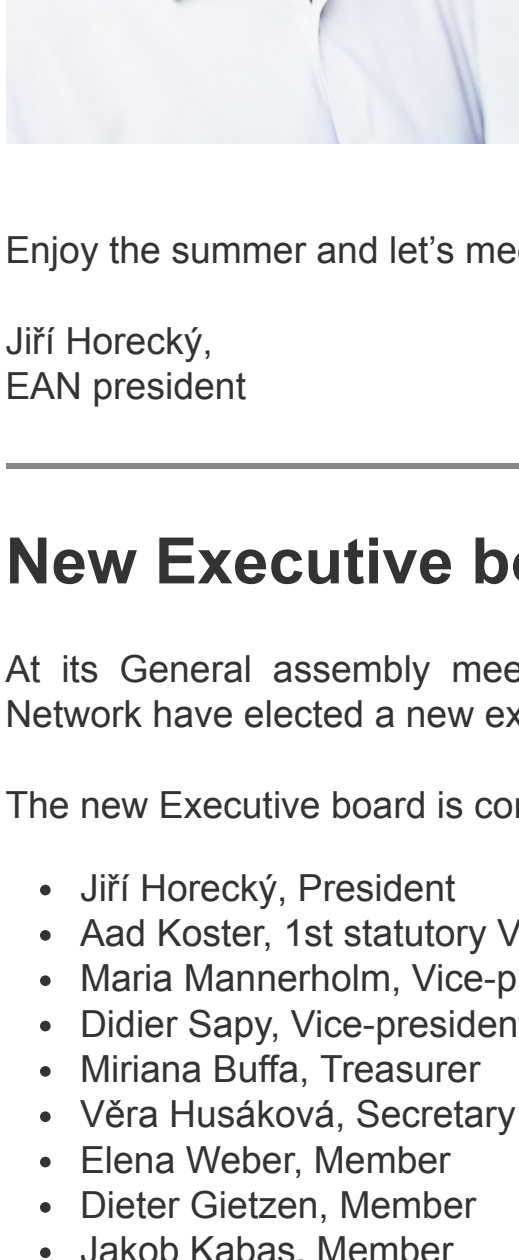




Newsletter Summer 2023



Dear colleagues and friends,

the new Executive Board that was elected by you at our last meeting in Malta has immediately started working on our goals and has divided the second day after the election the new competences and tasks.

We are working on the EAN position paper towards the EU election coming in May 2024. We are preparing all the meetings linked with the World congress in Glasgow. We stated preparing our EAN congress in Athens in 2024, which will be mainly about skills in the long-term care.

We continue the work on digitalisation of long-term care, preparing an EAN document on that. We will launch a survey on cooperation of formal and informal care in fall 2023, followed up by a webinar for EAN members and many more activities.

Enjoy the summer and let's meet again at our next GA meeting the 6. September in Glasgow.

Jiří Horecký,
EAN president

New Executive board starts its four-year term

At its General assembly meeting in Malta in April, the members of the European Ageing Network have elected a new executive board.

The new Executive board is composed of:

- Jiří Horecký, President
- Aad Koster, 1st statutory Vice-President
- Maria Mannherholm, Vice-president
- Didier Sazy, Vice-president
- Miriana Buija, Treasurer
- Věra Hušáková, Secretary
- Elena Weber, Member
- Dieter Gietzow, Member
- Jakob Kabas, Member

For the next four years, Jiří will specifically focus on conferences, meetings, projects and European policy. Aad will take part in the activities of Social Services Europe, where Maria will concentrate on EAN's relationship with Age-Platform. Miriana will take responsibility for EAN's financial matters and Dieter will focus on relations with members and communication. Věra will take care of the EAN working groups, especially the Working group Digital elderly care. Dieter takes up the organisation of conferences, and Jakob of seminars, surveys and round tables. Elena will be responsible for membership growth and external relations.

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

EAN welcomes four new members



For more information see the [NCF website](#)

The Evangelische Heimstiftung is one of the largest diaconal and non-profit care organisations in Southern Germany. As a service provider, it operates 11 residences, 91 nursing homes, 40 mobile services, 26 day care facilities, 61 assisted living facilities, a facility for integration assistance, an education center and a rehabilitation clinic.

