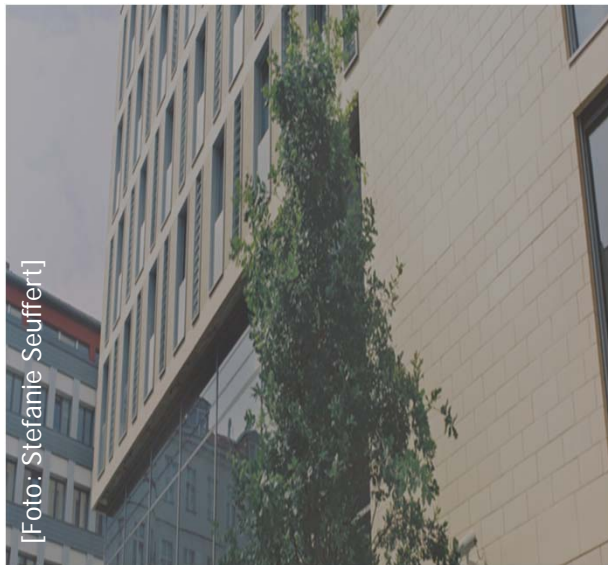


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# Europe – Community of Values - Patient Safety

**Dr. Günther Jonitz**, *President of the Berlin Chamber of Physicians*



# European Values – Peace!

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*Jean-Claude Juncker, 4. 3. 2016:*

***„Whoever does not believe in Europe,  
who doubts Europe,  
whoever despairs of Europe,  
should visit  
the military cemeteries  
in Europe”***



