

**EUNetPaS – PSWG meeting,
Brussels
March 13th 2008**



EUNetPaS

European Union Network for Patient Safety

A project to address PS issues at the EU level



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DEFINITION

As stated in the Recommendation of the Council of Europe Rec(2006)7:

a “medical error” is understood as any unintended and/or unexpected incident that could have led, or did lead, to harm for one or more patients receiving healthcare.

IS PATIENT SAFETY AN IMPORTANT ISSUE IN THE EU?

- **A report by the Hospitals for Europe's Working Party on Quality Care in Hospitals (HOPE: European Hospital and Healthcare Federation) has estimated that every tenth patient in hospitals in Europe suffers from preventable harm**
- **The ENEIS prospective study in France estimated that the incidence of adverse events was 6.6 per 1000 days of hospitalisation of which 35 % were preventable.**
- **One serious AE every 5 days in a 30 bed ward**

RATIONALE OF EUNetPaS

- Causes of Adverse Events
 1. Failure in the technical procedure 34,6%
 2. Failure in interpreting information and decision making 15,8%
 3. Failure in requesting an intervention 11,8%
 4. Lack of care and attention 10,9%

- Main prevention strategies identified
 - More consultation with peers or other specialists culture
 - Better education and training education
 - More or better quality monitoring reporting
 - Better implemented protocols medication safety

Quality in Australian Health Care Study 99

Rationale of EUNetPaS: PSWG recommendation 2007

- Support development of national policies and programs **WP 1,8,9**
- Empower citizens and patients **WP 1,2,9**
- Develop positive patient safety cultures, leadership and clinical governance at the health care setting level **WP 1, 2**
- Promote Education and training of health professionals and all other staff **WP 2**
- Establish reporting and learning mechanisms **WP 3**
- Develop knowledge and evidence base for patient safety to implement change for safer care **WP 1,3,4**
- Develop indicators for PS for different HC settings **WP 1,4,9**
- Engage stakeholders **WP 1,2,3,4,8,9,10**

OBJECTIVES of EUNetPaS

- **To produce European added value of Member States collaboration by mutual support, and exchange of ideas and materials for accelerating progress**
- **To set up a pan European NETWORK for patient safety involving stake holders and organised around national coordinators**
- ***To pilot tools to reduce medication errors***
- **To propose a basis for research projects for better safety.**

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EUNetPaS: an EU network...

A platform at EU level for collaboration and networking between:

- Member States
- international organizations
- stakeholders in the field of Patient Safety
(decision makers, health care professionals, patients, researchers ...)

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...of National Networks

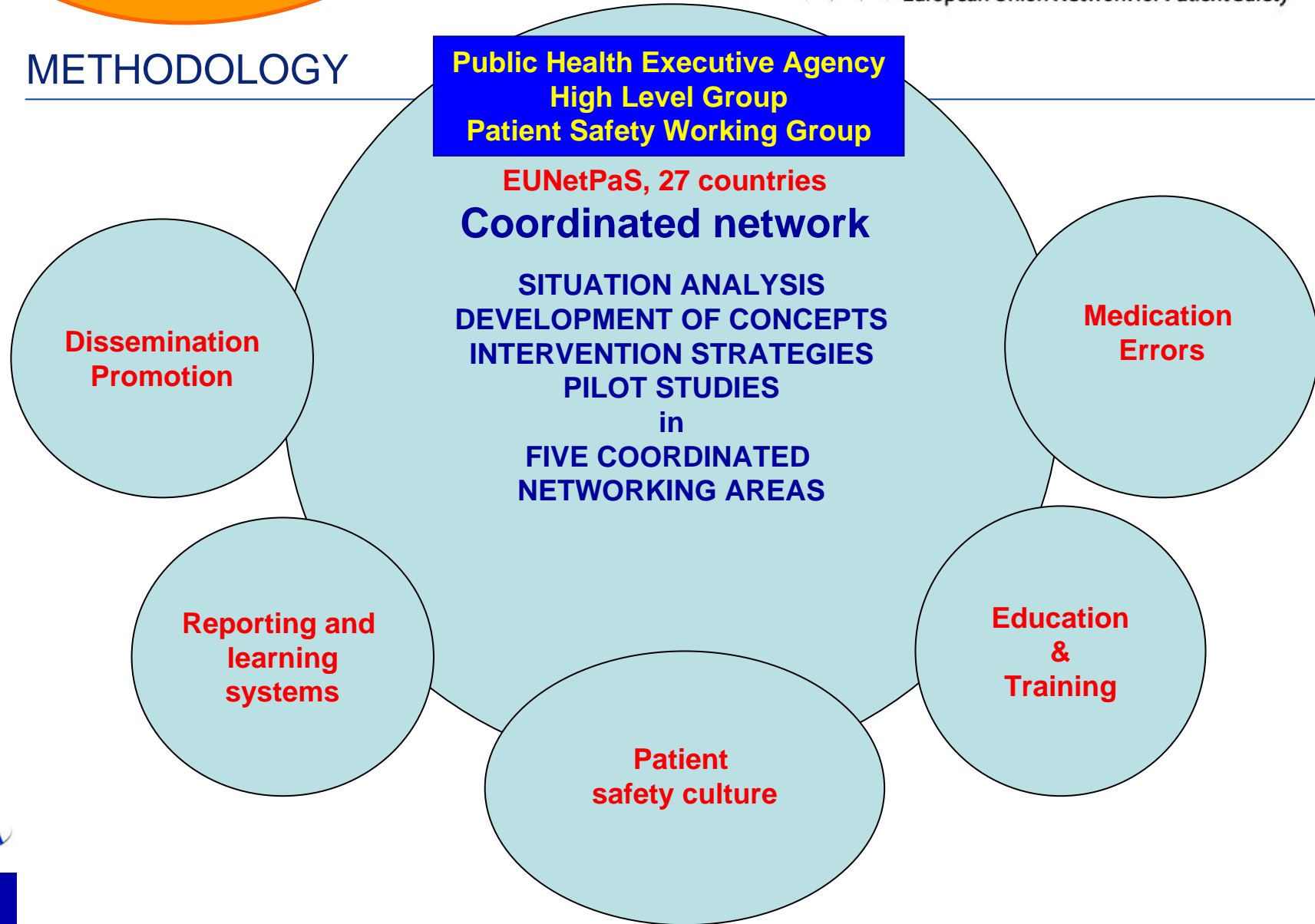
- National Institutions
 - Health Care Quality agencies
 - Dedicated PS agencies
 - Dedicated departments or agencies of MoH
- Decision makers
- Healthcare professionals
- Research teams on P. S.
- Patients

