



“Mutual Goals, Many Pathways: Unifying Specialist Nursing Education Across Europe”

‘Promoting harmonized general nurse qualifications as a requirement for specialist and advanced, and leadership roles in a modern European and global health workforce’



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Participate in the congress at five innovative congress rooms

- A. **AGORA** (Plenary): *The central space for shared dialogue, vision, and direction.*
- B. **Building**: *Education, formation, competencies, and foundations of nursing.*
- C. **Clinical**: *Specialist practice, advanced nursing roles, and clinical expertise.*
- D. **Dialogue**: *Policy, leadership, digital health, and global perspectives.*
- E. **Exposition**: *A Showcase of Innovation, Discovery, Knowledge & Progress*

CONGRESS DAY - I Thursday 4 June 2026

‘Mobilising Nursing Intelligence in Digital Health Transformation’



Context: Building on the April high-level webinar, this Hackathon shifts from reflection to operational activation, emphasising nurses’ formal roles within the digital health ecosystem. It recognises that nurses do not need more basic training, but structural inclusion in the design, governance and implementation of digital systems. Without decision-making authority, engagement remains passive. The Hackathon therefore positions nurses — across generic, specialist and advanced levels — as co-creators and strategic partners in AI, robotics, data governance and value-based digital care, aiming to embed nursing intelligence in digital health transformation at institutional, national and European level.

On topics, six to eight will be selected, based on outcome of the [15th of April Webinar](#)

AGORA

08.00 – 09.00	Registration and setting up the event and moderators’ selection	
09.00 – 09.30	<i>Opening & Framing:</i>	From Webinar Insights to Operational Activation, why nurses move from training to governance
09.30 – 10.15	Provocations from Innovation Leaders, by: Nursing, Innovation and Industry	
10.15 – 12.15	<i>Working Session I:</i>	Mapping & Structural Barriers
12.15 – 13.00	Networking Lunch	
13.00 – 15.00	<i>Working Session II:</i>	Designing Operational Solutions & Governance Proposals
15.00 – 16.00	Cross-Table Synthesis: Drafting key activation pillars	
16.00 – 16.30	<i>Workshop Session III</i>	Joined Presentation of Core Outcomes
16.30 – 17.00	Outcomes integration towards into Report and Health workforce Program	

Leading event: Siobhan O’Connor, Peter Preziosi, Arthur Olesch, Josefine Declaye, Gianluca Conte, Celeste Greenbaum

Sepereta and detailed link to program will follow

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CONGRESS DAY - II Friday 5 June

08.00 – 08.45	Registration of the participants	
A – Agora		
08.45 - 09.00	Official Opening Ceremony	
	Moderators: Adriano Friganovic – Alessandro Stievano	
	Nursing and clinical evidence: future developments in uncertain times	
09.00 - 09.20	European Health Policies for Specialist Nurses: <i>Why clinical leadership and policy leadership are the same skillset, only applied in different arenas.</i>	Ber Oomen
09.20 - 09.40	Leadership in Nursing: From Education to Autonomy: <i>Why strong educational foundations shape career progression, autonomy, advanced practice, and professional confidence</i>	Susan Gennaro
09.40 - 10.00	Clinical evidence in healthcare: science and artificial intelligence: <i>How education, professional judgement, and digital tools together shape autonomous nursing practice</i>	Siobhan O'Connor
10.00 - 10.20	Global Health and Nursing specialties: <i>Building specialist communities through associations as a bridge between clinical practice and global decision-making</i>	Jackie Rowles
10.20 - 11.00	Discussion with participants and speakers	
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee Break	

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A - Agora	Moderator: Rosario Caruso	
11.30 – 12.30	From Clinical Practice to Policy and Politics: the Same Leadership, Different Arenas <i>How nursing leadership translates across China, the United States, and Europe</i>	Joyce Fitzpatrick Sylvia Fung Sophia Chan Alessandro Stievano
12.30 – 13.00	Quality of care and uniformity of professional language. integration into clinical practice, organization, training, and nursing research <i>The importance of standardized nursing language</i>	Maurizio Zega
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break	
13.00 – 14.00	Posters Presentations and Sponsors exhibition	
	Moderation (TBC)	
14.00 – 14.20	From Patient Voice and Role of Nurses <i>How Patient Europe and Specialist Nurses Shape Trust, Quality, and Outcomes</i>	TBC
14.20 – 15.00	4 Oral presentations	Abstract submission
15.00 – 15.30	3 Oral presentations	Abstract submission
15.30 – 16.30	1 workshop	Company

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B – Building	Moderation Blerina Duka	
11.30 – 12.00	Educating the Nursing Profession: The Italian Experience <i>How education, competencies, and professional formation build the foundations of safe, autonomous, and advanced nursing practice</i>	Rosaria Alvaro
12.00 – 12.30	3 Oral presentations	Abstract submission
12.30 – 13.00	3 Oral presentations	Abstract submission
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break	
	<i>Posters Presentations and Sponsors exhibition</i>	
	Moderation: TBD	
14.00 – 14.30	Pathways to Excellence in a Mobile Nursing Workforce <i>How certification and practice environments support professional growth and global mobility- TruMerit</i>	Julia To Dutka and Benjamin Slaugh
14.30 – 15.00	3 Oral presentations	Abstract submission
15.00 – 15.30	3 Oral presentations	Abstract submission
15.30 – 16.30	Vaccination and Nurse Prescribing: A Necessity for Modern Health Systems Strengthening access, accelerating uptake, and positioning nurses as autonomous immunisation leaders in population health.	Daniela Lehwald
C – Clinical	Moderation Vedrana Vejzovic	
11.30 – 12.00	The Nurse Educator as a Cornerstone of the Profession <i>Educating competencies, shaping professional identity, and preparing nurses for advanced and specialist practice</i>	Thomas Kaerns
12.00 – 12.30	3 Oral presentations	Abstract submission
12.30 – 13.00	3 Oral presentations	Abstract submission
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break	
	<i>Posters Presentations and Sponsors exhibition</i>	
	Moderation: Kristian Civka	
14.00 – 14.30	Global leadership: how to build connections and represent nursing in the United Nations	Jasper Tolarba
14.30 – 15.00	3 Oral presentations	
15.00 – 15.30	3 Oral presentations	
15.30 – 16.30	1 workshop:	

