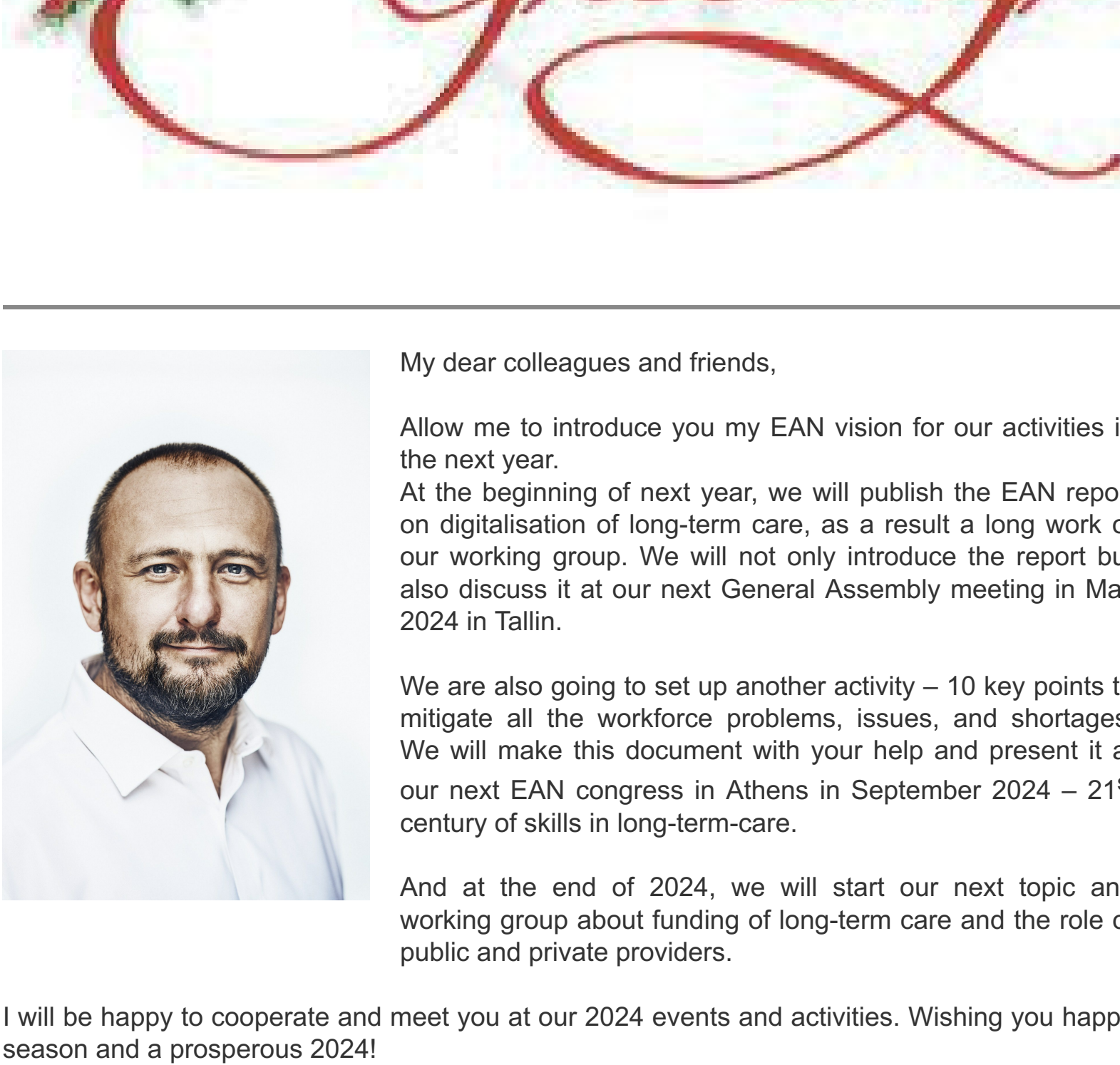



www.ean.care

EUROPEAN AGEING NETWORK

Newsletter Winter 2023



My dear colleagues and friends,

Allow me to introduce you my EAN vision for our activities in the next year.

