

ESPNIC News Flash

Call to Action for Newborn Health and EFCNI White Paper successfully launched in the EU Parliament

With utmost pleasure we would like to inform you that EFCNI, parents, health professionals and politicians from across Europe came together on Wednesday, 23 November in the European Parliament for the first time to demand concerted action to improve the care of preterm and newborn infants in the European Union.

The *Call to Action for Newborn Health*, launched in collaboration with the European Parliament's Interest Group on Maternal and Neonatal Health, alongside *Caring for Tomorrow: EFCNI White Paper on Maternal and Newborn Health and Aftercare Services*, calls on European and national policy makers to address the growing health inequalities encountered by preterm infants and their families.

We are delighted to share with you today the links to the two documents:

Link to the White Paper:

http://www.efcni.org/fileadmin/Daten/Web/Reports/EFCNI_White_Paper/Caring_for_Tomorrow_-_EFCNI_White_Paper.pdf

A printed version of the White Paper is foreseen for the beginning of next year.

The White Paper is the result of many dedicated individuals and organisations exchanging views and working closely together. On this occasion, we would like to send our warmest thanks to all of you for your trust in EFCNI and your support which enabled EFCNI to collaborate with parents and healthcare experts to develop this important document.

We hope that the Paper will indeed become another milestone in reaching our common aim - the best possible start in life for all of Europe's babies.



Link to the Call to Action for Newborn Health:

http://www.efcni.org/fileadmin/Daten/Web/Call_to_Action_for_Newborn_Health/EFCNI_CALLFA_Print.pdf

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We hope you can agree to the 10 demands laid down in the *Call to Action for Newborn Health* and would be grateful if you could give us your support and our preterm infants your voice by voting online at <http://www.enemenemini.eu/>. The European campaign "ene, mene, mini" will stay online for the next months and the votes will serve as an additional argument for EU and national policy makers and other stakeholders for urgent action in the fields of maternal and newborn health as well as the implementation of adequate aftercare services.

Thanks for your strong support!

Best regards,

Your EFCNI TEAM