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D – Dialogue	Moderation: Jackie Rowles	
11.30 – 12.00	European Nursing council: Regulation at the Heart of European Health Policy <i>Operational leadership by dialogues in Brussels shaping the Directive on Professional Qualifications and advancing institutional dialogue for strong, future-proof nurse regulation.</i>	Theo Koutroubas
12.00 – 12.30	3 Oral presentations	
12.30 – 13.00	3 Oral presentations	
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break Posters Presentations and Sponsors exhibition	
	Moderation: Susan Genaro	
14.00 – 14.30	From Foundations to Diversity in Nursing Practice <i>How strong basic education opens pathways to cross-specialisation, professional development, and personal enrichment</i>	Annemaria Bagnasco
14.30 – 15.00	3 Oral presentations	
15.00 – 15.30	3 Oral presentations	
15.30 – 16.30	1 workshop	

CONGRESS DAY - II Saturday 6 June

A - AGORA	Moderator: Patricia Burga	
09.00 – 09.05	Introduction to the second day	
09.05 – 09.25	Climate Change and the Nursing Contribution <i>From frontline impact to professional leadership in sustainable health systems</i>	Annemarie Bergsma
09:25 – 09.45	Specialisation in Cardiovascular Nursing <i>The nursing contribution to Europe's Heart and Cardiovascular Agenda: 'European Heart Plan'</i>	Izabella Uchmanowicz
09.45 – 10.10	Certification as the Currency of Competence <i>Why certification, verification, and lifelong validation are shaping the next era of nursing around the globe</i>	Peter Preziosi
10.10 – 10.30	Complex Health Challenges Demand Specialist Nursing Leadership <i>What health systems must recognise, invest in, and enable</i>	Wendy Budin
10.30 – 11.00	Debate	
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break	

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A - AGORA	Moderation: Jasper Tolarba	
11.30 – 12.00	Pathways to Excellence for Healthcare Organizations <i>A premier designation recognizing healthcare organizations that cultivate positive practice environments, promoting nursing empowerment, engagement, and well-being.</i>	Christine Pabico
12.00 – 12.30	Mentorship in Motion: Building the Future Nursing Workforce How FoNSE www.fonse.eu structures European mentorship pathways to strengthen leadership, retention, and specialist career development.	Rosario Caruso
12.30 – 13.00	Oral presentations	
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break	
	Moderation: Tihana Gašpert	
14.00 – 14.30	From Clicks to Control: Nursing Leadership Across the Digital Health Ecosystem. Transforming nurses from system users into co-designers, strategic engagers, and recognised policy influencers.	Yakov Zhitomirsky
14.30 – 15.00		
15.00 – 15.30	Oral presentations	
15.30 – 16.00	Oral presentation	
16.00 – 16.30	FINAL WRAPPING UP CEREMONY PRESENTATION NEXT CONGRESS	

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B – Building	Moderation: Panagiota Tsikala	
11.30 – 12.00	From Education to Practice: Incontinence Prevention in Nursing <i>Strengthening foundational skills and professional judgement</i>	Adriano Friganovic
12.00 – 12.30	3 Oral presentations	
12.30 – 13.00	3 Oral presentations	
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break Posters Presentations and Sponsors exhibition	
	Moderation: Sylvia Fung	
14.00 – 14.30	Patient Safety and Nurse Wellbeing as Foundational Competencies <i>How education and professional formation create safe care through healthy nursing practice</i>	Panagiota Tsikala and Patricia Burga (TBC)
14.30 – 15.00	3 Oral presentations	
15.00 – 15.30	3 Oral presentations	
15.30 – 16.00	3 Oral presentation	

C – Clinical	Moderation: Josefine Declaye	
11.30 – 12.00	Specialist Nursing in Herpes Zoster Care Continuum <i>Clinical expertise, vaccination strategies, and patient-centred management</i>	Tihana Gaspert
12.00 – 12.30	3 Oral presentations	
12.30 – 13.00	3 Oral presentations	
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Posters Presentations and Sponsors exhibition	
	Moderation: Maddalena Demaria	
14.00 – 14.30	Vaccination as a Health Threat Response <i>Why nursing leadership matters clinically, politically, and in policy</i>	Ber Oomen
14.30 – 15.00	3 Oral presentations	
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D – Dialogue	Moderation: Julie Dugmore	
11.30 – 12.00	Leadership and Management as Core Nursing Competencies <i>From professional responsibility to system-level influence</i>	Alessandro Stievano
12.00 – 12.30	Title: In process	Anne Marie Mauro
12.30 – 13.00	3 Oral presentations	
	Posters Presentations and Sponsors exhibition	
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
	Moderation: Joyce Fitzpatrick	
14.00 – 14.30	One Year of the Journal ‘World of Health’ <i>Evidence that challenges practice, policy, and professional boundaries</i>	Mateja Španić Ometlić, director World of Health Publicatio Medica
14.30 – 15.00	Oral presentations	
15.00 – 15.30	Oral presentations	
15.30 – 16.00	Workshop	

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