For more information see the [Evangelische Heimstiftung website](#)



Pays de la Loire

The ambition of VVY3, Groupe VVY's care and support offer, is to develop as closely as possible to the territories a quality care offer that is innovative, efficient, accessible to all and adapted to everyone's needs. Through the diversity of its offer and backed by the human commitment of its 33,000 employees and 1,700 elected officials, VVY3 acts on a daily basis to improve access to care for the entire population.

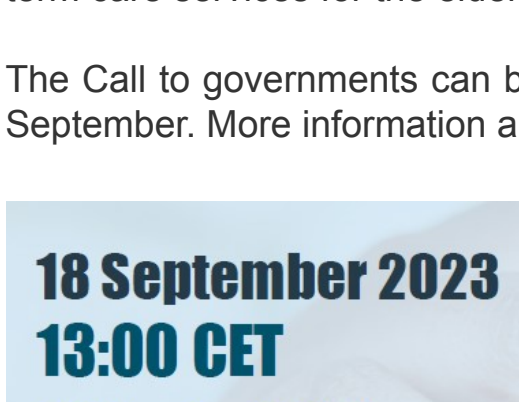
For more information see the [VVY3 website](#)



CLEANLIFE has been established and operating in the world of social services since August 2015. CLEANLIFE focuses not only on cleaning services, but also on floor care- treating new floors and refurbishing existing floors with a permanent coating or PU Flow application. Its portfolio also includes the sale of new products - floor cleaning machines, professional air purifiers and the revolutionary "trolley systems" segment.

For more information see the [CLEANLIFE website](#)

EAN's Summit on Digital elderly care



After the General assembly in Malta, EAN organised its first digital care summit on last 27 April. The organisation of the summit was the first deliverable of the EAN working group on Digital elderly care.

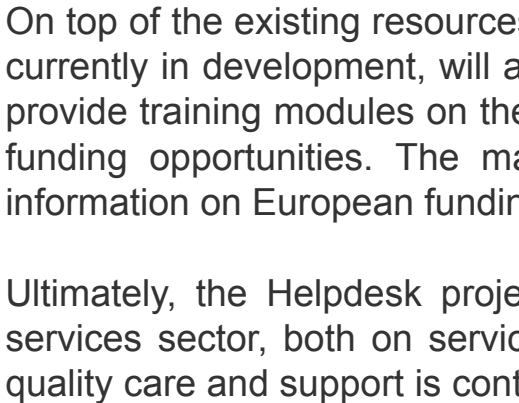
The Working group focuses on the main issues digitalisation poses in elderly care, both from a perspective of older people as well as of elderly care providers and providers of ICT and digital solutions. The working group identified a wishlist of all parties involved and tries to match these.

The Summit also presented the results of a research about the state-of-play in the EAN membership. Based on a standardised format and on best-practices, the study shows a wide variation of the deployment of ICT and digital solutions across the EU. The questionnaires and study results were aluded by presentations from EAN delegations from the Netherlands, France, Sweden, Czech Republic, Norway, Estonia, Austria and Lithuania.

The presentations, study and reports are available via the [EAN website](#)



EAN hands over Call to governments to Commission-VP Dubravka Šuica



In March, EAN and GAN President Jiří Horecký handed over the Call to governments to Vice-President of the European Commission, Dubravka Šuica. She said to be happy with this statement and that the Commission is fully aware of the issues of today's elderly care in Europe. The input from both GAN and EAN is a helpful tool to raise awareness among national governments around the globe.

The Call to the Governments of the World on Long-term Care and Ageing contains not only a description of the major problems and current challenges of long-term care, an emphasis on the importance of providing care and support to older people as a guarantee of their fundamental right to live with dignity, but also concrete directions for solutions and important principles.

The impact of issues arising from ageing populations in countries around the globe, combined with declining numbers of caregivers and insufficient government support for services older adults need to live with dignity and respect, demands attention, warns a new report from the Global Ageing Network (GAN), an international network of leaders in ageing services, housing, research, technology and design from more than 60 countries all over the world.

For over a year, experts from around the world have been working on this document in response to the looming and increasing risk of future inaccessibility and unaffordability of long-term care services for the elderly.

The Call to governments can be found here: EAN is organising a webinar about the Call on 18 September. More information about this event below.

