

## Newsletter March 2020

# EAN launches two new working groups



The European Ageing Network has launched two new working groups. One working group focuses on the nutritional aspects of elderly care. The other working group intends to tackle dogmas, prejudices and taboos that influence European and national policies.

Both working groups are composed of EAN members, representatives of professionals' interest groups and experts in the repsective fields. The Nutrition and the Dogmas & Tabooss working groups plan to meet four to five times in 2020 and to deliver their results by the end of the year. EAN will publish the results and communicate to the membership and to European and national policy and decision makers.

More information about the working groups can be obtained via the <u>Secretariat</u>.

#### **Optimal nutritional** care for older persons

The project goal is to create guidelines about nutritional care in social services facilities for older guidelines persons. The should provide for key principles, procedures and processes, good The solutions. practices and guidelines should be disseminated social services providers in to Europe.

This exercise will result in practical guidelines for elderly care providers and a report/ position paper to hand over to relevant policy and decision makers at a national and EU level.

## Dogmas and taboos in elderly care

The working group Dogmas and taboos of the European Ageing Network (EAN) was created to address a need of the members what dogmas, prejudices and taboos are present in ageing practice and how to deal with these. The objectives of the working group report areto describe dogma's in

society about older people and elder care and prejudices among staff in elderly care in order to facilitate research to confirm or beat dogmas and prejudices and to draft an action plan for EAN, EAN members, and policymakers.

### SecureHospitals starts cybersecurity open MOOC on 16 March 2020



In the past months the portal www.securehospitals.eu has become a large knowledge base for many aspects of cybersecurity in the healthcare and social care sectors.

To facilitate the learning process, a new, free Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on cybersecurity has been developed and is currently open for registration <u>here</u>.

The MOOC will be launched, and all the content accessible, on 16 March 2020.

#### 2020.

Cybersecurity is one of the top priorities for organizations in the domain of health and social care. We are sure that the course will be of great benefit to your organization and staff.

Please contact Karel Vostrý (via email) for more information regarding the project and the MOOC.

# EAN joins FESE as an observer member



The European Ageing Network (EAN) has joined the Federation of European Social Employers (FESE) as an obesrever member. FESE represents the voice of employers in the field of social services at European level and is based in Brussels. EAN will represent the

#### employers in elderly care.

The European treaties give a special status to recognised social partners (employers and employee representatives) and allow them to contribute to the governance of the European Union and the definition of European social standards; through both cross-sectoral and sectoral social dialogue.

Recognised social partners at EU level are entitled "to exclusive consultations on policy initiatives in the area of employment and social affairs. This status also gives them the opportunity to co-legislate EU law, if they wish to.

More information about FESE can be found <u>here</u>.

# EAN prepares for GA meeting in Lisbon



The Portuguese delegation in EAN, Residencias Montepio and the Associação de Apoio Domiciliário, de Lares e Casas de Repouso de Idosos (ALI) is hosting the upcoming General Assembly on 17 April 2020.

Along the General Assembly meeting EAN will organise its Board meeting and a meeting of the Working group on Dogmas & Prejudices on 16 April. More information about the meetings,

tours, site visits and registrations can be found at the EAN website.





- Get new ideas and experience
- NETWORKING meet other colleagues, experts and friends
- Join the discussion about workforce in LTC

### **Registrations open for EAN - LARES** congress

Registrations are open for the XIVth LARES and EAN conference. The conference Workforce in long-term care in Europe will take place on 28-30 October 2020 in Alicante, Spain.

The workforce callenges will be at the heart of the debates."We have before us a great challenge, not only in Spain, but also in all of Europe and the rest of the world", says Juan Ignacio Vela Caudevilla, LARES' President. "And our joint goal is not only to discuss this important issue with colleagues and experts from Europe and other continents but also to come up with solutions, to show and share good practices, examples and to bring new ideas." says Jiri Horecky, EAN-President.

A dedicated website is open now. For more information and registrations <u>click here</u>.

### Upcoming conferences and meetings

### **April 2020**

- 15-17 Apr
- 8th <u>Associations World Congress</u> (Cascais, PT)
- 15-17 Apr <u>eHealthWeek</u> (Rovinj, CRO)
- 17 Apr EAN General Assembly (Lisbon, PT)
  21-22 Apr
- ZI-ZZ Apr <u>Longevity Leaders World Congress</u>. A 15% discount for EAN members via the <u>Secretariat</u> (London, UK)

### October 2020

- 28-30 Oct Workforce in long-term care in Europe/ EAN Conference and XIVth LARES
- Congres (Alicante, ES)

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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 <u>info@ean.care</u>.

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