

Active Citizens in Europe advocate for vaccination

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The logo for Nurses Voice, featuring a stylized purple and white graphic of a person's head and shoulders.

NURSES VOICE

EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF NURSES ASSOCIATIONS

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The logo for the European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN), featuring the letters 'EFN' in a stylized font with a circular graphic element.

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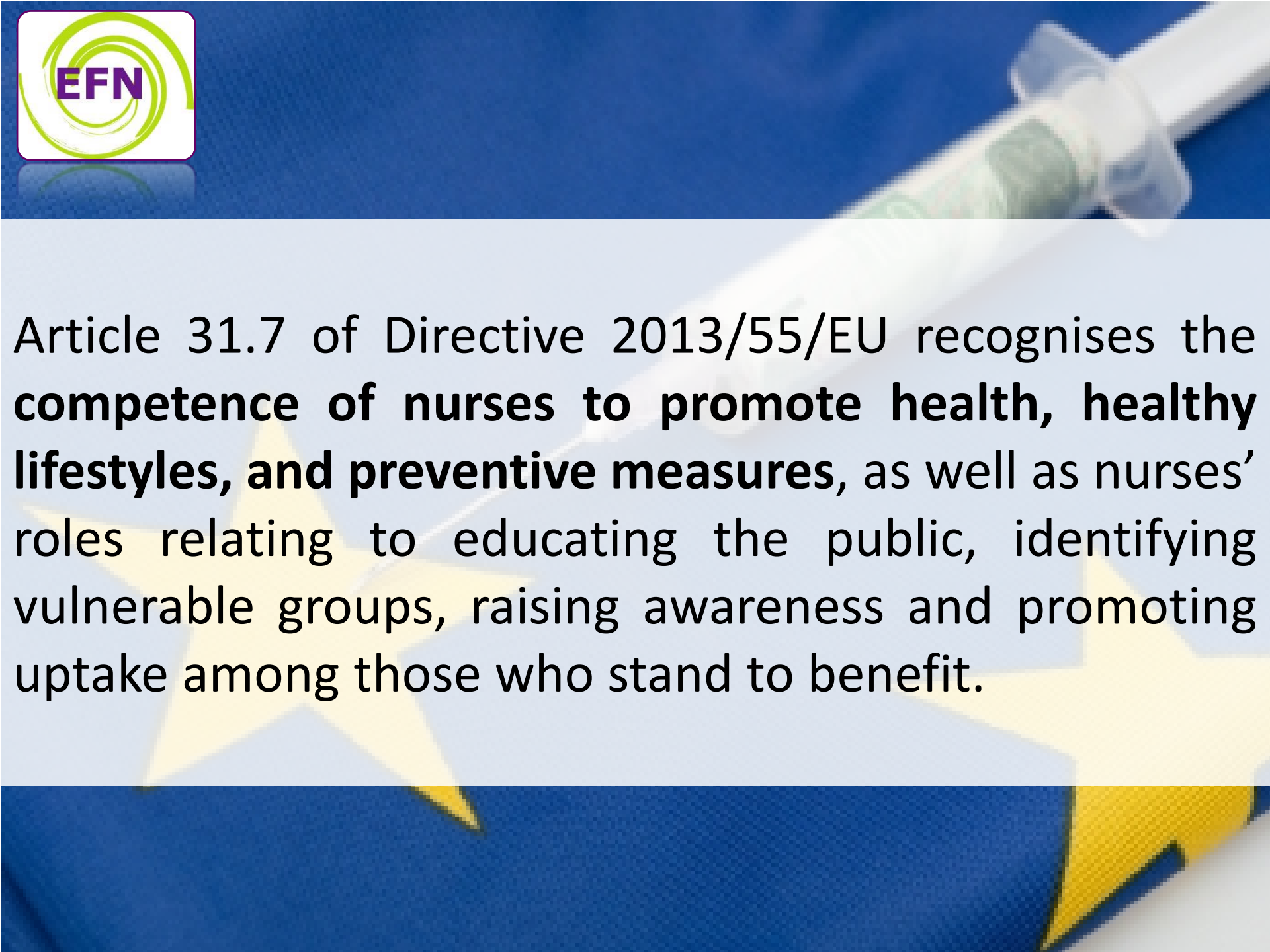
TOGETHER

The EFN, representing 3 million nurses in the EU, is the independent voice of the nursing profession and its mission is to strengthen the status and practice of the profession of nursing for the benefit of the health of the citizens and the interest of nurses in the EU and Europe.

WE CAN!



Nurses are the frontline staff largely responsible for **delivering safe and effective vaccination programmes** to communities across Europe, yet rarely get formal recognition for this life-saving endeavour.

The background of the slide features a close-up, diagonal view of a medical syringe with a clear plunger and a white barrel, set against a dark blue background. In the lower half, the yellow stars of the European Union flag are visible against a lighter blue background. The text is overlaid on this background.

Article 31.7 of Directive 2013/55/EU recognises the **competence of nurses to promote health, healthy lifestyles, and preventive measures**, as well as nurses' roles relating to educating the public, identifying vulnerable groups, raising awareness and promoting uptake among those who stand to benefit.



Nurses across Europe have wide and varied roles with regard vaccination.

Nurses are key for **surveillance, monitoring, planning, delivering and evaluating the success of vaccination programmes.**

However, there is great variety among EU Member States.



Hospitals and Primary Care settings

Most of the vaccination performed by nurses in Primary Care Clinics/ Health Centres of varying kind concerns **child vaccination programmes** (Cyprus, Denmark, Norway, UK), **influenza vaccination** campaign (Denmark, Hungary, Norway, France) and **refugee health services** (Cyprus, Denmark, Norway).



Kindergartens and Schools

Nurses performing vaccination in kindergartens and schools cover **different education levels** in several countries (Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, UK).



Elderly facilities

The role of nurses performing vaccination in **Older Persons' Care facilities** is widely spread in Bulgaria, Slovenia, Switzerland, and the UK.



Workplaces and People' homes

Only in a few countries, nurses perform vaccination where it would actually be most convenient and accessible to the public such as their **home** (Switzerland, UK), and **area of work** (Estonia, Hungary).



European nurses should be **engaged in the policy co-designed** and supported in delivering prevention through:

- extended **prescribing rights** to make vaccination more accessible to citizens;
- extending **vaccination coverage** in schools, workplaces and older persons' care facilities through appropriate education and training;
- comprehensive evidence-based information for nurses and **encourage vaccination uptake** especially when working with vulnerable patient groups;
- evidence-based decision-making capacity in nurses to support them fulfil their **public health education remit** for, and beyond, vaccination;
- exchange of **best practices** in vaccination policies among European countries.

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