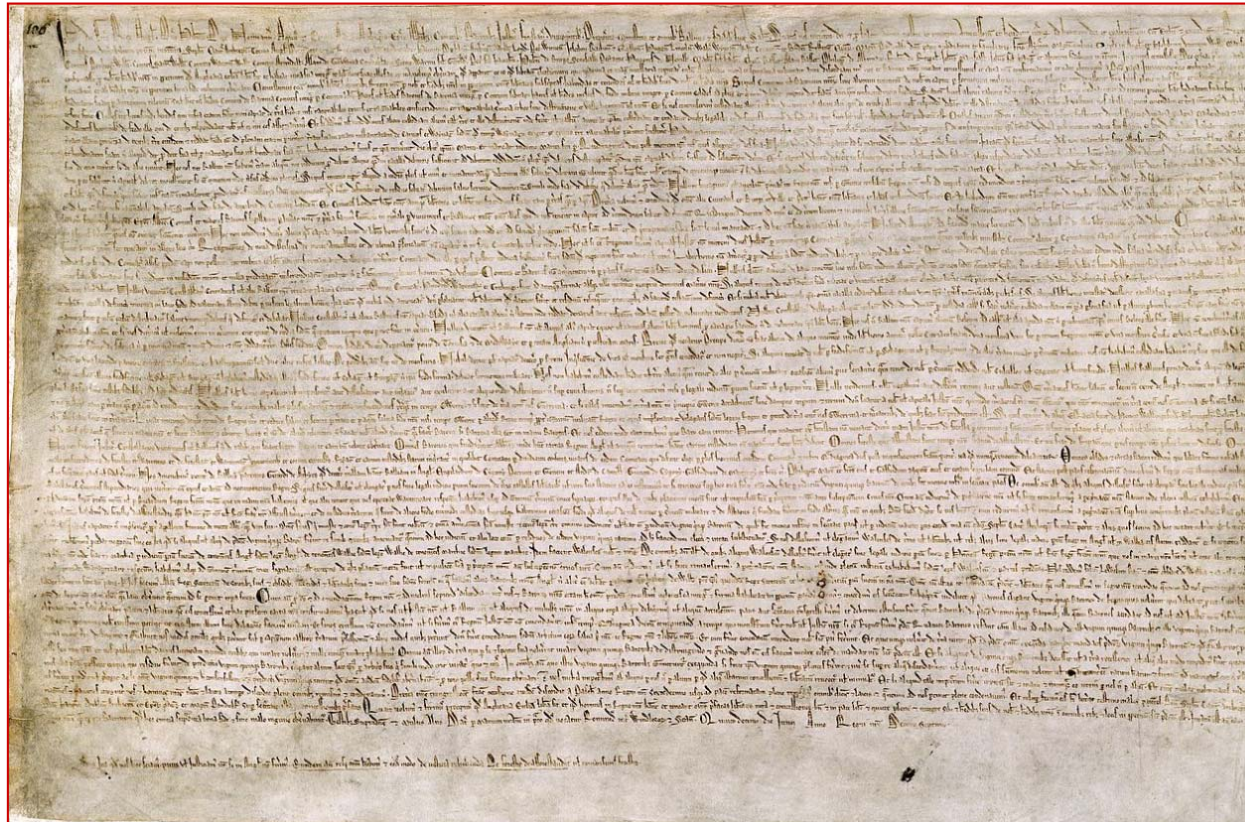
RICHARD FRANZ, 1921 – 1942, STALINGRAD

# Justice and law – Imperium Romanum





# Participation: Magna Carta 1215



# Christian Values

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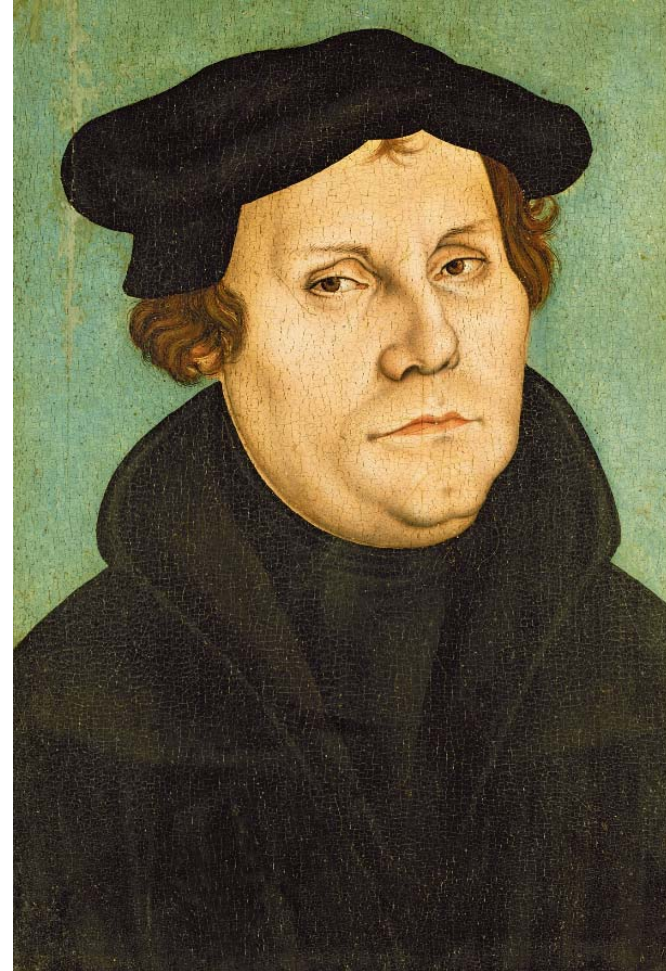
- **Charity**
- **Humanity**
- **Caritas**



# Critical Thinking

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# Enlightenment

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*„sapere aude!“*

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# French Revolution

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- Liberté
- Égalité
- Fraternité





# Patient Safety

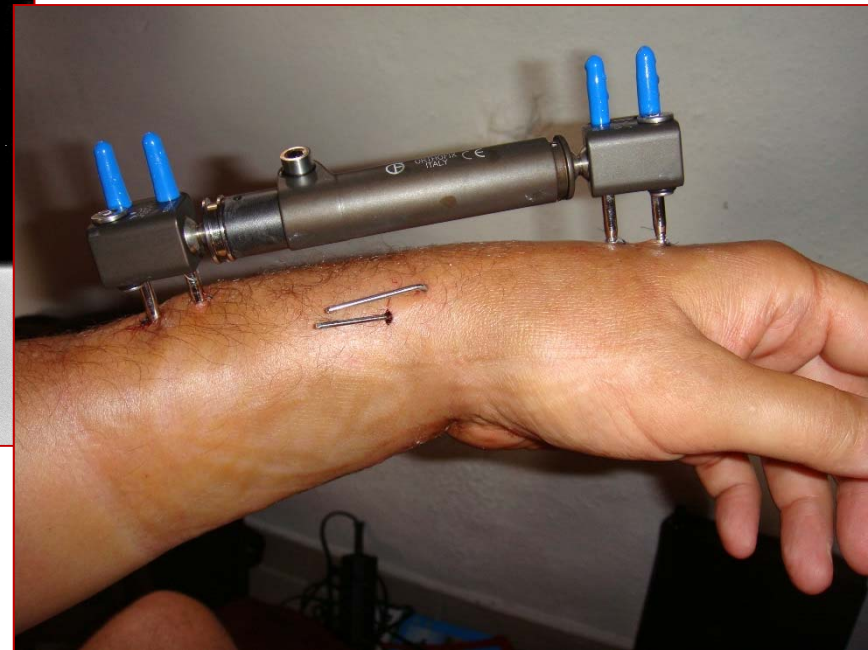
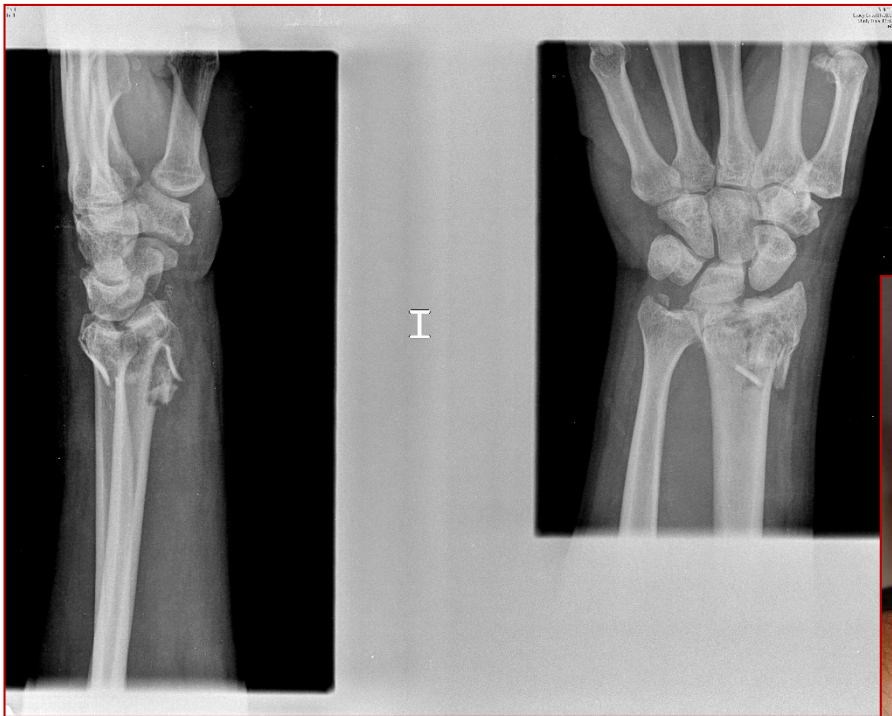


