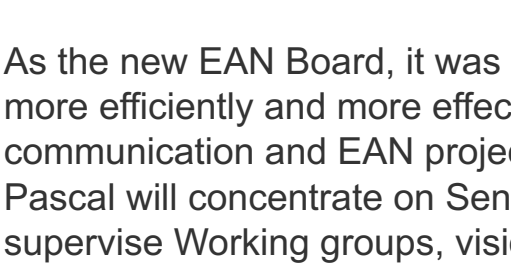




EAN General Assembly elects new Board



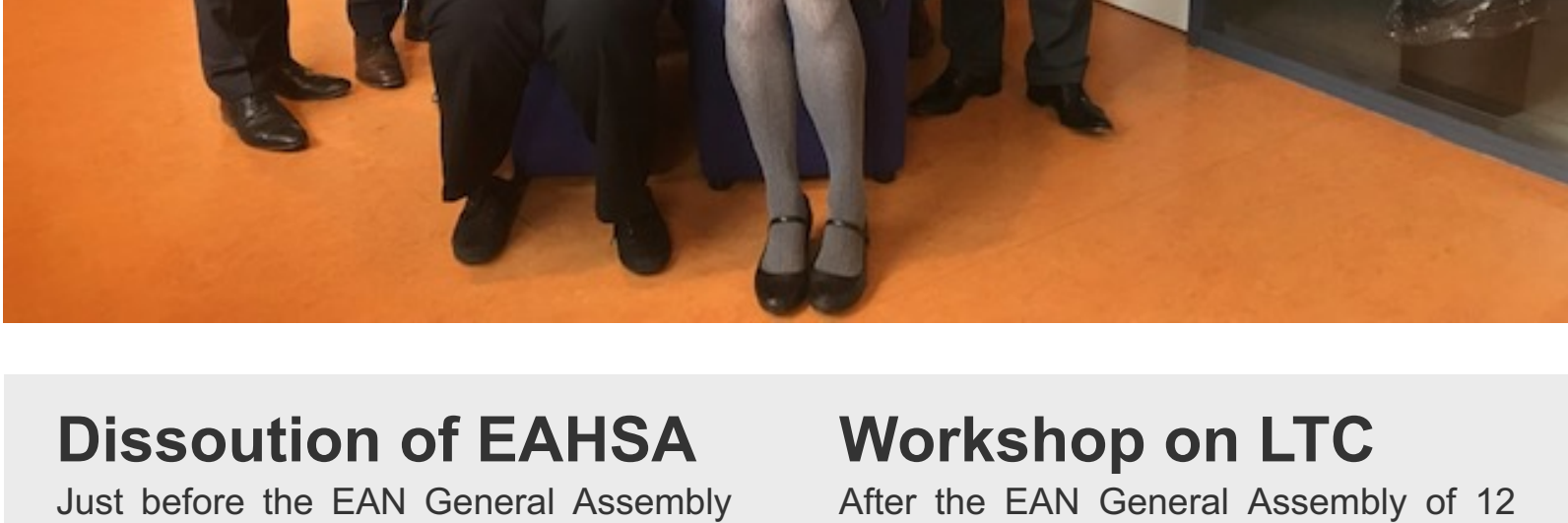
The European Ageing Network, gathering in Utrecht on 12 April in Utrecht, has elected a new Board.

The General Assembly has elected Jiří Horecký as a President and Aad Koster as the statutory First Vice-President. Marai Mannerholm and Pascal Champvert are elected Vice-Presidents and Beatrix Kaserer as a Treasurer. The Board is completed with the elections of Didier Sapy, Elena Weber, Dieter Gietzen and Markus Mattersberger.

As the new EAN Board, it was decided to divide tasks and responsibilities in order to work more efficiently and more effectively. Jiri as a President will focus on Operating issues, office, communication and EAN projects. Aad will take the lead in EU Affairs whereas Elena and Pascal will concentrate on Senior policies and the partnership with AGE-Platform. Maria will supervise Working groups, vision, documents and position papers. Didier and Markus will work on Congresses & conferences and on Education & Training. Dieter will be in charge of Membership.

The election of the new EAN Board follows on the merger of EAHSA and EDE. Both associations formed the European Ageing Network and were equally represented in the transition board. The EAN General Assembly of 12 April was the first meeting of the newly formed EAN.

More information can be found via the [EAN website](#).



