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## Press Release

# **1st RANCARE Conference – COST Action 15208 “THE CHALLENGES OF NURSING CARE RATIONING”**

The first RANCARE Conference of the COST Action 15208 took place in Limassol, Cyprus in the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2017. Eighty health care professionals from 31 different countries from Europe, the USA, Australia and New Zealand participated in this multidisciplinary Conference. The participants were representing 27 countries from the European Union and seven Universities from the aforementioned countries internationally. The Conference was opened by the Rector of the Cyprus University of Technology Professor Andreas Anayiotos and the Director General of the Ministry of Health on behalf of the Cyprus Minister of Health Dr George Pamborides, with the presence of Nurse leaders, educators and practitioners from all over Cyprus. Top level nurse academics and researchers have addressed the challenges of nursing care rationing and the scientific program included 19 presentations categorized in 4 sessions, namely: a) Conceptualisation, Organisational and Methodological Issues b) Evidence based interventions and intervention design session c) Ethical Issues of rationing of nursing care and d) Educational issues of teaching patient safety.

The conference provided the opportunity for the participants to built relationships and to disseminate knowledge and leadership across disciplines and countries. It has also facilitated the debate between academics and clinicians on the conceptualisation of the care rationing phenomenon, on the methodological challenges as well as on the outcomes of nursing care rationing on patient safety and quality of care. The conference concluded with the announcing of the strategies for the exploration of the several aspects of the phenomenon through developing a joined teaching and research agenda. The RANCARE Action will also provide the opportunity to young researchers to participate in Short Term Scientific Missions and a Training School related to methodological, organisational and ethical issues associated with rationing of nursing care. Full details for the terms and applications will be announced in the RANCARE website <https://www.rancare-action.eu/>

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