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# WHO Patient Safety - making health care safer

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***“The safety of health care is now a major global concern.***

**May 2017**

***Delivering safer care in complex, pressurized and fast-moving environments is one of the greatest challenges facing health care today.***

***Clear policies, organizational leadership capacity, data to drive safety improvements, skilled health care professionals and effective involvement of patients in their care, are all needed to ensure sustainable and significant improvements in the safety of health care.”***



## 2006: Strategic Approach EU Commission

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*“Therefore, in order to ensure effective use of scarce resources and European coordination of activities in each of these areas, **a new approach** will be considered to taking this work forward within a single integrated framework **involving all Member States**.*

*This approach would have the benefit of **bringing the key players together** without creating separate subgroups or projects which could potentially overlap and result in ineffectiveness.*

*Moreover, an **umbrella mechanism** would ensure that **all Member States and stakeholders** would have the possibility of **being a partner in this work**.”*





# Patient Safety Working Group

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## Characteristics:

- Facilitated by a member
- No translators, „broken English“ as the European language
- Participation of **all** Member States and **all** stakeholders including WHO
- Working culture based on common sense, search for solutions (not regulations) in a very friendly atmosphere



# Patient Safety Working Group

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- **2006** First Meeting
- **2008** EUNetPaS (2008-2010) active Network!
- **2009** EU-Recommendation
- **2012** PaSQ (2012-2016)
- **2012** EU-Evaluation I
- **2014** EU Evaluation II
- **2014** Council Conclusions
- **2015** Last Meeting



## 2006: Strategic Approach – Network!

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There is a wide consensus on the need of establishing collaboration at the European level.

**However, there is a concern that not all Member States are engaged in setting up the network**

**to address the need for political commitment by the Member States to improve patient safety.**



**2008-2010**

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# Strategy

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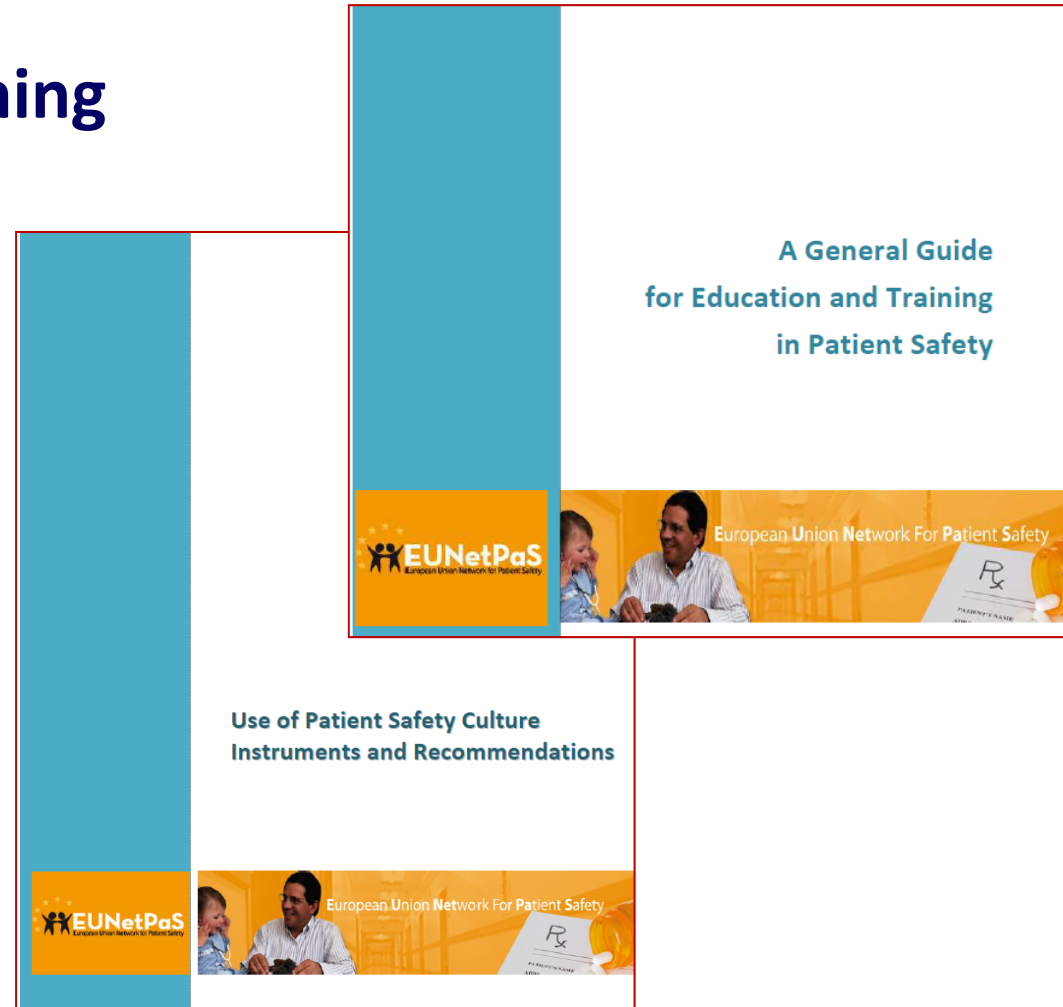
- **Network (umbrella!)**
- **Learning from each other**
- **Cooperation**
- **Solutions!**