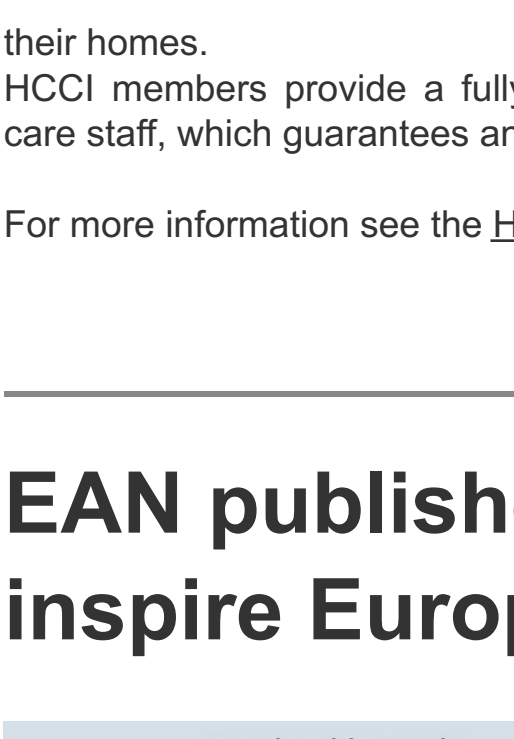
At the beginning of next year, we will publish the EAN report on digitalisation of long-term care, as a result a long work of our working group. We will not only introduce the report but also discuss it at our next General Assembly meeting in May 2024 in Tallinn.

We are also going to set up another activity – 10 key points to mitigate all the workforce problems, issues, and shortages. We will make this document with your help and present it at our next EAN congress in Athens in September 2024 – 21st century of skills in long-term-care.

And at the end of 2024, we will start our next topic and working group about funding of long-term care and the role of public and private providers.

I will be happy to cooperate and meet you at our 2024 events and activities. Wishing you happy season and a prosperous 2024!

Jiří Horecký,
EAN president



Dear colleagues and friends,

As we bid farewell to another challenging yet rewarding year, filled with insightful discoveries, delightful encounters, and new challenges, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you on behalf of the European Ageing Network (EAN) family. Your collaboration has been important, and I wish you abundant personal and professional success in the coming year.

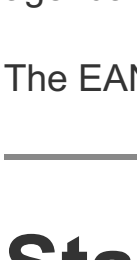
Looking ahead to 2024, we have a lot of activities planned, and we will keep you updated on their development. Preparations are already underway for the upcoming EAN Congress, organized in collaboration with our Greek colleagues and set to take place in Athens at the end of September 2024.

I am pleased to extend an invitation to the EAN General Assembly meeting scheduled for May 31, 2024, in Tallinn, Estonia.

As we approach the festive season, I want to wish each of you a joyous holiday celebration. I am eagerly anticipating our continued collaboration in the upcoming year.

Karel Vostrý
EAN Executive Director

EAN welcomes HCCI as a new member



Home & Community Care Ireland

Home & Community Care Ireland (HCCI) is the national membership organisation for companies that provide a managed home care service in Ireland, uniting members who directly care for thousands of older and vulnerable people in

their homes.

HCCI members provide a fully managed care service through directly employed and trained care staff, which guarantees an exceptional standard of care to every client.

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

EAN publishes Memorandum to inspire European elections in 2024



The European Ageing Network has published its EU memorandum with a view on the upcoming elections of the European Parliament in June 2024.

With a view on the upcoming elections of the European Parliament the European Ageing Network is contributing to the policy discussions by this Memorandum, stipulating crucial issues and proposing policy alternatives.

In the Memorandum, EAN sets out its vision of future elderly care in Europe and suggests the development of comprehensive policies to support the transformation of and paradigm shift in elderly care. EAN focuses on the staff potential, digitalisation, the development of care pathways, and funding. For each issue, EAN calls for a European strategy, framework or agenda.

The EAN EP2024 Memorandum can be found [here](#).

Start of European sectoral social dialogue's Committee for social services

On 12 December, the Federation of European Social Employers (Social Employers), the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), for the employers' side and the European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU), held their first meeting in the framework of the Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for social services.

The new European Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for social services aims to ensure better working conditions for over 9 million social services workers in the EU 27 and the provision of accessible, affordable high quality social services.

During the meeting, the social partners adopted the Rules of Procedure for the Committee, as well as the work programme for the period 2024-2026. This was followed by a discussion on which topics to address as priority. The Committee will focus on 4 main topics, which include sub-themes, objectives and deliverables.

