

EAN General Assembly meeting – Naples, Italy



6 May 2026 at 9:00 – 16:00, doors open at 8:30

Venue: [Hotel RAMADA NAPLES](#), Via Galileo Ferraris 40, 80146 Naples, Italy

AGENDA – Part 1 (9:00 – 12:00)

- 1. Welcome address by EAN president J. Horecký and member of Executive Board Mrs. E. Weber together with Mr. Nicola Galdiero, member of the General Assembly and host in Naples**
- 2. GA Agenda proposal**
- 3. Welcoming of new EAN members and guests + introduction roundtable session of all participants**
 - a. New members: COPAS (Luxembourg), DementTalent (The Netherlands), Workforce Edge Consulting Inc. (Belgium / Canada), Anume s.r.o., Clementas (Czech Republic), Cyprus Third Age Observatory, Senior Care Service Kft. (Hungary)
- 4. Minutes from the last GA meeting – Lisbon 10/2025**
- 5. WG on Funding – Presentation of the Final Report “Towards a Framework for Sustainable, Equitable and Responsible Funding of Elderly Care in the European Union”** A. Koster
 - a. Funding models of social services in Europe
 - b. Public and/or private providers
 - c. Ways for sustainable funding of long-term care in Europe
 - d. Recommendations for the Governments and takeaway messages
- 6. RESPONSIBLE RECRUITMENT OF SKILLED CARE WORKERS CAN MITIGATE STAFF SHORTAGES IN THE EUROPEAN LTC SECTOR (30 min)**

Ms Roseline K. Njogu - Principal Secretary, State Department for Diaspora Affairs, Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs of **Kenya**

Mr. Salvatore Petronella, Associate Director, Policy & Public Affairs, Labor Mobility Partnerships (LaMP)
- 7. EU affairs** M. Smeets
 - a. European Care Strategy – update and implementation
 - b. Quality Jobs Roadmap
 - c. Resilience and Preparedness of the Long-Term Care (LTC) Sector
 - d. Digitalisation, Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity
- 8. AGE Platform Europe (20 min)** Marine Luc (AGE Platform)
 - a. Introduction of the organisation
 - b. AGE task forces – together for accessible long-term care in EU
- 9. Next Congresses and Events**
 - a. 2027 GAN LTC CONGRESS in Prague (7-8 September 2027)
 - b. Call for the EAN congress 2028 or 2029
- 10. Digitalization of long-term care** V. Husáková, M. Smeets
 - a. NIS2 impact to social services
 - b. EHDS impact - roundtable feedback
 - c. WG Digitalization 2.0 – expectation and needs of the sector, conclusions

Buffet lunch at 12:00-13:00

AGENDA – Part 2 (13:00 – 15:30)

11. ALLIAX White Paper

Elena Weber

12. EU projects with EAN involvement

- a. WELL CARE - well-being of caregivers
- b. EldiCare 2.0 – VET training of care staff
- c. Care4Skills – skills development of care workers
- d. Care4Elders – improving dementia care and workforce skills
- e. Vaccination Hesitancy project (MSD) – reducing vaccination hesitancy among older persons
- f. EAN Project team

13. WELL CARE PROJECT (30 min)

Marco Socci (IRCCS INRCA)

- a. General project information
- b. Main focus, activities and WP2 outputs
- c. Q&A

14. Financial matters

- a. Financial balance 2025
- b. Auditors report 2025
- c. Budget 2026

15. Housing and Living Environment of older people

- a. New WG on Living Environment

D. Sapy, M. Smeets

16. Global Ageing Network

- a. Chart of Rights for older persons

17. European Social dialogue in Social services

- a. ELA activities on Long-term care

18. Social Services Europe updates

A. Koster, M. Smeets

- a. General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) for Social Services
- b. Public Procurement Directive in LTC

19. Updates from Europe – short reports from members on national situation

20. Miscellaneous & Discussion

- a. Next General Assembly meeting in Warsaw – autumn 2026

AGENDA – Part 3 (15:30 – 16:30)

21. Workshop: In Times of Crises – AI & Preparedness as a Solution

This workshop will explore how AI and digital tools can support long-term care in times of crisis. Participants will gain practical insights and share experiences from different care settings.

The documents and materials for the EAN GA meeting will be uploaded [HERE](#) continuously.