# EUNetPaS- Topics (2008-2010)

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- Education and Training
- Safety Culture
- CIRS
- Medication Safety



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# 2009: Council Recommendation

3.7.2009

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Official Journal of the European Union

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*(Resolutions, recommendations and opinions)*

RECOMMENDATIONS

COUNCIL

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

of 9 June 2009

on patient safety, including the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections

(2009/C 151/01)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 152(4) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

EU, and that 37 000 deaths are caused every year as a result of such infections.

(4)

**I- Patient Safety (general)**

**II- Control of Health Care associated Infections**

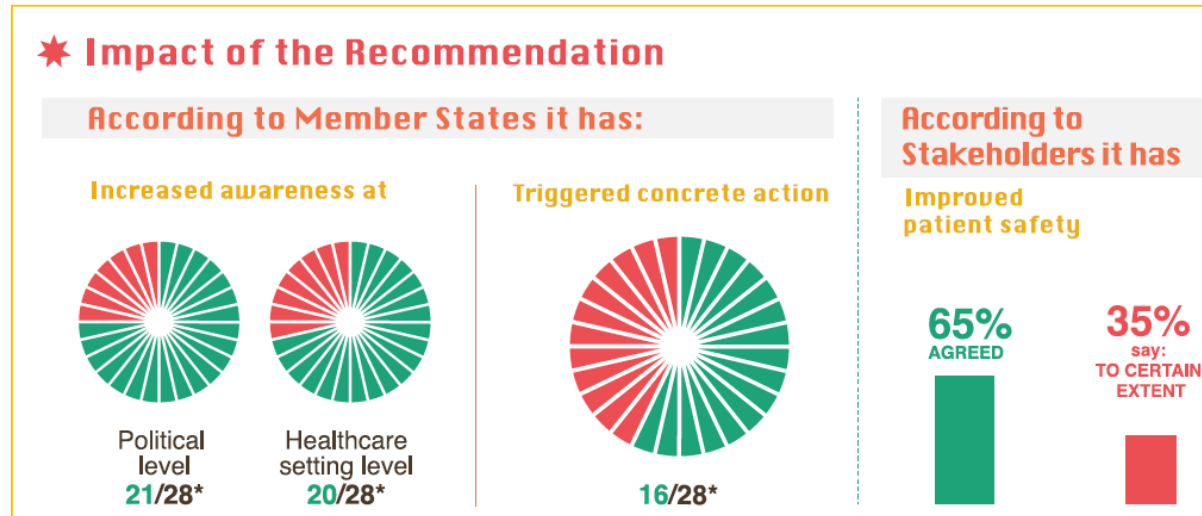




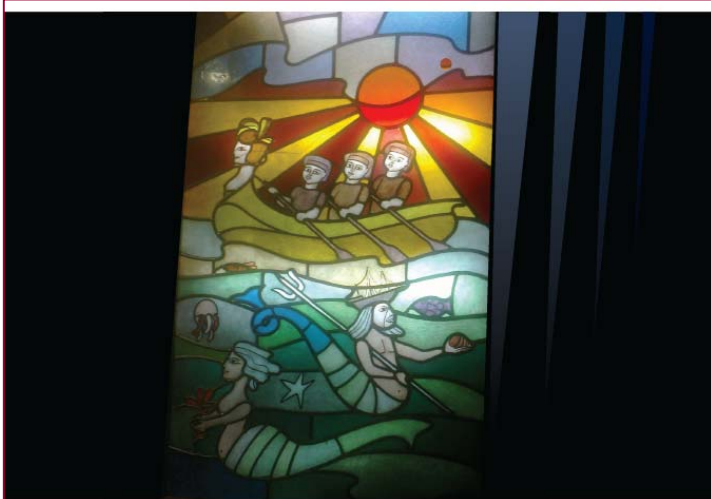
## Evaluation II - 2014

- ✓ Patient Safety - in all Member States on the political agenda
- ✓ Broad action and participation in all Member States
- ✓ „Leading agencies“ established
- ✓ Active cooperation and knowledge transfer between the Member States

