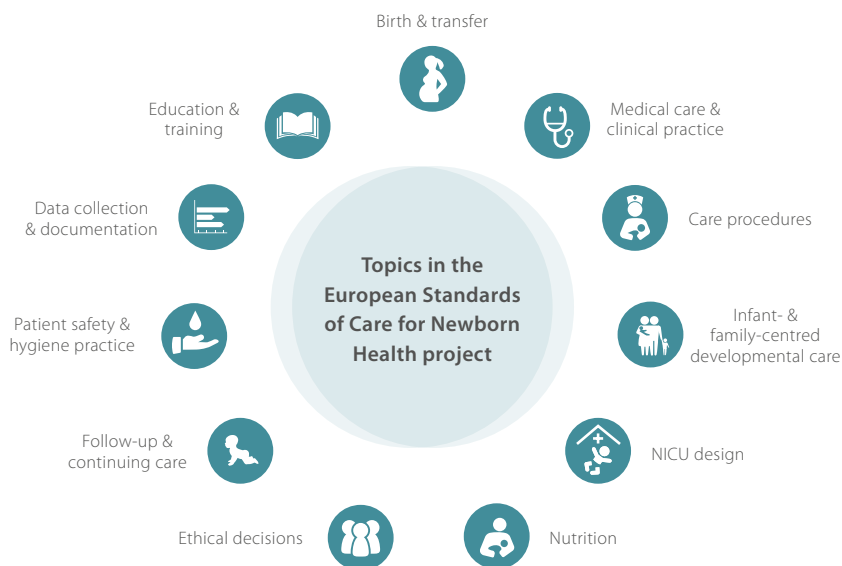




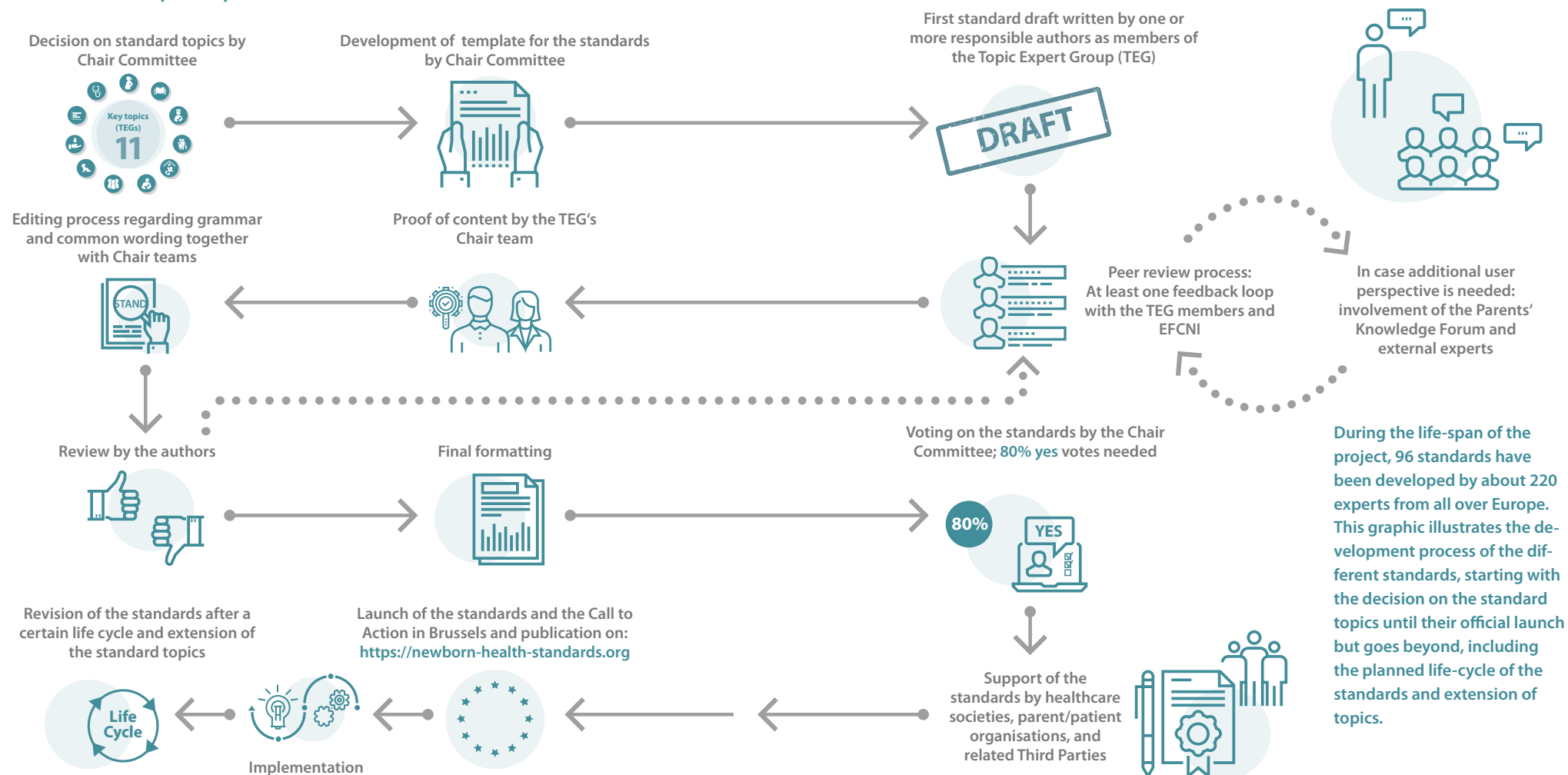
Project description

The European Standards of Care for Newborn Health project, which was initiated by the European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI), marks a new era in newborn care. Within the project, reference standards promoting equitable and high levels of care throughout Europe were developed through a multi-stakeholder approach.

The standards are the first of their kind and give practical guidance for optimal (medical) care of preterm and ill infants, addressing various aspects of care from the time of birth until school age. In order to cover the complexity of neonatal care, this field was divided into 11 overarching topics in which 96 separate standards were developed during the initial standard development phase (status: 11/2018).



Standard development process



Motivation & aim of the project

Worldwide, 15 million infants are born preterm every year.¹ In Europe, **preterm birth** is one of the **leading causes** for neonatal **mortality**.² Although the survival rate for preterm infants is continuously improving thanks to advances made in medical science, preterm birth is a **remaining challenge** with different trends in Europe. While in one country a high percentage of all

babies born extremely preterm die, in other countries babies born at exactly the same age have a higher chance of survival. The lives of these children could be **saved or improved** by providing the **best care** from birth until school age, **regardless of their place of birth**.

The project is unique, as it was developed by a parent's organisation and parents were involved in every step of the development process.

¹ Althabe F, Howson CP, Kinney M, Lawn J, World Health Organization. Born too soon: the global action report on preterm birth. 2012. Available from: https://www.who.int/pmnch/media/news/2012/201204_born-toosoon-report.pdf

² Euro-Peristat Project. European Perinatal Health Report. Core indicators of the health and care of pregnant women and babies in Europe in 2015. November 2018. Available from: <https://www.europeristat.com>



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Supporting organisations

More than 170 healthcare professional societies and parent organisations are officially **supporting** the standards (status: 07/2019).

The complete European Standards of Care for Newborn Health, the Call to Action for Newborn Health in Europe (also translated in more than 20 languages) and further materials are available for download on the website **www.newborn-health-standards.org**



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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 brings together parents, healthcare experts from different disciplines, and scientists with the common goal of improving long-term health of preterm and newborn children. EFCNI's vision is to ensure the best start in life for every baby.

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