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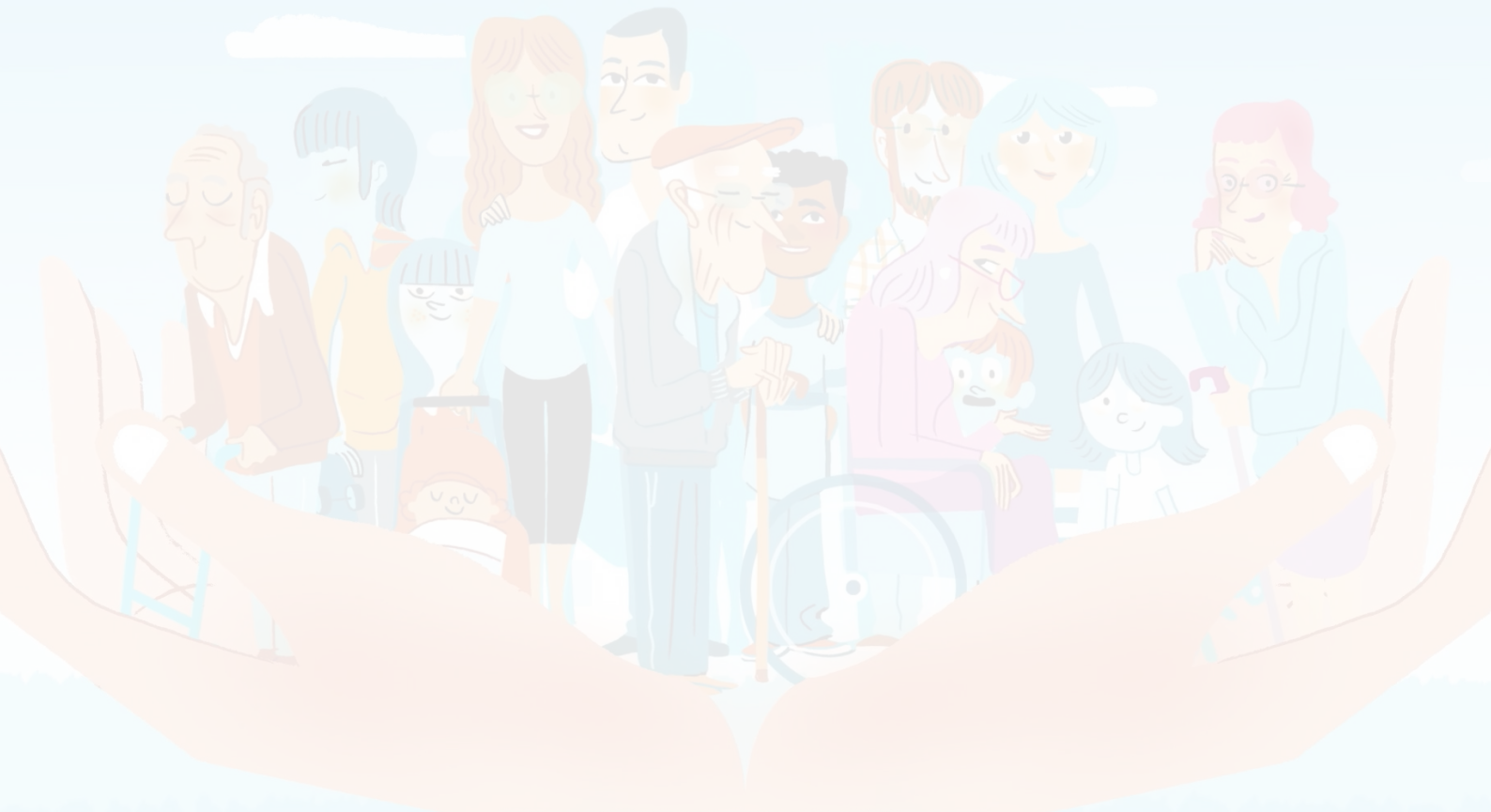
Eurocarers is the European network representing informal carers and their organisations, with the aim to advance their interests, irrespective of the particular age or health need of the person they are caring for.



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FOREWORD

2014 was a very important year for Eurocarers. For the first time, thanks to the work of my predecessor Frank Goodwin and financial support from the European Commission's EaSI programme, we were in a position to establish a new professional secretariat in Brussels. I was very privileged to be elected to lead this process at our 2014 AGM. The mandate given at that meeting in Helsinki focussed on three key challenges – governance, sustainability and relevance – and I am pleased to be able to report significant progress in regard to each of these over the past year.