**„Europe works!“**



# Evaluation II – Results 2014



Key findings and recommendations on  
*Education and training in patient safety across Europe Work of the Education and Training in Patient Safety Subgroup of the Patient Safety and Quality of Care Working Group of the European Commission*

The report includes the analysis of the programs, modules, courses, workshops, schemes and seminars as they have been provided by the members of the European Commission Working Group on Patient Safety and Quality of Care in the task, coordinated by the Education and Training in Patient Safety Subgroup of the PSQCWG. The reported initiatives are used at different levels (local, regional, national, other), focus on different concepts of safe care delivery and are aimed at the diverse types of learning audience. As such, they serve to inform the public, educational environment and policy makers more than influence or serve as example. Each requires adaptation to national setting, expectations and financing.

April 2014

## Results and recommendations

- ✓ **Safety Culture**
- ✓ **Learning all over the Healthcare System and professionals groups**
- ✓ **Involve all professional groups**
- ✓ **Start with those steps, which are easy to establish**
- ✓ **...**

# Evaluation II – Results 2014



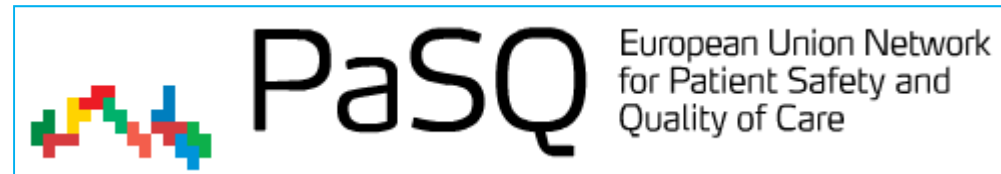
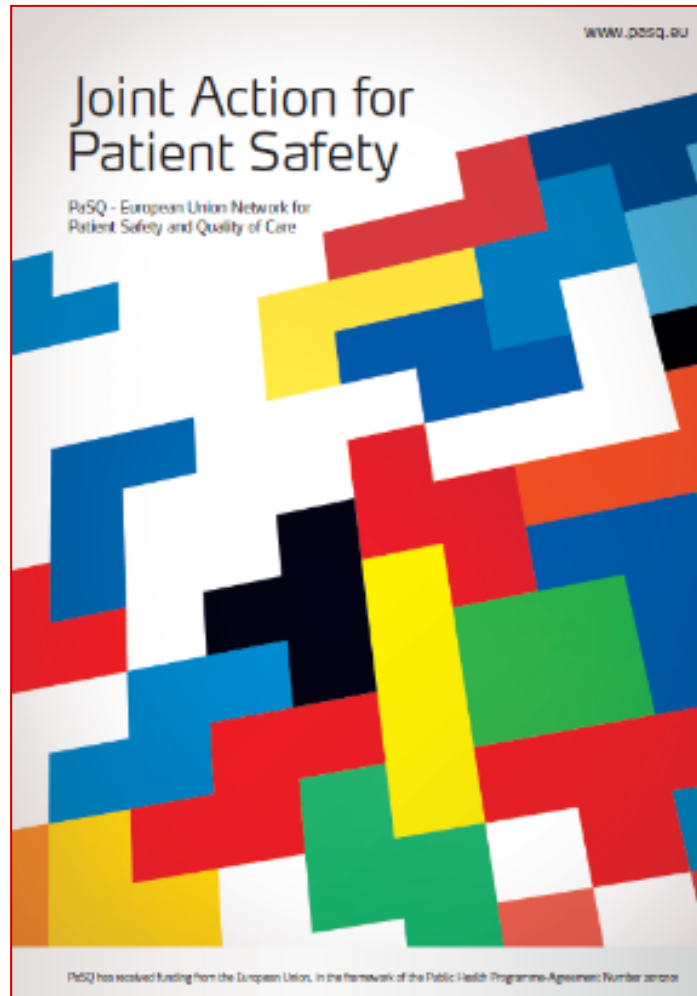
## Results and recommendations

- ✓ A wide range of reporting systems in Europe!
- ✓ Reports from patients increase the learning potential!
- ✓ Protection against legal consequences is important!