18 September 2023
13:00 CET
[Zoom meeting link \(click\)](#)

Please register here:
[https://bit.ly/3QZG3UA](#)

Meeting agenda:
Welcome/Welcome (5 min)
13:00-13:05
Chairman/Chairman of the panel (10 min)
13:05-13:15
Challenges/Challenges - Panel of experts (15 min)
13:15-13:30
Q&A (20 min)
13:30-13:50
Closing (5 min)
13:50-13:55

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The European Ageing Network invites you to the webinar
Call to the Governments of the World on Long-term Care and Ageing

The Global Ageing Network launched a "Call to Governments" to reform and change the long-term care system for older people. The Call to the Governments of the World on Long-term Care and Ageing contains not only a description of the major problems and current challenges of long-term care, an emphasis on the importance of providing care and support to older people as a guarantee of their fundamental right to live with dignity, but also concrete directions for solutions and important principles.

The first European Helpdesk on EU funds for Social Services is live



EAN and the 15 partner organisations involved in the Helpdesk project have launched the new Helpdesk website. With this new website, social service providers and managing authorities in all EU Member States can find tailored support and advice on how to access and use EU funds.

The Helpdesk is a two-year project (2022-2024) funded by the European Commission which aims to facilitate social services in accessing and using EU funds, particularly the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) and the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The project also strives to ensure that managing authorities use these funds to finance quality interventions and innovative service designs in the field of social services.

On February 23rd, the Helpdesk website went live. Developed in an accessible format and available in all 24 official EU languages, the website will be the central point for all the information collected and tools produced to help social services access EU funds.

The main feature of the website is its online Helpdesk service, where social services will be able to submit questions or ask for any type of information concerning the access and the use of EU funding. The Helpdesk team will be provided tailored answers to those seeking support, helping them to disentangle the complex landscape of European funding. Beneficiaries will receive support to better understand the functioning and the process of applying for EU funding, and to find relevant organizations to create project partnerships or examples of good practices for developing a project.

The Helpdesk website also contains a Resource Center that will include all materials produced by the project, such as a Toolkit on Facilitating ESF+ and ERDF for Social Services and a Guidance on Effective Interventions in Social Services. Moreover, users will be able to find information about the latest open calls launched by the European Commission, opportunities for training and networking, and – through the use of an interactive geographical map – specific information about the structure and management of EU funds in different EU Member States.

On top of the existing resources and support, a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), which is currently in development, will also be freely available on the website in all EU languages. It will provide training modules on the access to, use of, and reporting on the ESF+, ERDF, and other funding opportunities. The main aim is to thereby give a clear structure to, and simplify, information on European funding for social service providers.

Ultimately, the Helpdesk project has the potential to create a positive impact on the social services sector, both on service providers and service users. In a time when the demand for quality care and support is continuously increasing, it is crucial to make sure that funds available at the EU level are used in a meaningful way to finance innovative and impactful social projects.

Considering the complexity and the excessive bureaucracy that often impede the use of EU funds, receiving adequate support and advice in this regard is crucial. Many of the project partners have significant experience in relation to promoting EU funds to their membership, as well as providing input to managing authorities and the European Commission on the main barriers that usually obstruct the use of these funds. The project will therefore rely on this experience to promote the first-ever European Helpdesk for Social Services.

The ultimate goal is to contribute to the implementation of EU social policy frameworks, especially the European Pillar of Social Rights, its action plan, and other relevant social policy topics.

More information can be found via the Helpdesk website: [eufunds4social.eu](#)

Three workshops on Help-desk project

In June, EAN co-organised a series of three workshops to look into template for simplified project application and budget, standardised calls for proposals and simplified reporting procedures.

The workshops mainly focused on the following topics:

- Topic 1: Project Application Form and Call for Proposal
- Topic 2: Project Budget (usage of SCOs)
- Topic 3: Project Reporting

New publication: Top home care innovations in aged care



Enkindle has released a new report on the Top Home Care innovations in Aged Care, showcasing some of the latest innovations and case studies from global aged care providers. The report includes exemplars and case studies from home care providers, industry suppliers, entrepreneurs, health care practitioners, and individuals driving transformation and change across the sector to improve the lives of older persons worldwide.

