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Área: 01 The nursing workforce and workplace			
<p>The Ordem dos Enfermeiros (OE) (Portuguese Order of Nurses – national nursing and midwifery regulator), inspired by the theme of the Portuguese Presidency of the EU, has developed an inquiry to illustrate some social and professional characteristics of the foreign nurses working in Portugal.</p> <p>The study was conducted in July and August 07, and the final document was presented in March 2008. The results were well received by the Portuguese media, with several news and interviews in national television, radio, and newspapers. In 2008 some of the data were included in the annual report of The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA).</p> <p>The inquiry was sent to more than 2100 foreign nurses working in Portugal, with 276 valid answers. In this presentation we will look at some of the results, such as: - nationality, age group, length of stay, place of work; - reasons behind migration; - reasons for staying in the country; - intent to return to the home country; - perceived discrimination by the nurses from healthcare professionals and patients; - social difficulties encountered in Portugal.</p> <p>Some of the conclusions were: - it seems that the Portuguese health system is less attractive than before, especially to our Spanish colleagues; - foreign nurses feel many difficulties in the recognition of their academic qualifications and do not easily get to know who can proceed to that recognition; - they feel discriminated by both colleagues and patients; - they face difficulties when searching for housing, bank credit and health care.</p>			
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