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# PaSQ - Workshops all over Europe













# PaSQ: Hundreds of Good Practices

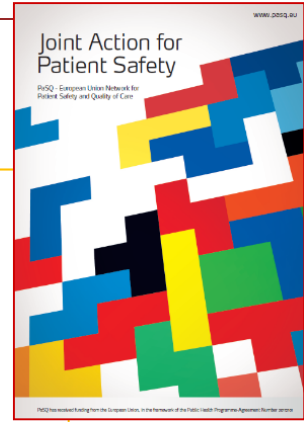
-  Improving the safety of placing naso-gastric tubes
-  Paediatric Early Warning Scores (PEWS)
-  Effective...
-  Event: Ha...
-  Nutrition and Hydration Week: A
-  Second PEWS Webinar
-  Best Practices f...
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-  Reporting and Learning and Rapid Alert System - Workshop
-  Diagnostic Errors
-  Self evaluation in the Dutch Accreditation System
-  Physical restraint in psychiatric care
-  Health care quality improvement. External evaluation and reporting systems.
-  How to involve healthcare professionals in patient safety & quality improvement?
-  Quality and Safety Culture
-  Study tour: Physical restraint
-  Study tour to the Galician Health Service

-  Indicators as a tool to manage and improve quality in healthcare
-  Implementation of safe clinical practices
-  Coping with the adverse event impact on patients, professionals and healthcare institutions (First, Second and Third victims after adverse events in the European Union)

- Event types
-  Collaboration
  -  Courses
  -  Database
  -  Placement
  -  Study tour
  -  Twinning
  -  Webinar



# Search Good Practices: Infection control

**PaSQ** European Union Network for Patient Safety and Quality of Care

Funded by the Health Programme of the European Union

July 2017

Search: Infection control

Legend: Safe, Potentially safe PSP; Not proven effective PSP; Not implemented PSP; Not evaluated PSP; Literature Review PSP; GOP

Title	Country	Category
Screening and surveillance of tuberculosis in healthcare students and workers	Italy	PSP
A Quality Improvement: A Transferable Case for Antibiotic Prophylaxis	Italy	PSP
Food Safety measures	Italy	PSP
The microbiological diagnosis of prosthetic joint and fracture-fixation device infections	Italy	PSP
Management optimization of patients with bacteremia	Spain	PSP
Proper use of antiseptic and disinfectant products	Italy	PSP
Implementing hand hygiene procedures. A multimodal approach.	Italy	PSP
Implementation of a checklist in the andrology laboratory	Italy	PSP
Appendicitis management protocol	Italy	PSP
Infection control by microbiological teams	Italy	PSP
Antibiotic prophylaxis of surgical wound infection	Italy	PSP
Protocol for Patient Isolation for Acinetobacter Baumannii Infections	Italy	PSP
Improved Procedure and Protocol for Infection Provision	Italy	PSP
Implementation of guidelines to prevent depletion of venous access	Spain	PSP
Undress!	Germany	PSP
Institutional Program for the Optimization of Antimicrobial Treatment (PRIOAM)	Spain	GOP
National Decontamination Programme for management of reprocessable invasive medical devices (RIMD)	Italy	GOP
External quality assurance program "MRSA"	Germany	GOP
Implementation audit of the WHO checklist in elective and urgent surgery	Italy	PSP
Monitoring the consumption of antimicrobials in Slovenia	Slovenia	GOP

**Result: 37 good practices all over Europe**



# Council Conclusion 2014



Council of the European Union

**PRESS**  
**EN**

COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS  
Brussels, 1 December 2014

## **Council conclusions on patient safety and quality of care, including the prevention and control of healthcare associated infections and antimicrobial resistance**

**Employment, Social policy, Health and Consumer affairs Council meeting  
Brussels, 1 December 2014**

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

1. RECALLS that under Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, a high level of human health protection shall be ensured in the definition and implementation of all Union policies and activities, that Union action, which shall complement and support Member States' action, shall be directed towards improving public health, that the Union shall encourage cooperation between the Member States in the field of public health and, if necessary, coordinate their action, and fully respect the responsibilities of the Member States in the organisation and delivery of health services and medical care;
2. RECALLS the Council conclusions on common values and principles in European Union Health Systems adopted on 2 June 2006<sup>1</sup>, and particularly the overarching values of universality, access to good quality care, equity and solidarity;
3. RECALLS that the Annual Growth Survey 2014 highlights the need for the development of active inclusion strategies that include broad access to affordable and high-quality health services, also with regard to achieving the objectives of Europe 2020;

***„...sustainable  
framework  
for cooperation!“***





## What is the idea of the treaty of Lisbon?

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### Treaty of Lisbon 168, 2:

“The Commission may, in close contact with the Member States, take any useful initiative **to promote such coordination**, in particular initiatives aiming at the establishment of guidelines and indicators, **the organisation of exchange of best practice**, and the preparation of the necessary elements for periodic monitoring and evaluation. The European Parliament shall be kept fully informed..”