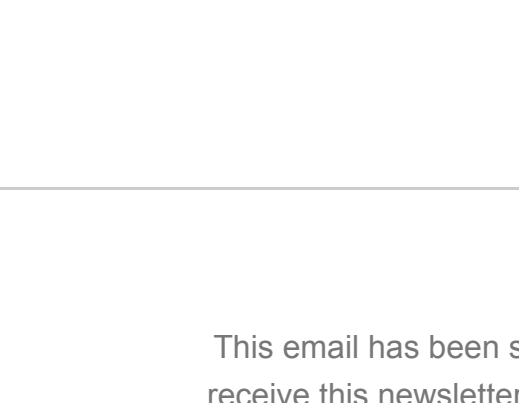
The publication has been developed to:

- Spark ideas and creativity for health and aged care leaders worldwide.
- Provide opportunities to network with international stakeholders.
- Create a connected community of progressive thinkers, thought leaders, and innovators in the health and aged care industry.
- Celebrate new innovations in aged care by sharing case studies of various aged care services and models.

The paper is designed to be a living resource, providing up-to-date information by links to organisational websites and resources, where applicable and possible.

The paper can be downloaded via [Enkindle](#)

News from EAN-projects



Join the UNIC European Conference in Brussels: Shaping the Future of Personal Budgets

The UNIC project announces its European Conference, "Personal budgets: a human rights-based way to fund and organize support" in Brussels. This conference brings together stakeholders from across Europe to explore innovative funding models and develop policies that better support individuals' diverse needs.

The UNIC European Conference, on 13th September 2023 at Courtyard by the Marriott Hotel, Avenue des Olympiades 6, Brussels, Belgium, features insightful experiences from personal budget holders, showcases promising practices, and encourages collaboration among professionals, policymakers, and advocates.

Key Conference Highlights:

- **Insightful Experiences:** Hear inspiring stories from individuals benefiting from user-centered funding models.
- **Promising Practices:** Discover innovative initiatives transforming support systems across Europe.
- **Collaboration and Networking:** Engage with diverse stakeholders to shape the future of support systems.

Registration is now open

More about UNIC project

The UNIC project have received financial support from the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Innovation "EaSI" (2014-2020). For further information please click [here](#).
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PROCARE Project: Advancing Mentoring Solutions for Burnout

ProcCare is an innovative project focused on burnout syndrome, with a particular emphasis on supporting individuals at risk of or affected by this condition. The project website serves as a central hub of information, providing valuable tools and resources for care providers, professionals and other relevant stakeholders.

The ProcCare project centers around the development and implementation of digital tools and education aimed at preventing burnout and promoting the health and well-being of affected individuals. These tools include online mentoring programs, assessment and monitoring instruments.

We have several upcoming opportunities to apply the project outputs through future calls. Currently, we are conducting rigorous piloting of the training modules among relevant stakeholders. Additionally, we are looking forward to participating in national events where the benefits and experiences derived from implementing these outputs will be extensively discussed.

We take great satisfaction in the active involvement in the project and the successful completion of project activities and outputs to a high standard. This aligns with the fundamental objective of the project, which is to push the boundaries of knowledge and tools, ultimately enhancing the circumstances of individuals who are unable to improve them without assistance.

Funded by the European Union

European Social Services Awards

The annual European Social Services Awards (ESSA) is a unique opportunity to highlight and gain recognition for the work of social services teams across Europe and share best practice with peers.

Organised by the European Social Network, the Awards shine a spotlight on successful new approaches and the extraordinary ongoing work of public social services managers, funders, planners, providers, and deliverers of social services, as well as providing opportunities for exchange and mutual learning to improve social work policies and practice.

The annual ESSA recognises outstanding achievements in the social sector, shining a spotlight on successful new approaches and the extraordinary ongoing work done by social services managers, funders, planners, providers, and deliverers of social services.

Upcoming conferences and meetings

Make Your Plans for Glasgow Today!

Don't miss the opportunity to join us in Glasgow for the 2023 Global Ageing Network Biennial Conference at the Scottish Event Campus (SEC) on September 7 & 8, 2023. The Care about Our Future: Global Symposium for Sustainable Care and Support theme is hosted in partnership with Scottish Care and the National Care Forum, the leading care and support provider associations in Scotland and England. [Learn more and register today.](#)

September 2023

- **5 Sep 2023**
Executive board meeting (UK - Glasgow)
- **6 Sept 2023**
General Assembly meetings (UK - Glasgow)
- **7-8 Sep 2023**
Global Ageing Network Conference Care about Our Future: Global Symposium for Sustainable Care and Support (UK - Glasgow)
- **18 Sep 2023**
Webinar Call to Governments of the world on Long-term Care and Ageing (digital)

September 2024

- **24-27 Sep 2024**
EAN bi-annual conference (GR - Athens)

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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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