The work programme for 2024-2026

The Committee's workprogramme includes the retention and attraction of social services' workers (workforce diversity, job evolution and working conditions), capacity building, public procurement (socially responsible public procurement for social services and the follow-up of the European Care Strategy).

The actions included in the work programme are all referable to the overarching principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights and aim to contribute to its implementation. The planned joint work will also help to deliver on the EU Care Strategy and on the Pact for Skills and the large-scale skills partnership for long-term care. The latest updates on both initiatives were presented by European Commission representatives and discussed with social partners during the meeting.

The meeting was concluded with the presentation of the Social Employers and EPSU joint work in past and current EU-funded projects. These projects aim to strengthen social dialogue, build social partners' capacity, improve working conditions, skills and training in the sector: [FORESEE](#), [FORTE](#) and [iWorCon](#).

Belgian EU presidency: protecting citizens, strengthening the economy, preparing for the future



As from 1 January 2024, Belgium will hold the presidency of the European Council.

The Belgian presidency focuses on health under three overarching themes: preparedness, care and protection. The Presidency will emphasize the importance of making the EU more resilient to future health threats by strengthening crisis management, supporting healthcare systems and improving the security of medicines supplies. The presidency will therefore propose priorities for the next legislature of the European Union.

The full program of the Belgian EU Presidency and a calendar of activities can be found [here](#).

News from EAN-projects



The WELL CARE project focuses on improving the resilience and mental wellbeing of informal carers and long-term care (LTC) workers by strengthening care partnerships. By care partnership we mean the coordination, integration, and mutual recognition of care and caring activities performed by LTC workers and informal carers, in a vision of integrated LTC.

The European Ageing Network will co-operate with a.o. Mental Health Europe, Eurocarers and the European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities.

The WELL CARE project aims to increase the understanding of successful ways of preventing and managing mental health issues among informal carers and long-term care workers. This includes looking at personal factors, the environment, and how organizations can make solutions successful.

The ultimate goal is to develop a set of support measures (prototypes) to address the mental health needs of both LTC workers and informal carers, thus sustaining and enabling a vision of care partnerships between these two groups.

Objectives

The WELL CARE project's specific objectives are:

- to identify at least 40 good practices in the European Union (EU) and beyond, able to prevent or reduce both occupational and non-occupational risks for LTC workers' and informal carers' resilience and mental wellbeing
- to develop, test and verify the outcomes of 5-8 innovative solutions (prototypes) in five countries (Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden), together with local ecosystems (supportive environments) of stakeholders
- to analyse related EU and national policies and formulate action-oriented recommendations for policymakers and stakeholders
- to develop, implement and sustain a process of research, co-design, and sharing and using the findings with all groups involved at national and European levels.

The WELL CARE project will systematically involve LTC workers, informal carers, care recipients and stakeholders in local communities of practice (Blended Learning Networks). The project will consistently consider gender, inclusion and intersectionality perspectives to understand possible inequalities and necessary changes for more fair and inclusive policy and practice.



WELL CARE will receive funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 101137468

Upcoming conferences and meetings

March 2024

- 8 Mar 2024**
Executive board meeting (GR - Athens)
- 10-11 Mar 2024**
[AgeingFit](#) (FR - Lille)

May 2024

- 30-31 May 2024**
EAN Executive board meeting and EAN General assembly (EE - Tallinn)

September 2024

- 25 Sep 2024**
EAN General assembly (GR - Athens)
- 26-27 Sep 2024**
EAN bi-annual conference (GR - Athens)

Partners of the European Ageing Network



EMPOWERING MOVEMENT



Helps. Cares. Protects.



European Ageing Network (EAN)

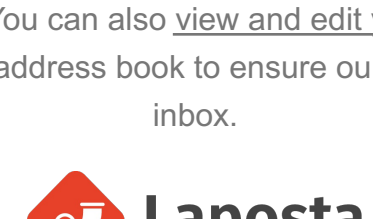
The European Ageing Network (EAN) is the new association of the European Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing (EAHSA) and the international umbrella organisation representing national associations for directors and providers of long-term care services in Europe. The European Ageing Network groups more than 10.000 care providers, is present in 27 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.

You can also follow EAN via



If you like this newsletter, feel free to share with your own networks via the links below



Share Tweet Share