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EAHSA calls for an EU research & training centre in ageing services (ECEAS)

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The vision of the European Association of Homes and Services for the Ageing (EAHSA) is to improve the quality of life for older persons and support its members in making each day a better day for their clients by providing high quality housing, services and care. EAHSA support its members in realizing this vision by giving a voice to the providers for the ageing sector in Europe's debates and by raising awareness and understanding of the impact of European policies among the aging sector and other interested parties.

As a key network for the providers for the ageing sector EAHSA has identified a growing need in the exchange of best practices among members and partners and to identify relevant information from research in the ageing sector. EAHSA therefore calls for the creation of a European Centre for Research and Education in Ageing Services (ECEAS).

The idea & concept :

- ECEAS will function as a platform where best practices from EAHSA-members and partners in ageing services can be exchanged, where relevant research reports and articles can be found, which is the contact point for European research projects in the ageing sector and to set up education programmes for members based on research results and best practices.
- ECEAS will focus on the quality in ageing services, on technology and on the recruitment, the retention and the education of health and care staff.

- ECEAS will develop a format to review and register best practices. Best practices criteria to register at ECEAS are originality and creativity of the programme and/or the service, proven benefits to the residents, clients and staff, the potential for programmes or services to be replicated.

- ECEAS is a shared platform, borne by EAHSA and its partners. Partners are needed to co-fund, to co-manage and to co-develop the platform. Eligible partners are to be found among (institutional) care providers, nurses, medical specialists, (health and care) funders, academia and representatives of older people.

EAHSA therefore calls for Member States, all stakeholders and the aged care services and housing sectors :

- To collaborate and to partner with key EU stakeholders in the field of aging and care for older people;
- To create a common understanding among EAHSA and potential partners and a joint position towards the desired development of ECEAS;
- To create of a network of research institutes and academic networks and universities;
- To identify (EU) funding sources.