National platforms

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METHODOLOGY



HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- 4 Patient Safety projects: March 2006
- Single project EUNetPaS Dec. 2006
- Draft proposal supported by PSWG March 2007
- Proposal submitted to SANCO call: May 2007
- Selection for funding Dec. 2007

LATEST NEWS

- **Negotiation Phase on going**
new approved version of annex 1 and 2 sent to PHEA 25 Feb
Comments received 6 March
New corrected version expected from HAS for 14 March
- **Starting date 1st Feb.**
Confirmed by PHEA on 10 March
- **Financing:**
45 days after contract signature between HAS and PHEA, HAS will receive a first pre-payment
In 30 days after receiving funds, HAS will transfer the grant to associated partners as stated in the grant agreement

Kick- Off agenda

- Thursday 28 Feb.
 - Plenary: Introduction, rationale of the project, deliverables, work plan
 - Core WP parallel sessions
- Friday 29 Feb.
 - Plenary horizontal WP 8,9,10: SOP, communication, evaluation
 - Core WP parallel sessions preparation of SC presentations
 - Steering Committee: WP presentations, project plan and actions
 - Executive Board meeting

Kick- Off achievements

- Draft work plan presented by each WP for discussion by the SC
 - Approval end of March (deliverable WP8 D02 M2)
- SOPs discussed by the SC
 - Signature by all partners (deliverable WP8 D03 M2)
- WP contribution to situation Matrix analysis ready
 - Matrix to be delivered at M3 (deliverable WP1.D01)
- Presentation of PHEA reporting and contracting rules
- Presentation of EUNetPaS communication tools

EUNetPaS achievements

- EUNetPaS logo, graphical chart and design of the website
 - End of February (deliverable WP9 D01 M1)
- EUNetPaS Initial communication kit (presentation leaflet and templates for EUNetPaS presentations)
 - Signature by all partners (deliverable WP9 D02 M1)
- EUNetPaS presentation to the annual meeting of the German Coalition for Patient Safety (March 7, Münster)
- EUNetPaS PFUE meeting 22-23 September 2008 Paris
 - Day 1: EUNetPaS coordination meeting
 - Day 2: PS open meeting:
 - French MoH
 - EC representation under discussion
 - EC and national PS initiatives with concrete achievements

EUNetPaS remaining issues

- Rewriting of the agreed and assessed project proposal during the so called “negotiation phase”.
- PHEA requirements regarding the project sometimes unrealistic: level of details concerning methodology, names of persons involved...
- Waste of time? to negotiate uncertain details that would need to be amended later in the project life.

EUNetPaS
provides a tremendous challenge...
but a real opportunity
to improve Patient Safety at the EU level,
if we sign the contract in due time to focus our
efforts on the achievement of our common
objectives