



# The Implementation of Needle Stick Legislation in Turkey

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# The European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN)



*The EFN consists of **National Nurses Associations from 34 EU Member States** and represents over 3 million nurses.*

*It aims at ensuring the **central role of patients and nurses** in the social and health policy at Member State and EU Level.*



# EFN's work at EU Level



Focus on **core topics**:

- **Education**
- **Workforce**
- **Quality & Safety, including e-health**

↪ **1 million** sharps/needle stick injuries happen every day!



# Directive on the Prevention from Sharp Injuries in the Hospital and Healthcare Sector (2010/32/EU)

**Aim:** To protect Europe's healthcare professionals and workers from potentially dangerous infections due to injuries with needles and other sharp medical instruments.

➡ **Implementation is important!**



# Directive on the Prevention from Sharp Injuries in the Hospital and Healthcare Sector (2010/32/EU)

**Clause 5 – Risk Assessment**

**Clause 6 – Elimination, Prevention and Protection**

**Clause 7 – Information and Awareness-raising**

**Clause 8 – Education and Training**

**Clause 9 – Reporting**

**Clause 10 – Response and Follow-up**



# EFN Survey on the implementation of Directive 2010/32/EU



- ✓ 7.000 health professionals from 28 EU Member States
- ✓ 95% nurses
- ✓ 41% suffered from sharps injury

**Areas for improvement:  
Education - Risk Assessments - Ban of  
Recapping - Awareness Campaigns**



# EFN Survey on the implementation of Directive 2010/32/EU



The majority of incidents can be **avoided** using a **combination** of education and **training**, safer working practices, risk assessment and medical technology.

**Mixed approach reflected in Directive 2010/32/EU!**

# 8 Competencies, Article 31

## Directive 2013/55/EU

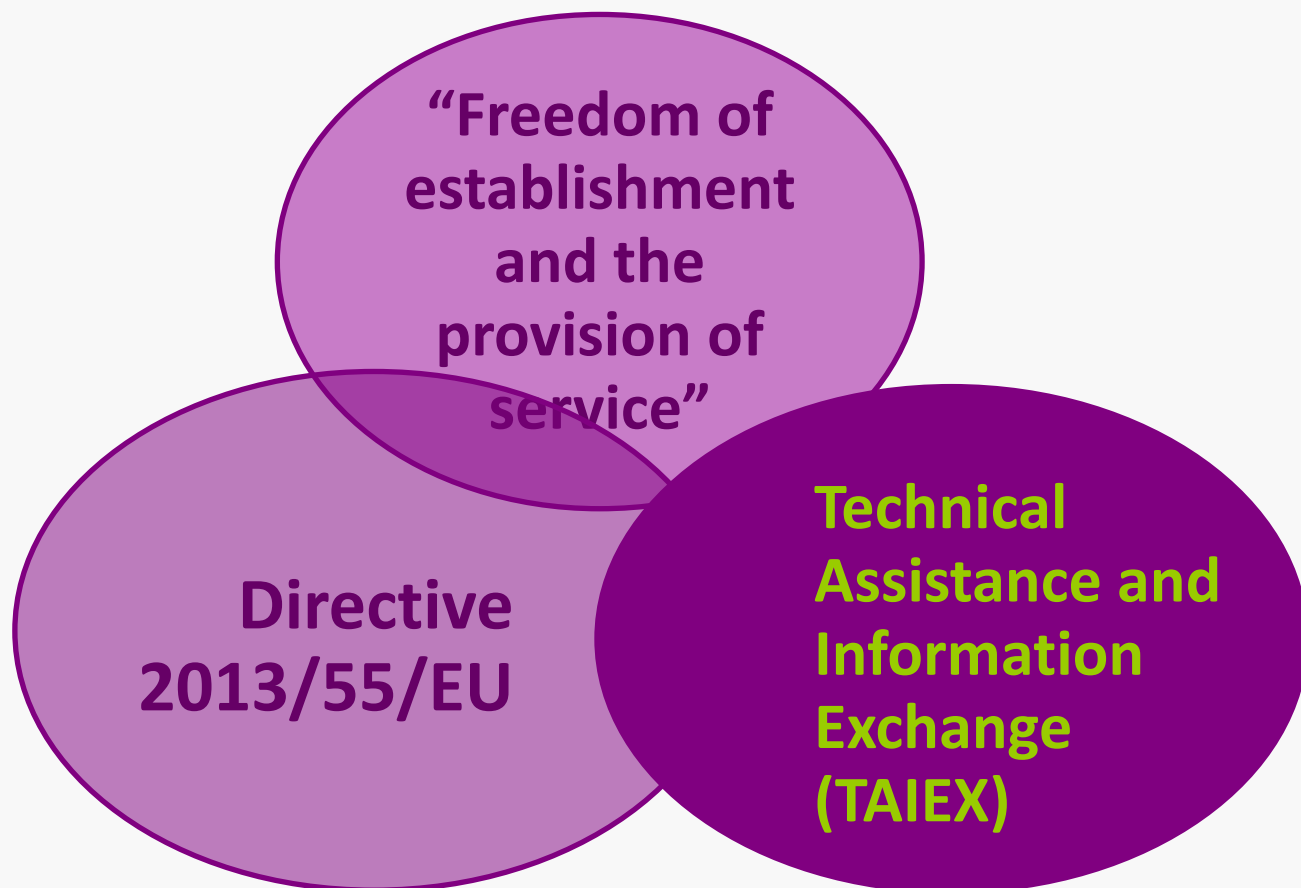


1. Independently diagnose, plan, organise and implement
2. Cooperate with other players from the health sector
3. Empower patients towards a healthy lifestyle & self-care
4. Independently initiate measures to save lives
5. Independently advise, instruct and support
6. Ensure the quality of nursing care
7. Communicate comprehensively and cooperate with members of other professions in the health sector
8. Analyse the quality of care





## Chapter 3, Acquis Communautaire





# Concluding remarks

- *Important to guarantee **100% prevention** of sharps injuries.*
- ***States need to strengthen capacity** of health workforce by implementing EU legislation (Directive 2013/55/EU).*
- ***Employers need to establish policies and procedures** and apply Directive 2010/32/EU correctly.*
- ***Importance of engaging nurses!***



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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
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