



The BFHI Network
November 2025

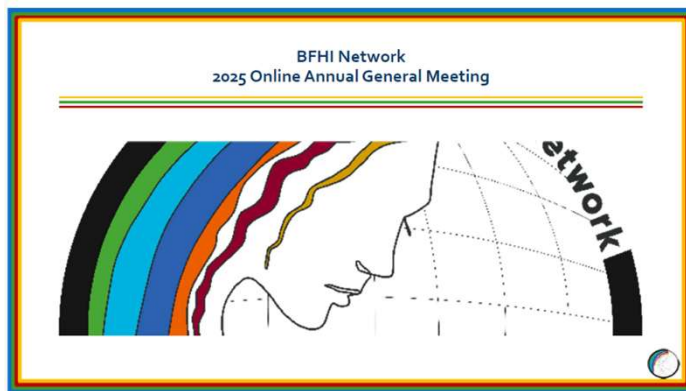
Expansion of the Baby-Friendly
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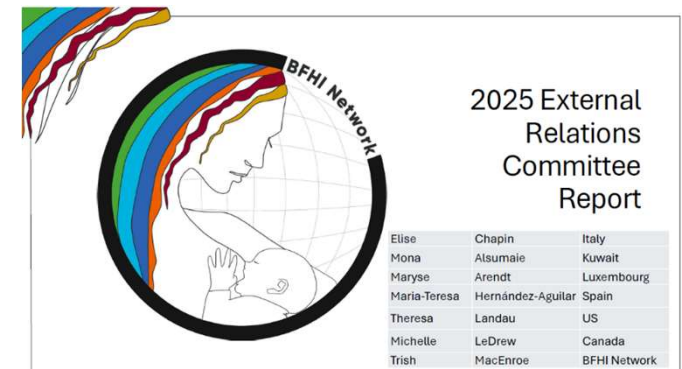
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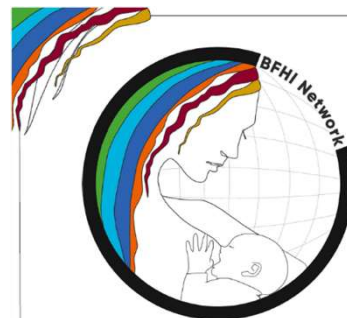
Elise	Chapin	Italy
Mona	Alsumale	Kuwait
Maryse	Arendt	Luxembourg
Maria-Teresa	Hernández-Aguilar	Spain
Theresa	Landau	US
Michelle	LeDrew	Canada
Trish	MacEnroe	BFHI Network

Report to the BFHI Network from the Meeting Planning Committee Team

Team Members: Eileen FitzPatrick (USA) Renata Vettorazzi (Slovenia) Theresa Landau (USA) Anita Pavičić Bošnjak (Croatia) and Kristina Löfgren (France) + in 2024 Serena Debonnets (Belgium)

In 2024 The Meeting planning Committee has organized the 12th BFHI coordinators' meeting. It took place from April 15 to April 17 at Lille University Hospital (France). The meeting planning committee has had several meetings by teams to work on practical aspects like suggestions of hotels, one event with the visit of Lille and dinner at a restaurant etc

45 people from all over the world made the trip and around twenty people were connected online : BFHI coordinators from 28 countries, representatives of around fifteen other organizations, including Dr. Laurence Grummer-Strawn, Unit Head Food and Nutrition Action in Health Systems, World Health Organization (WHO, Geneva) ; Ms. Grainne Moloney, Senior Nutrition Advisor, UNICEF (New York) ; Brieuc PONT, of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, Secretary General of the Nutrition for Growth Summit. Professor Damien Subtil, president of BFHI France was also present during this meeting.



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THE BFHI NETWORK

Who we are

The Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative Network (BFHI Network) is an independent, international, not-for-profit, membership organization, incorporated in the country of Canada.