# Development 2006-2015

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2006: PSWG

Patient Safety Working Group

2009: PSQCWG

Patient Safety **and Quality of Care** Working Group

2014: PSQCEG

Patient Safety and Quality of Care **Expert** Group



# Bypassing agenda of the EU Commission

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***The EU Commission promoted Patient Safety as a special issue two times besides the PSQCWG:***

**1. The annual Union work programme for European standardization**

Brussels, **31.7.2013** COM(2013) 561 final

➔ **2.2.19. Healthcare services: specific areas for ESO mandates might be foreseen for horizontal aspects like **patient safety and registration****

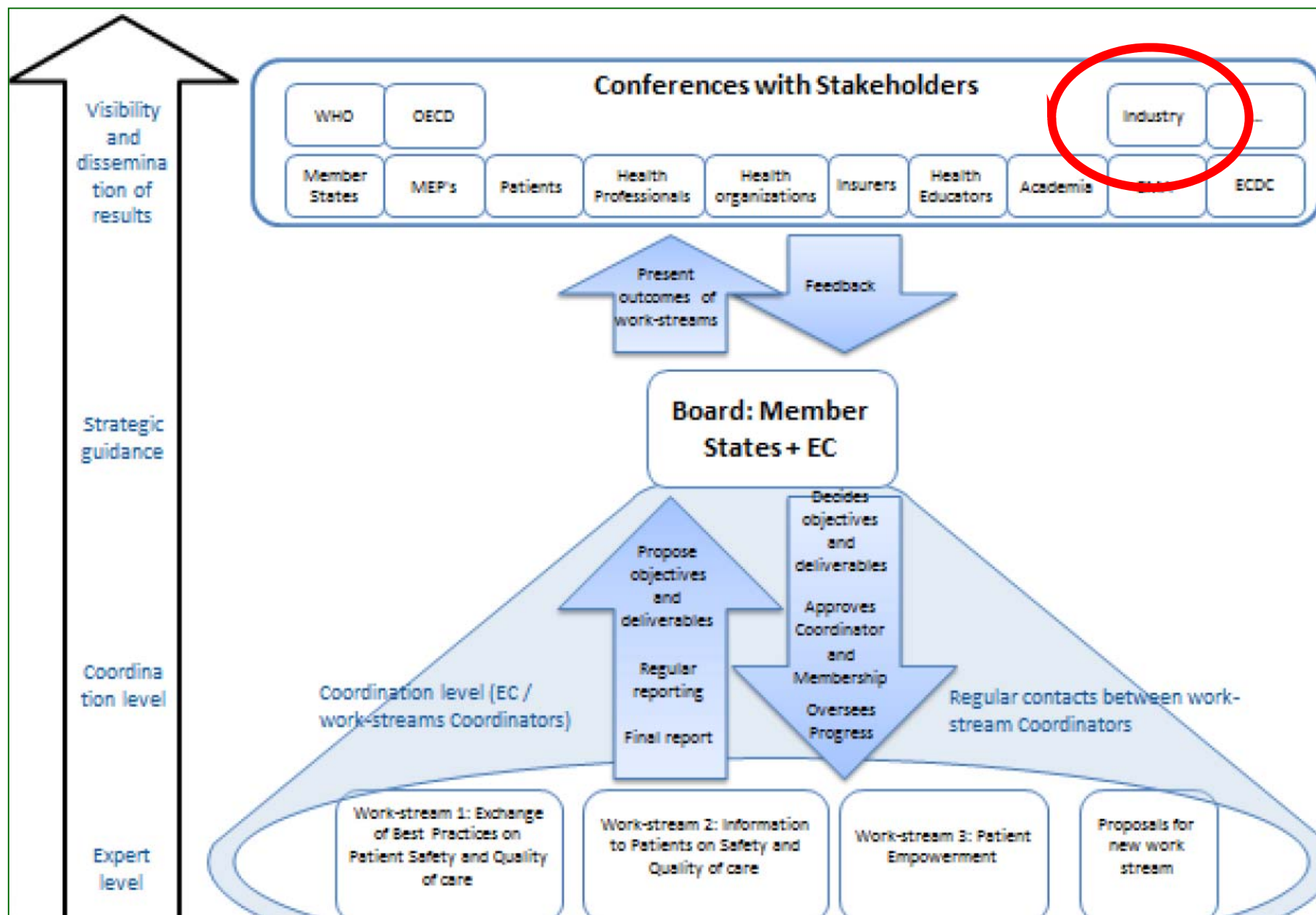
**2. Creation of a new „Expert Group“ (future agenda 14.10.2014)**

***Without any communication with the WG!!!!***

**„We make a decision and make it public. Then we wait if something happens. When there is no resistance or uproar because most people do not understand what it is about, we go on, step by step until there is no return“.**

Jean-Claude Juncker in [Die Brüsseler Republik](#), *Der Spiegel*, 27. Dezember 1999.