We have transferred the organisation's legal domicile to Belgium where we are now registered as an international non-profit association (AISBL). We have established an office base in Brussels, and recruited our first Director, Stecy Yghemonos and Administrator, Francesca Centola. We have also prepared comprehensive proposals to strengthen our governance policies and procedures. These will be considered by our members at the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

The Association was successful in negotiating a significant increase in the second year grant of its four year EaSI funding. It might seem surprising that additional income would increase the sustainability challenge facing the organisation. But we are required to co-fund the activities being delivered under EU programmes. And because this funding has enabled a step change in our overall budget the amount of money we must generate from our own resources has also increased dramatically. Once again we have prepared comprehensive proposals to be considered at the 2015 AGM.

Extra funding and staff resources will count for little if we do not ensure that they are used in ways which address the needs and concerns of our member organisations. Since its foundation in 2006 the Eurocarers family has grown to encompass 67 very diverse organisations across Europe. At our meeting in Helsinki it was agreed that our programme priorities should be:

- Increasing the profile of family carers at EU (and national) level;
- Interpreting and engaging with the EU in a way that helps our members at national level;
- Helping our members to develop and deliver activities they find useful in supporting carers.

This report highlights the many ways in which we have set about this challenge. I would like to highlight in particular our plan to develop new networks of interest amongst sub-sets of the total membership and to note the promising early start of the research network which is led by Elizabeth Hanson. This process will take a little while to roll out fully across the network but I believe that by Eurocarers' tenth anniversary in 2016 we will have achieved a new level of effective engagement with and support for every one of our member organisations.

I would like to thank all of my colleagues on the Executive Board for the energy and expertise they have brought to our work over the past year. I would also like to acknowledge the enormous and invaluable contribution that Stecy and Francesca have made in the relatively short time since they joined us. And above all, I would like to thank our member organisations for the work they do in supporting and affirming informal carers across Europe. Without all of you none of this would be either possible or meaningful.

John Dunne
President



Ever since Eurocarers was established as a European network of carers' organisations and research and development groups back in 2006, we have promoted and enabled fruitful exchange and cooperation among our members, responsible authorities and stakeholders in Member States. Our ambition is to continue to play a pro-active and visible role at EU, national and regional level in order to contribute to a future in which caring is recognised and valued, and unpaid carers do not face poverty, social exclusion or discrimination. Eurocarers aspires to be the leading authority on carers and their contribution to the sustainability of European health and long-term care systems.

Throughout these 10 years we have learned that the recognition of informal carers' role and added value entails the involvement of various sectors and a comprehensive combination of policy measures. This holistic approach is reflected in our 10 guiding principles, which serve to strengthen the position of carers. Eurocarers strives for the implementation of these principles in all policy areas relevant to carers and at the same time uses them as guidance for its own actions. It is in that spirit that our activities in 2014–2015 have taken place and I am happy to report that they have generated further promising multi-sectoral initiatives in support of informal carers.

Thanks to the partnership agreement signed with the European Commission (DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion) in 2014 in the framework of the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme and with the support of our members and partners, Eurocarers is now positioned as a strong knowledge-broker between carers, researchers and decision-makers across Europe. Our partnership agreement is a significant breakthrough in the history of our network. It provides us with an entry point to dialogue with the relevant EU institutions (European Parliament, DG EMPL, DG Research, DG Santé, DG Connect, DG Just, DG EAC, etc.) in order to stimulate and support integrated approaches by operating at all levels, in relevant health, social and employment sectors.

Besides direct entry points into the policy-making process, our partnership agreement also entails financial support by the European Commission for the period 2014–2017. This will allow us to set the foundations for a long-lasting structure as well as for activities revolving around three key objectives:

- A contribution to the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of initiatives undertaken at EU, national and regional level to achieve the policy objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy.
- Capacity building of our network and national members, to support the implementation of EU priorities as well as our knowledge of relevant EU matters.
- The production of convincing data and strong evidence base on policy developments and trends, as well as the collection of relevant information about carers' concerns and good practices, so as to contribute to better policy making.

These developments hold great promises for our network and the recognition of carers in Europe. I am committed to working with the Eurocarers team and to further exploring new and exciting ways to invest in and build sustainable societies in 2015–2016 and beyond.



Stecy Yghemonos
Executive Director

EUROCARERS

WHAT ARE OUR AIMS?

Eurocarers aims to:

- Raise awareness of the significant contribution made by carers to health and social care systems and the economy as a whole and the need to safeguard this contribution;
- To ensure that EU and national policies take account of carers; i.e. promote social inclusion of carers; promote the development of support services for carers and enabling carers to remain active in paid employment.

WHAT ARE OUR ACTIVITIES?

