informative **website**
- Well-attended, profitable **congresses** in major European cities: Paris 2002, Amsterdam 2005, Florence 2008, Copenhagen 2011, Belgrade 2013
- A **research** agenda and a number of research studies that are published in peer reviewed journals
- **Position statements** on professional issues
- A well accepted **exchange programme**
- A bi-monthly **newsletter**

**'Working together – Achieving more'**

**EfCCNa – the powerful and collective voice of critical care nurses in Europe!**