WHO European Regional Technical Expert Meeting: Palliative Care Nursing and Midwifery
Virtual Meeting
May 12, 2022 (TBC)

Date	May 12, 2022
Time	11:00 – 12:30 CET
Venue	Zoom
Registration link	
Language	English Simultaneous interpretation in Russian and English.
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Background

Palliative care has been recognized as an integral part of universal health coverage and a key strategy to achieve and maintain population health. Nurses and midwives are the cornerstone of the delivery of hospice and palliative care services for adults and children, both in specialized roles and general roles. Palliative care should therefore be included in the education and training of all nurses and midwives and is essential in ensuring all nurses and midwives are enabled to deliver palliative care, no matter their level of specialization. As part of an ongoing commitment to both palliative care and nursing and midwifery development, the WHO Regional Office for Europe is holding a technical expert meeting on Palliative Care Nursing and Midwifery. This meeting is aimed at nurses, midwives and palliative care experts at the country level representing government, associations, academia, and other professional bodies. The meeting aims to aid understanding of how the Regional Office can support Member States in scaling up and rolling out supports for nurses and midwives. In particular, to identify areas where it is possible to advance and implement palliative care nursing and midwifery competencies in the WHO European Region countries. A concept note is attached.

Objectives

1. To brief participants on the existing WHO guidance and tools on Palliative Care and how these can be applied to the development of nursing and midwifery
2. To establish a shared understanding of the role and potential of palliative care nurses in the WHO European Region
3. To identify and explore opportunities and challenges to scaling up the role of nurses and midwives in the delivery of palliative care services

PROGRAMME

10.00 – 10.05 **Welcome remarks and introduction to purpose and objectives**
Tomas Zapata, Regional Adviser for Health workforce and Service Delivery

10.05 – 10.10 **Strengthening Nursing and midwifery at WHO Euro**
Margrieta Langins, Nursing and Midwifery Policy Adviser, WHO/Europe

10.15 – 10:25 **Development of Health Services to provide Palliative care**
Satish Mishra, Technical Officer – Disability, Rehabilitation, Palliative and long-term Care, WHO Regional Office for Europe

10.25-10.35 **WHO Palliative Care Tools and Guidelines** to **strengthen and improve palliative care**
Julie Ling, Consultant – Technical Specialist Palliative Care, WHO Regional Office for Europe

10.35- 11.05 **Roles and responsibilities for Palliative Care Nurses in the context of the interprofessional team**

- Advancing palliative nursing practice, *Nicoleta Mitrea, University of Transylvania, Romania*
- Palliative care for neonates, *Alex Mancini, True Colours Trust, UK*
- Developing palliative nursing for older people, *Lara Pidovic, Belgium*
- Interdisciplinary working in palliative care - the essential role of nursing in advancing palliative care *Christoph Ostgathe, Department of Palliative Medicine, Friedrich–Alexander University Germany*

11.05-11.15 **Barriers and enablers of palliative care nursing service provision in Europe: what we know**
Piret Paal – Technical expert, Paracelsus Medical University, Salzburg, Austria

11.15 -11.25 **Open discussion**

11.25 – 11.30 **Closing remarks and next steps**
Margrieta Langins/Natasha Azzopardi Muscat