

# Alenka Bijol

Candidate for Board Member  
Southern Europe region

I am actively involved in the Nurses and Midwives Association of Slovenia and I am a member of the Association's Board of Directors. I am a member of the executive committee of the management section.

I am also habilitated assistant professor at the Angela Boškin Faculty of Nursing.

I have been successfully leading a regional professional association for 10 years.

WHO IS  
ALENKA BIJOL?

ALL THIS GIVES ME AN ADDITIONAL IMPETUS FOR MY DAILY WORK, WHERE I PUT THE SAFE AND QUALITY NURSING CARE AT THE FOREFRONT.

During my career, I have gained extensive experience as a nursing leader and demonstrated leadership skills with various stakeholders in healthcare.

I have been involved in leadership for almost 20 years.

I am a  
register nurse and I hold  
Bachelor of Science titles Sociology.  
I have obtained a postgraduate course in  
hospital hygiene and postgraduate course of  
mentoring nursing students.

I work at the Jesenice General Hospital as a Deputy  
Assistant Director for Nursing.

I lead numerous project groups and I am also  
responsible for the first handling of patient rights  
violations complaints.



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My main focus is on the development of nursing and activities that will contribute to the recruitment of staff and the renewal of health systems.



**I present this candidacy  
under the slogan:**

**»WITH A CLEAR GOAL,  
WE ARE BUILDING A  
FUTURE FOR ALL«**


Further action is needed to rebuild health systems. On this last point, let me turn to another very important area, which is investing in education and training for a greater number of health care workers, particularly in the areas of intensive care, public health and primary health care, and for more nurses with specialised or advanced skills.

Nurses who are recognised mentors and researchers can influence health policy-making processes. The level of nurses' knowledge and their involvement in research and projects is closely linked to the positive evaluation of their work. The ICN strategy and policy thus also plays a key role in the importance of appropriate education for the professionalisation of nursing and for placing nursing on the scientific map.

## **What highlights do I see for the next ICN Board?**

Given the global multi-million shortage of nurses, there is a need to ensure effective and coordinated action to protect and rebuild the nursing workforce. In order to take effective measures, it is necessary to:

- update the analysis of the state of nursing worldwide,
- invest in safe staffing norms,
- efforts should be made to increase the attractiveness of the profession,
- take measures to introduce new forms of work,
- optimise the workforce by promoting advanced forms of work that are technologically supported.



THOSE WHO KNOW ME, KNOW, THAT I SEE  
CHALLENGES AS OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT.  
TOGETHER CAN WE BUILD A FUTURE WHERE NURSES  
ARE RECOGNIZED AS IMPORTANT LEADERS.  
I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT AND  
I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TRUST.

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