Our Goals

To ensure that all mothers and their infants throughout the world receive the evidence-based care practices embodied in the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding through the complete implementation of the WHO/UNICEF Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative and its expansion programs

An international network association

Supporting Breastfeeding Care Best Practices
Mutual Support for BFHI country teams
Supporting and Monitoring the implementation of the BFHI



HOW TO CONTACT US

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The Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative

The Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI) is a structured, comprehensive, quality improvement strategy by the World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) geared towards improving maternity care practices with the aim of creating an optimal environment, protected from commercial influences, and is supportive of a family's informed infant feeding goals. It has been implemented in thousands of hospitals and maternity care facilities around the world. It is based on the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding and standards outlined in the Implementation Guidance: Protecting, promoting and supporting breastfeeding in facilities providing maternity and newborn services: the revised Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative. While the BFHI is based on the Ten Steps, there is a significant difference between the two that is important to know. [Click here to read about the difference between the Ten Steps and the BFHI.](#)



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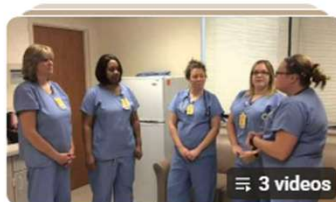
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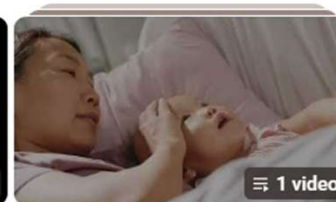
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Some News

New documents:

- The new version of the Model Chapter is out, you may Access it here
<https://iris.who.int/bitstreams/2966cbcb-d5a0-4ee5-b39f-4dc1bde543ba/download>
- The new revised ABM Policy for maternities will be out soon

Dates to remember:

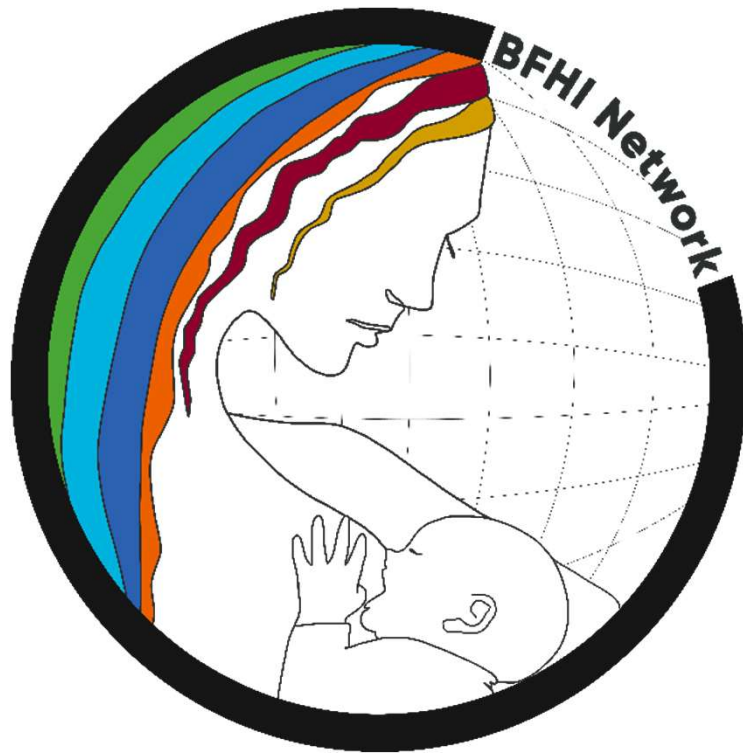
- **Next webinar January-February 2026 , exact date to be announced**
 - Open to all interested
 - How to ignite the spark of implementing the BFHI at national level.
- **Annual General Assembly (online), May 2026**
- **In person meeting Rome 14-16 October 2025**
- **We need your input**
 - Share news about your country's BFHI experience and shared them globally through our summaries in the Journal of Human Lactation
- **Would you be interested in participating in any of our committees? CONTACT US**

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