

THE BUDAPEST COMMITMENTS – project document

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Background information is available on the EAPC website:

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Country **Netherlands** Date **May 2008**

Organisation	Netherlands Palliative Care Network for Terminally ill Patients (NPTN)
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If not, give a short description of the organisation	
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Short description of the underlying problems that the commitments are aimed at Lack of coordination between palliative care organisations. Not much attention for palliative care in curricula for nurses and physicians. Professionals should start palliative care earlier in the process.
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Description of commitments (if more than one please list, please try to define clear, realistic and measurable goals for each commitment) 1. To improve coordination between different organisations in palliative care, to spread best practises. 2. To start palliative care earlier in the process. 3. To improve palliative care education.

Goal, measurement of success and time (please list at least one outcome measurement for each commitment) 1. and 2. Between 2008 - 2010 a platform, coordinated by the ministry of health is responsible for the progress. 2. 3. A description of competences for basic, specialist and expert level (nurses).

Short description of methodology and working process In the period 2008 -2010 a platform palliative care platform is installed by the Dutch Government. In this platform all palliative care organisations are represented. The NPTN participates in this platform and had formulated her own plan.

In collaboration or cooperation with other organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Names of other organisations

Ministry of Health, Welfare, Sport and palliative care organisations: Agora, Association of high care hospices, Comprehensive Cancer Centres, Volunteers Palliative Care (VPTZ), 4 academic centres for palliative care (knowledge centres)