





**JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2018** 

# Joint meeting of executive boards of EAHSA and EDE decide about next steps merger

At the end of January there was a **joint meeting in Prague** of the executive boards of EAHSA and E.D.E. about the cooperation between the two associations. We discussed the necessary steps to come to a new joint association named "European Ageing Network" EAN. The bylaws, membership-conditions, membership-fees, the number and profiles of the members of the board of EAN were some of the issues on the agenda. These issues will be part of the proposal which first will be put on the agenda of the General Annual Meeting of E.D.E. in Bucarest in April 2018. If the members of E.D.E. agree, than E.D.E. will found together with EAHSA the European Ageing Network EAN. Later this year the General Meeting of EAHSA will also discuss this proposal.

As the president of EAHSA I am very positive about the productive meeting in Prague. We could act in accordance with the conclusions we made in our own General Annual Meeting of EAHSA in December in Brussels.

Aad Koster - president of EAHSA



# Invitation to the next E.D.E. General Assembly meeting in Bucharest /RO/, April 13 – 14, 2018

Friday April 13, 2018

11,00 – 12,00 Visit of Acad. Nicolae CAJAL CARE HOME

13,00 – 18,00 General Assembly meeting in Acad. Nicolea CAJAL CARE HOME

19,30 – 22,00 **Joint dinner** of E.D.E. members and the guests

Saturday April 14, 2018

in the morning **Guided tour** of Bucharest provided by HOP on HOP off buses incl. the visit of Palace of the Parliament /copy of ID needed!/

For more information (hotels, registration, all meetings overview etc.) please see the E.D.E. <u>website</u> or contact E.D.E. secretary <u>Mr. Karel Vostrý.</u> -kv-



### CALENDAR

13- 14 APR 2018, Bucharest /RO/ General Assembly of the E.D.E.

8-10 AUG 2018, Toronto/CAN/ 14 th Global IFA conference

13-14 SEP 2018, Prague /CZ/ 1st joint EDE & EAHSA Congress

29-31 OCT 2018, Barcelona /ESP/ 28<sup>th</sup> Alzheimer Europe Conference







# **Dutch government parties to promote part-time elderly care homes**

Two of the three Dutch government parties have launched the idea of so-called part-time elderly care homes. This new form of elderly care should provide flexible help to older people while easying the tasks of their informal care givers.

The part-time care homes could be a solution for older people that are still fit enough to live independently, but need only a couple of days per week professional help. It would also provide a transitions period for those older people that not feel fit for residential care, yet. The national federation of older people ANBO and the association of informal care givers MEZZO are positive about the initiative.

The initiators have sent their proposal to the Parliament and suggest to start a pilot to test the idea.

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#### New AAL calls for smaller and flexible projects

The Active and Assistive Living (AAL) Association has opened its 2018 Call for proposals: 'Smart Solutions for Ageing Well'. The new challenge-led call has room for more flexible, smaller innovation projects.

The good news of the 2018 Call is the new and more flexible approach to innovation and focus on smaller collaborative projects, with a duration of six months, a maximum cofunding budget of €300.000 and leaner application and reporting procedures.

This opportunity for smaller projects has been created because it seemed to be difficult to fully explore new approaches or target new business sectors or stakeholder groups within a close framework and time schedule of a fixed multi-annual project. There was a need for more flexible and short-term possibilities for substantial cooperation. The 2018 call responds to this by offering flexible frameworks for developing ICT-based solutions for ageing societies.

The AAL Programme is a common funding activity of partner states of the AAL Association, with the financial support of the European Commission, based on Article 185 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU).

The aim of the AAL Programme is to provide innovative Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) based solutions including products, systems or services. These solutions aim to enhance older adults' quality of life, to improve the long-term sustainability of the health and long-term care systems and to strengthen the industrial base in Europe and internationally. The main goal is to improve the autonomy, participation in social life, skills, and employability of older adults.

The 2018 call can be found here. -ms-

## EU Council calls on developing communitybased care for all

The Council of the European Union, where all 28 national ministers meet, has issued its conclusions on "Enhancing Community-Based Support and Care for Independent Living" in follow-up of discussions around community-based care at European level, including during the "DI = Dignity + Independent Living" conference organised by the Estonian presidency. It is an important policy document to orientate reforms in this field in the coming years across the European Union.