Eurocarers was established to advance the issue of informal care at both national and EU levels by:

- Carrying out and supporting research on issues that concern carers in order to help build the evidence for sound advocacy, communication and – ultimately – policy development
- Advocating the interests of carers with a focus on their health, pensions and social security, social inclusion and employment. As part of this activity, Eurocarers holds the secretariat for the European Parliament's Interest Group on Carers
- Encouraging and facilitating the development of representative and sustainable carers' organisations in all EU states
- Promoting the development of inclusive and patient-centred care systems, which fully recognise the role, contribution and added value of carers

WHO ARE OUR MEMBERS?

Eurocarers, the European Association Working for Carers, brings together carers' organisations as well as relevant research & development organisations – a combination that enables evidence-based advocacy. These organisations are active at EU, national and regional levels. For a membership overview:

<http://www.eurocarers.org/membership>

WHAT IS A CARER?

Carers are persons who provide care (usually unpaid) to someone with a chronic illness, disability or other long lasting health or care need, outside a professional or formal employment framework.

WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

Various demographic and socio-economic developments – societal ageing, austerity budgets, lower birth rates, smaller families, greater physical distances between relatives, rising number of women entering the labour market and a prolonged working life – are increasing both the need for informal care and the pressure on carers.

Without the – usually unpaid – work of these carers, formal care systems would be unsustainable; and many serious health and social care needs would be neglected. Carers are an inherent as well as an indispensable part of the provision, organisation and sustainability of health and care systems.

Despite the obvious importance of carers – both to care provision as well as to the economy and society as a whole – their interests are rarely considered in policies that impact on them, such as around health, social, employment and social security issues.

EUROCARERS' 10 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1 Recognition

Carers should be recognised for the central role they play in community care, and this recognition should be reflected in all policies affecting carers.

2 Social inclusion

Carers have a right to a life outside caring.

3 Equality of opportunity

Carers should have equal opportunities in all spheres of life.

4 Choice

People should have the right to choose freely whether they want to be a carer, and to what extent they want to be involved in caring; people needing care should have the right to choose who they wish to provide their care.

5 Information

Carers should have easy access to the information, advice, guidance, advocacy and training they need – appropriate to the stage of their caring.

6 Support

Carers need financial, practical and emotional support in their role as carers as well as access to formal care that is appropriate, accessible and affordable.

7 Time off

Carers should have the opportunity to take time off. Appropriate respite care arrangements, acceptable both to the carer and the person cared for, must be readily available and tailored to carers' needs.

8 Compatibility of care and employment

Carers should have the possibility to combine caring with paid employment. This presupposes labour market policies that allow for caring activities as well as formal care available during working hours.

9 Health promotion and projection

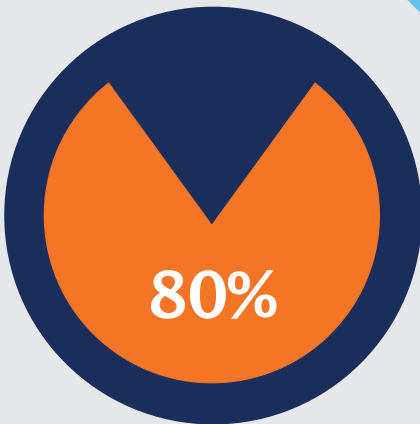
Carers' own health care needs should be recognised.

10 Financial security

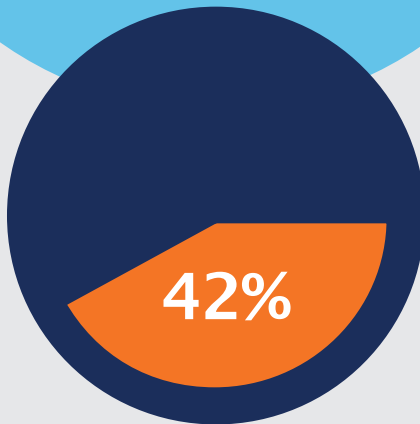
Carers should be covered by social security schemes such as income replacement benefits, accident insurance and old age pensions, in order to avoid impoverishment as a consequence of caring.



There are more than
100 million carers
in Europe, a largely underestimated figure given the (self-) recognition problem of carers.



80 % of care across the EU is provided by spouses, relatives and friends.
A typical carer is a woman between 45 and 75 years of age.



42% of non-working carers are in the lowest income quartile, almost twice the proportion for non-carers.



Estimates suggest that the economic value of unpaid informal care as a percentage of the overall cost of long-term care in EU Member States ranges from 50 % to 90 %.