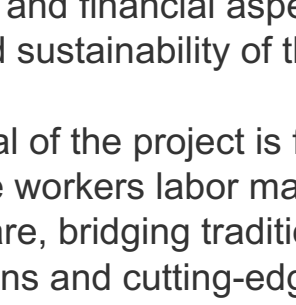
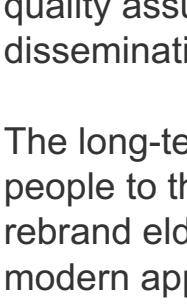
Dissolution of EAHSA

Just before the EAN General Assembly of 12 April, EAN co-founder EAHSA held an extra-ordinary General Assembly to decide about the dissolution of EAHSA. After more than 10 years, the European association of homes and services providers for the Ageing will stop formally and continue activities under the EAN umbrella.

Workshop on LTC

After the EAN General Assembly of 12 April, EAN members discussed the newly presented vision document of the EAN LTC 2030 Working group. The document describes a new vision on elderly care and proposes new thinking. The workshop was organised to discuss political implications and to formulate recommendations.

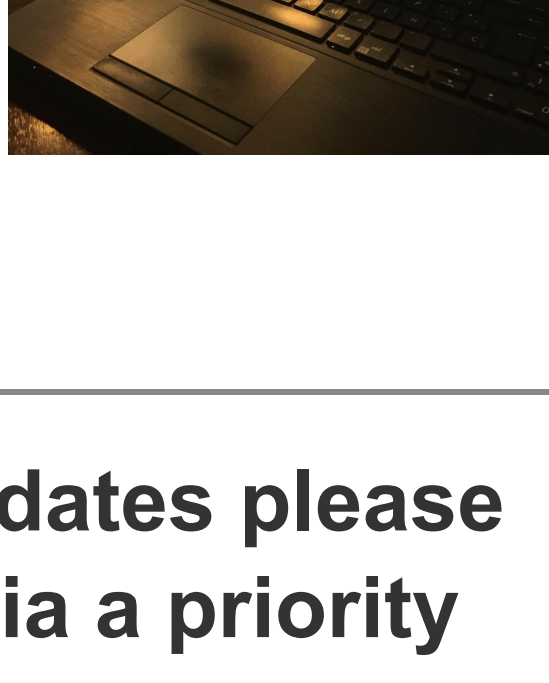
ELDICARE project meeting in Malaga



On April 10th and 11th the second meeting of the ELDICARE-project took place in Malaga. The ELDICARE-project is a Sector Skills Alliance, funded by the European Commission under the Erasmus+ Programme and brings together 12 partners from 5 Countries, i.e. Belgium, Germany, Greece, Spain, UK. EAN is a project partner via EAHSA.

The ELDICARE-project aims at anticipating the skills needs of elder-caregivers and a more tech-oriented and innovative approach in training them. At the meeting, partners discussed quality assurance and financial aspects as well as dissemination and sustainability of the project.

The long-term goal of the project is first of all to bring more people to the care workers labor market and to re- think and rebrand elderly care, bridging traditional approaches with modern applications and cutting-edge technology in order to maximise efficiency and results in benefit of the society as a whole, as this demographic group is increasing rapidly. Accreditation, self-assessment, psychometric tools and advanced digital applications combined with scientifically tested methodologies such as TNA & DACUM guarantee for a accurate, structured, accessible, work-based learning Curricula that are going to change the way we understand, value manage and appreciate elderly care and ICT health innovations.



European election candidates please pledge to make dementia a priority

Alzheimer Europe and its members call upon candidates in the 2019 European elections, taking place from 23-26 May 2019, to join its campaign to make dementia a European priority. With no disease-modifying treatment currently available and varied access to diagnosis, treatment and high quality care across Member States, EU institutions must show leadership by making dementia a priority in the fields of health, research and innovation, and social affairs, says Alzheimer Europe.

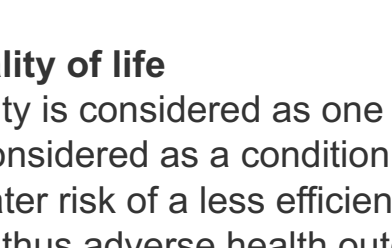
Candidates can choose several options to show their support. A first option is to support the campaign via social media (Twitter and Facebook), simply using the hashtag #DementiaPledge2019. Secondly, they can sign the Pledge document and return it to Alzheimer Europe, or to the national member association in their country. Thirdly, support can be expressed by sending an email stating support for the Pledge. Emails should be sent to: info@alzheimer-europe.org or to the relevant national member.

