

Eurocarers Annual General Assembly 21-22 May 2024

Palais des Académies / Room Ilya Prigogine
Rue Ducale 1 - 1000 Brussels

Draft Agenda

Access all background documents here: <https://eurocarers.org/agm-2024-background-documents/>

DAY 1 - TUESDAY 21ST MAY 2024

12.30 – 13.30 **Welcome lunch and registration**

13.30 – 13.35 **Introduction and Opening formalities**

- Welcome / Verification of participants
- Adoption of agenda and motions

13.35 – 14.30 **General Assembly / Results of online consultation on:**

- Minutes of AGM held in Berlin on the 25-26 May 2023 + Matters Arising
- Accounts and Activity Report 2023 + Q&A
- Election of new Board members

14.30 – 15.00 **Presentation of new Eurocarers members**

- Steunpunt Mantelzorg, Belgium (Full member Tier 2)
- Alfa Human Service, Czech Republic (Associate member)
- Longevidade Digital, Portugal (Associate member)
- University of Birmingham, UK (Full member Tier 1)

15.00 – 15.30 **Coffee Break**

15.30 – 17.30 **Reflecting on our past, shaping our future**

Discussion regarding our network's composition and sustainability + joint motion put forward by wir pflegen e.V., VOCAL and the Coalition of Carers in Scotland (see Annex 1)

Conclusions and end of Day 1

19.30 **Membership Dinner**

Aux Armes de Bruxelles
Rue des Bouchers, 13
1000 Bruxelles



DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY 2024

09:00 – 10:00 Supporting informal carers via employment contracts

Presentation on the insights emerging from the three workshops hosted by our Policy Working Group on current contracting practices for hiring informal carers + next steps

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:30 Policy 'Tour de Table'

Discussion regarding recent/ongoing/planned policy developments of relevance to our mission

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch Break

13.30 – 14.00 Presentation of Eurocarers Research activities

Eldicare 2.0 - Re-defining skills in a post-COVID European Silver Economy, Giulia Lanfredi

Well-Care: Investing in the mental health and wellbeing of informal carers and long-term care workers through the identification, evaluation and promotion of good practices across Europe, Claire Champeix

14.00 – 16.00 Research 'Tour de Table'

Participants have the opportunity to share insights and updates on their ongoing research activities with fellow attendees. This offers a platform to exchange knowledge, foster collaboration and gain valuable feedback from peers.

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 – 17:30 European Carers Day 2024-2025

Discussion about planned communication strategy moderated by Olivier Jacquemain, Eurocarers Senior Communication officer

Conclusions and end of event



Annex 1 - Strengthening Carer Advocacy in the Nations and Regions

Joint motion submitted by wir pflügen e.V., VOCAL and the Coalition of Carers in Scotland - April 2024

This motion calls on Eurocarers to develop a strong case and a long-term strategic approach, dedicated fundraising and defined measures to supporting and strengthening the development of carer-led advocacy organisations in the nations and regions of Europe.

Background

Unpaid family carers provide 80% or more of all care across Europe. Demographic changes, the shortage of skilled care staff and a re-emerging conservative family agenda threaten to reverse progress of recent years. We already witness a growing trend away from societal to individual responsibility – at the expense of families and those most vulnerable, and particularly women.

It is a fact that Carers enjoy much more recognition, rights and support in countries and regions, where they have a strong voice through carer-led advocacy organisations. To be recognised and supported as equal partners in care, and to make a strong case for a collective, not individual responsibility for care, they need much stronger national and regional voices and carer organisations.

The difference, carer-led organisations have made and are continuing to make is well documented in countries like Ireland, Scotland, Netherlands, Finland and others. As is the lack of progress in countries without carer-led organisations.

Our aim as a European carers' movement must therefore include supporting the development of strong carer-led organisations in countries and regions, particularly in areas where they traditionally and currently have weak structures.

Although Eurocarers celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2024, we cannot point to any significant progress in the development of carer-led organisations in our membership.

These reasons should therefore be a driver for Eurocarers to develop a case, funding proposals and a more pro-active approach and a campaign to supporting the development of carer-led organisations in Europe.

This motion calls on the Board of Eurocarers to strengthen carers' voices, by

- **Initiating and undertaking a study in 2024 to scope the prevalence and capacity of carer-led organisations in the nations and regions**
- develop a vision and recommendations for national and regional measures for governments and European partners
- developing a strategic approach for Eurocarers' own role in supporting the development of carer-led advocacy organisations (with capacity building and funding proposals)
- and reporting back on these at the AGM 2025