The Conclusions call on ensuring that "everyone has the right to live independently within their community, to play an active part in society and to take part in decisions concerning their lives". They also state that "the choice of care setting should be an autonomous decision of the individual that ought to be respected".

The document also calls on developing affordable and quality alternatives to residential care before reducing their numbers. The Council also asks to "support residents' autonomy, provide high-quality personalised care and cater in particular for the needs of dependent persons for whom community care is not the preferred option" and calls on ensuring "safety, dignity and a non-discriminatory environment in all care settings". -ms-

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### ECREAS in progress

ECREAS is currently in the procedure to become a legal entity within Belgium in order to become operational. To serve the EDE and EAHSA members a provisional website will be set up in the coming weeks and will be on display in the first week of April 2018. The Board is also hard working to extend the network with research institutes and other relevant parties.

The Global Ageing Network has also requested to connect with ECREAS, so we have a global extension to our information sources. Also from China interest is shown in best practices that can be used as inspiration for the Chinese government and Chinese elder

Unfortunately, the application for EU funding was denied, but the creation of ECREAS is not dependent of these subsidies.

The consequence is that we will run ECREAS as a business that can fully service the EDE and EAHSA members.

On the EDE/EAHSA conference in Prague in September, a full working website will be launched and best practices, research results and reports can be exchanged among the members.

As soon the provisional website is up and running in the coming weeks you will be notified. The website address is www.ecreas.eu



**European Centre** 

### EU needs to boost social infrastructure investment, new report says

On the 23 January, the High-Level Taskforce on Investing in Social Infrastructure in Europe presented their report on how to boost investment in healthcare, long-term care, education and social housing in the European Union. Highlighting important underinvestment in these areas, the high-level taskforce led by former President of the European Commission Romano Prodi recommends practical steps the European Union and relevant stakeholders should take to meet the funding gap. Read more

#### Public Consultation on EU funds in the area of Cohesion

"A stronger Union needs to be equipped with appropriate financial means to continue to deliver its policies. The Union has changed fundamentally in recent years, as have the challenges it faces. Our Union needs a budget that can help us achieve our ambitions. The Multiannual Financial Framework for the period after 2020 must reflect this." (Commission Work Programme 2018) Read more

# Social Agenda 50 – The new social dimension

Things are moving fast as employment and social affairs make up a decisive part of the roadmap to a more united and democratic EU by June 2019, announced by European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker in September 2017: the Commission proposals to make it happen must be on the table of the European Parliament and Council by May 2018 at the latest.

We explain how the European Pillar of Social Rights, proclaimed by EU leaders last November, serves as a framework for preparing them and is strengthening the social dimension of EU economic governance.

We also review proposals for an EU framework to raise the quality of apprenticeships, report on evidence of an urgent need to take on intergenerational inequality and show how social innovation is a must to ensure sustainable economic growth. Download here









#### 1. TAG - 13. SEPTEMBER 2018

Rolle der EU-Kommission in der Langzeitpflege in Europa

Sollte die EU auf die Politik bezüglich der Langzeitpflege in den einzelnen Mitgliedsstaaten Einfluss nehmen? Rudolf Hundstorfer, AUT

Langzeitpflege im Jahr 2030 – Europäische Visionen

Häusliche und/oder ambulante Pflege. Ideales Verhältnis durch ununterbrochene Pflege

#### 2. TAG - 13. SEPTEMBER 2018

STAATLICHE UND PRIVATE ANBIETER DER ALTENPFLEGE

**POLITIK DES** 

"Vereinheitlichete Pflege nach EU-Richtlinien" – ein Weg vorwärts oder ein Risiko?

SOZIALSTAATS IN DER EU - GIBT ES UNTERSCHIEDE FÜR DIE KLIENTEN?

DEMENZ UND IHRE **AUSWIRKUNGEN AUF** DIE LANGZEITPFLEGE IN EUROPA

ARBEITSKRÄFTE IN DER LANGZEITPFLEGE IN **EUROPA** 

#### GALAABEND

Schifffahrt auf der bezaubernden Moldau



Galakonzert des Tschechischen Philharmonischeorchesters in der Kirche des Hl. Simon und Judas.



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