Around 9.1 million people in Europe have dementia and these numbers are expected to increase to 14 million people by 2040, due to the ageing of European societies. The Pledge is currently available in nine languages: Croatian, English, French, German, Italian, Luxembourgish, Polish, Slovenian and Spanish. All nine languages can be downloaded via the [campaign page](#).

EU Presidency conference discusses MSDs, occupational safety and health

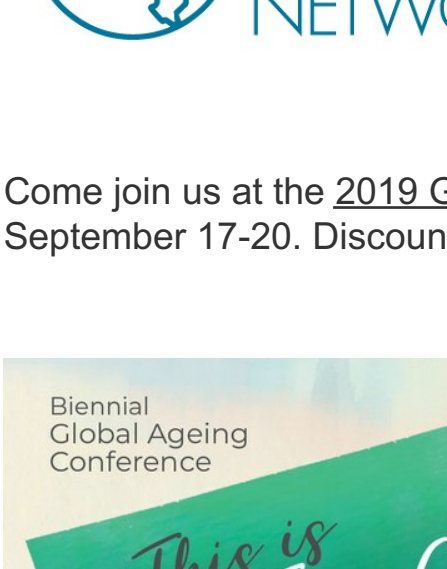
Member States representatives and EU decision-makers continue the debate on occupational safety and health (OSH) in the context of new forms of work. The conference in Bucharest on 9 April, organised under the Romanian EU Presidency, exchanged good practices in order to promote the prevention culture throughout the working life and to raise awareness on the musculoskeletal disorders.

EAN and EAHSA have issued a position paper on MSDs, as health and elderly care workers have high rates of injuries and illnesses at the workplace, and both their absence from work due to illness (absenteeism) or working ill (presenteeism) can compromise the quality of care delivered and even patient safety. musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) are one of the most common work-related ailments. Keeping elderly care workers healthy has a direct and measurable positive impact on productivity, and contributes to improving the elderly care worker's employability. Preventing elderly care workers from suffering MSDs and promoting workers' health throughout their working life is key to allowing them to work for longer, and happier. Tackling MSDs helps improve the lives of workers, but it also makes good business sense.



As the leader in promoting healthy and safe workplaces in Europe, EU-OSH is fundamentally involved in the discussions on ensuring fair working conditions and workers' wellbeing. Its executive director Christa Sedlatschek addressed work-related changes from the OSH perspective, with the focus on anticipating the risks and opportunities arising from new digital technologies.

EU FrailSafe Solution for Frailty Prevention



FrailSafe's final conference took place at the European Institute of Innovation & Technology (EIT) house in Brussels on the 3 April 2019 and brought together researchers, industry, policy makers, health professionals and end users to show-case the results and benefits of the EU funded project. The final conference report can be found [here](#).

EU FrailSafe offers an integrated assessment system, using cutting-edge technology. The system estimates people's frailty level and locates a person's weakness in order to provide personalized suggestions. It also provides a health monitoring tool and has the potential to generate real-time notifications in case of adverse events. The solution complements traditional clinical assessments in identifying those at higher risk of developing adverse health events, and thus facilitating comprehensive integrated care plans for older people.