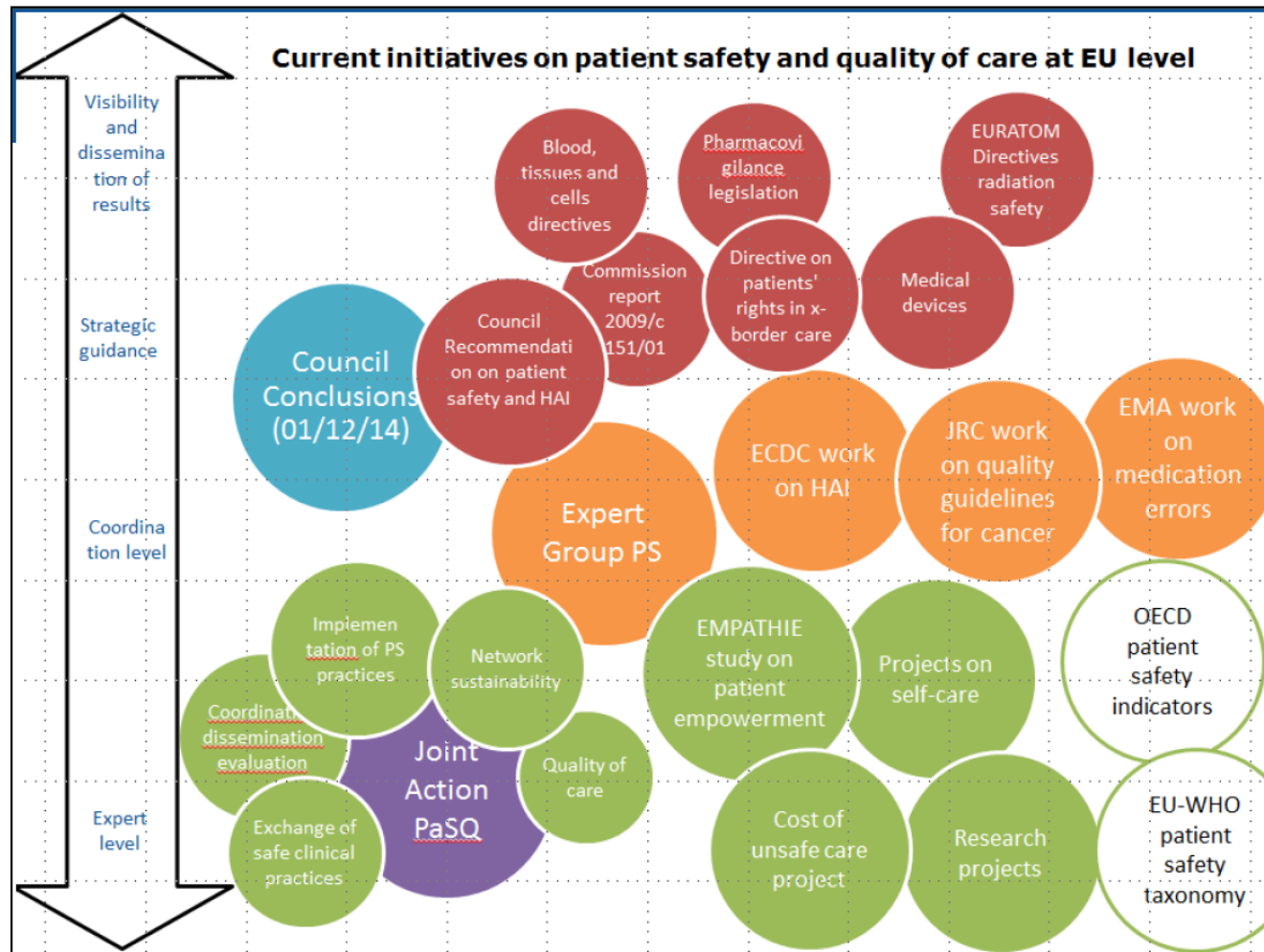




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# Different, separate Actions of the EU Commission



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# Strategic Approach EU Commission – old and new

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## Old: 2006

*“This approach would have the benefit of bringing the key players together **without creating separate subgroups or projects which could potentially overlap and result in ineffectiveness**”.*

## **New: 2013, 2014...**

**The “bubble-procedure” chosen by the EU Commission addresses different and separate actors and topics.**

***Is that “enough”?***



## Added Value of the Patient Safety Work Group?

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**“The whole thing is more  
than the sum of its parts”**

Aristotle

### **→ Patient Safety**

**= Safety Culture, Leadership, Participation, Involvement, Accountability, Changing Practice, role models, learning from each other, “getting to the hearts of health care workers”,...**



# Patient Safety now without the Commission!?

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- **2015** Last Meeting of the Patient Safety Expert
- 2016 Ministerial Patient Safety Summit London
- 2016 WHO – „Restarting“ Patient Safety, International Network
- 2017 Ministerial Patient Safety Summit Bonn
- *2018 Patient Safety Summit Japan*
- ...



# Key question:

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Do we have to follow Guy Verhofstadt MEP?

**"We must abolish the EU Commission  
to save the EU"** (June 2017)

**Re-engineering of the network!?**

by the Commission ("learning from political errors")?

by the member states?

by the WHO?





**RICHARD FRANZ, 1921 – 1942. MY UNCLE**



**Tamino Jonitz, b 1998. My nephew**

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