



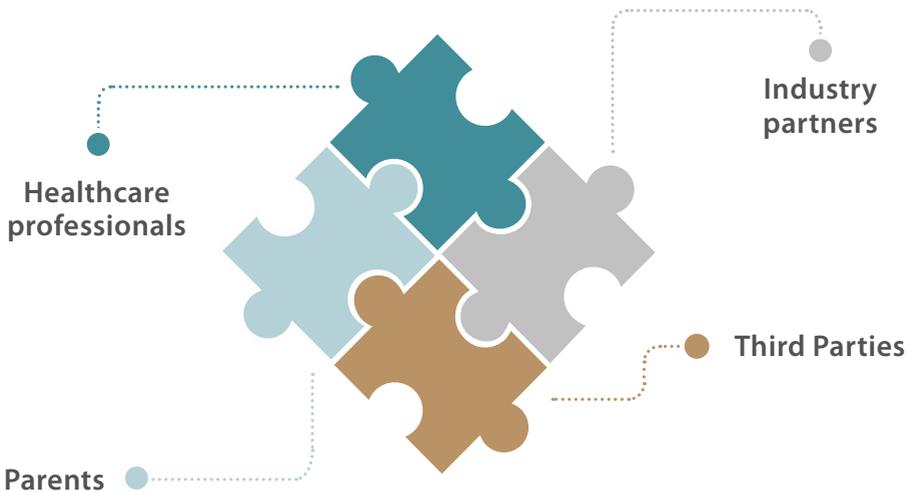
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## Project description

European Standards of Care for Newborn Health is an interdisciplinary collaboration to develop standards of care for key topics in newborn health. Initiated and coordinated by EFCNI, it combines the knowledge and experience of more than 220 people from about 35 countries to develop theme-based European reference standards. Project members include healthcare experts from obstetrics, neonatology, paediatrics, and psychology, parent representatives, industry partners and third parties with an interest in newborn health.

In the project, parents and healthcare professional work together as partners - they form an open and respectful partnership to pave the way for change.



# Motivation & aim

The organisation of care, the education of healthcare professionals, and the structure and provision of care vary widely across Europe. Currently, there are no cross-European guidelines for newborn health. The European Standards of Care for Newborn Health project addresses these disparities by developing standards for a wide range of topics in this area. The focus of the project is the treatment and care of preterm and ill newborn babies in hospital and as they grow up. To this purpose, newborn health is divided in 11 themes and standards are developed by a group of experts for each theme. These standards are built on existing guidance and should serve as European reference standards.

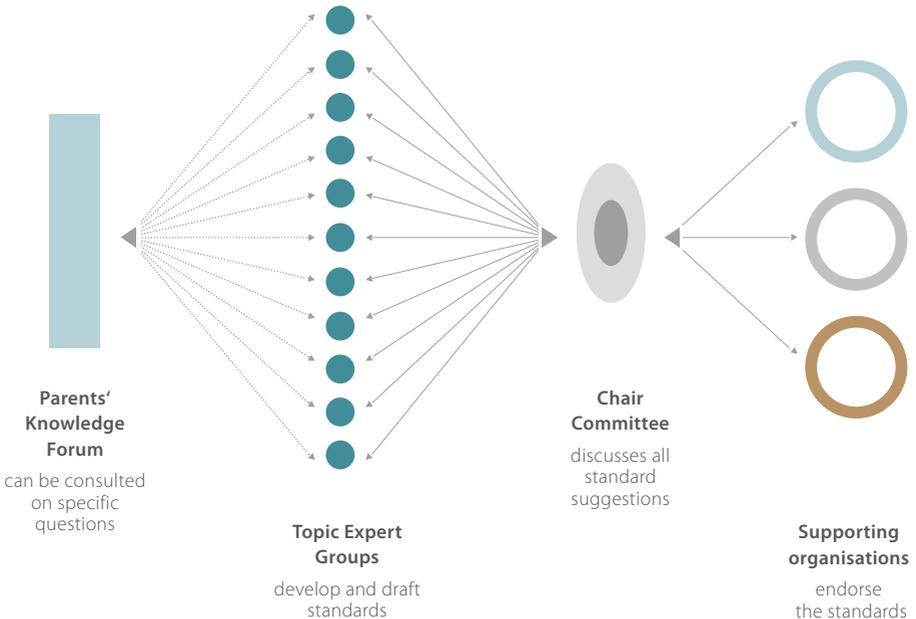
# Scope of the project

In the project, standards will be developed for a wide range of topics in newborn health. To this aim, newborn health is divided into 11 themes. Each of these themes corresponds to a working group – a Topic Expert Group – that develops standards on this topic. Standards start with the perinatal period and continue until well after discharge into early childhood.



# Structure of the project

Standard development is divided into different stages. It starts with the drafting of standards in the Topic Expert Groups. In this stage, the interdisciplinary members of the Topic Expert Groups work towards standard drafts for their topics. If necessary, they can consult the Parents' Knowledge Forum to get a user perspective to specific questions. Once standards are readily developed in the Topic Expert Group, they are passed on to the Chair Committee for discussion and approval. The approved standards are submitted to all supporting organisations for endorsement and are published on the project website.



Find more information online:

Have a look at the project website for more information about the background, methods, topics, and people involved. Once published, you will also find all project standards for download. Visit us at: [www.newborn-health-standards.org](http://www.newborn-health-standards.org)





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## Supporting organisations

European and national professional societies and parent organisations support the development of standards within the European Standards of Care for Newborn Health project. All these organisations can contribute during the consultation phase of the project. Many supporting organisations have members who are actively involved in the drafting process.

## Thank you

We thank the project members for working with us on this project and the supporting organisations for their collaboration.

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### About EFCNI

The European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI) is the first pan-European organisation and network to represent the interests of preterm and newborn infants and their families. It gathers together parents, healthcare experts from different disciplines, and scientists with the common goal of improving long-term health of preterm and newborn children by ensuring the best possible prevention, treatment, care, and support.

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