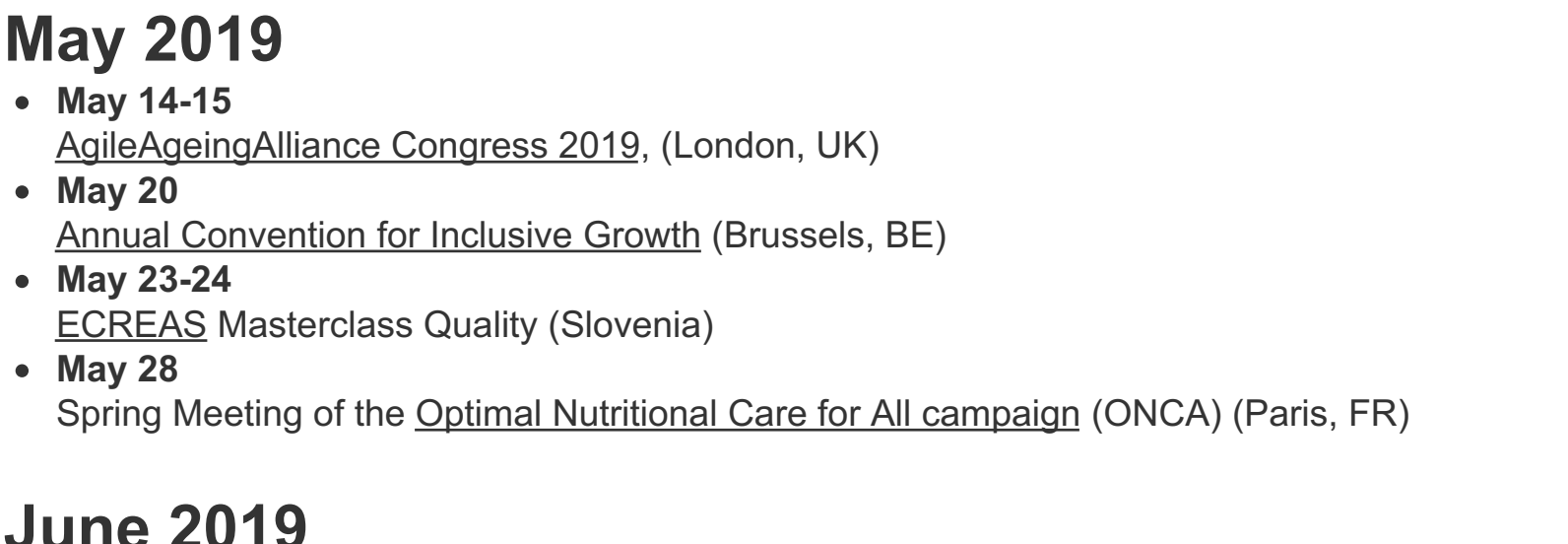
Quality of life

Frailty is considered as one of the most complex and important issues associated with ageing. It is considered as a condition of diminished physiological reserves, that put the individual to a greater risk of a less efficient response and functional recuperation in case of exposure to stress and thus adverse health outcomes, e.g. hospitalisation, fall, disability. The syndrome has significant repercussions on the older persons' quality of life and on the health care system. The relationship between frailty and a higher risk of falling, loss of functional independence, reduced quality of life, institutionalisation, and mortality^{2, 3}, has been well-documented.

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Upcoming conferences and meetings

May 2019

- **May 14-15**
[AgileAgeingAlliance Congress 2019](#), (London, UK)
- **May 20**
[Annual Convention for Inclusive Growth](#) (Brussels, BE)
- **May 23-24**
[ECREAS](#) Masterclass Quality (Slovenia)
- **May 28**
Spring Meeting of the [Optimal Nutritional Care for All campaign](#) (ONCA) (Paris, FR)

June 2019

- **Jun 7-8**
EAN Board (Stockholm, SE)
- **Jun 11**
[Homes4Life Stakeholder workshop](#) (Brussels, BE)

September 2019

- **Sep 11-19**
[ECREAS Study tour to Canada](#) (including 2019 Global Ageing Conference)
- **Sep 17**
[2019 Global Ageing Conference](#) (Toronto, CAN)

October 2019

- **22 Oct**
EAN Board (Matera, IT)
- **23-25 Oct**
Matera Conference (Matera, IT)
- **23-25 Oct**
[29th Alzheimer Europe Conference](#) Making valuable connections (The Hague, NL)

November 2019

- **21-22 Nov**
EAN Board and Conference (Brussels, BE)

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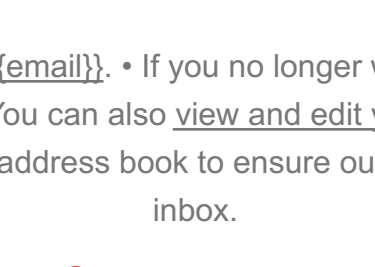
European Ageing Network (EAN)

The European Ageing Network (EAN) is the new association of the European Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing (EAHSA) and the international umbrella organisation representing national associations for directors and providers of long-term care services in Europe. The European Ageing Network groups more than 10.000 care providers, is present in 28 European countries, and is servicing millions of older people in Europe.

EAN is registered in Luxembourg, has its Secretariat in Prague and a branch office in Brussels. For more information, or for a membership application, contact info@ean-care.

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