OUR POLICY AND ADVOCACY APPROACH





PROVIDING A VOICE FOR CARERS

Our secretariat leads evidence based work to inform EU policy processes on how recognising and supporting the contribution of carers can benefit Europe. We have responded to many formal consultations with expert inputs from our members and partners they may otherwise have missed, including on programmes that offer funding. We meet frequently with EU officials and parliamentarians. The concrete research and case studies we collect and contribute to are brought to the attention of decision makers and funders. We monitor and contribute to many EU events and processes annually.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S INTEREST GROUP ON CARERS

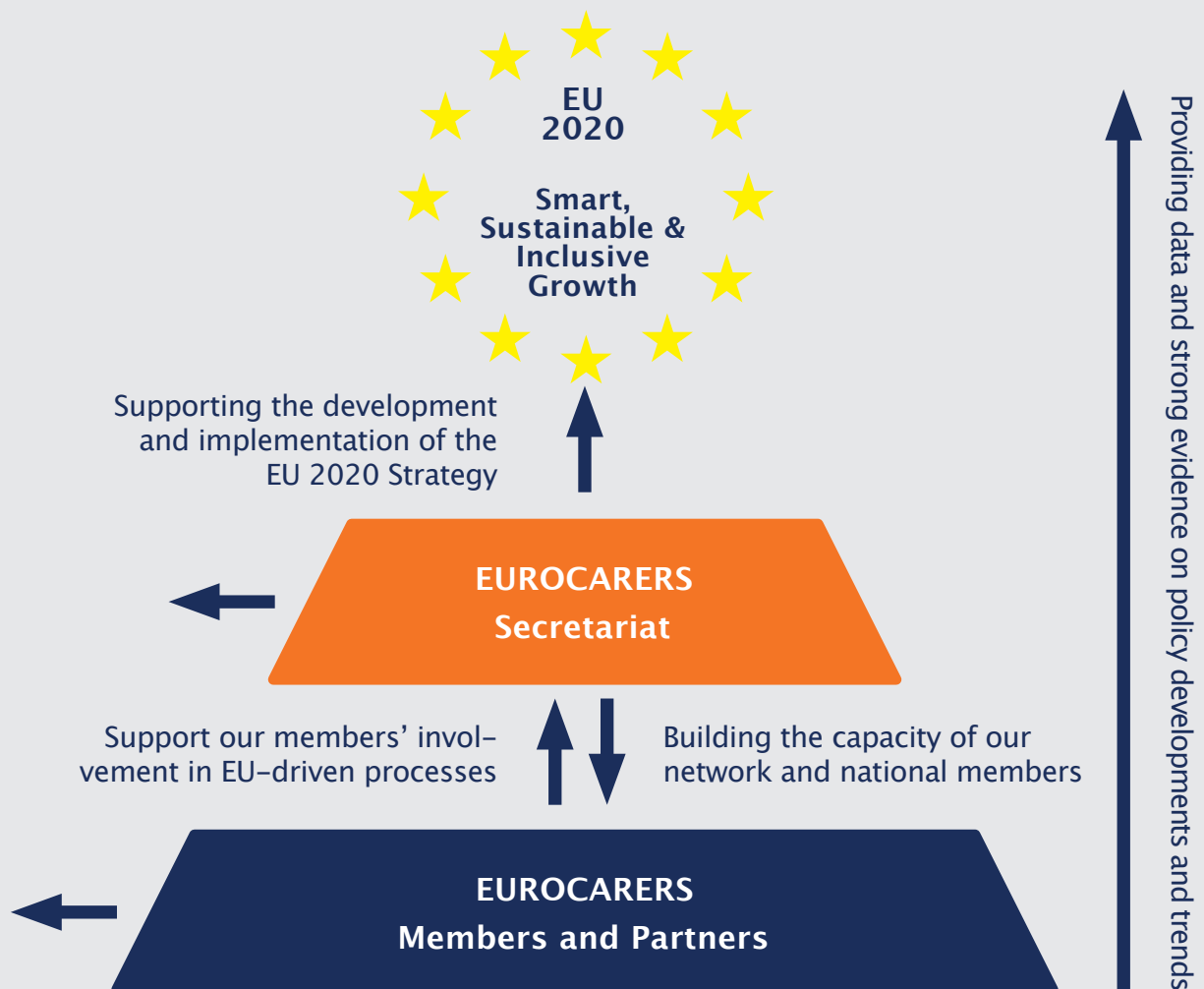
Since 2009, Eurocarers acts as the secretariat of the European Parliament's Interest group on Carers. The interest group is a parliamentary forum for debate and discussion of European policy development in relation to carers. It serves to assess the impact of individual policy initiatives on the lives and interest of carers and initiate EU level policy actions. The Interest Group brings 30 MEPs from different countries and

political parties. It meets three times a year and is currently chaired by:

-  Marian Harkin (ALDE – IRL)
-  Heinz Becker (PPE – A)
-  Jean Lambert (Greens–UK)
-  Sirpa Pietikainen (PPE – FL)

ACTING AS A KNOWLEDGE BROKER BETWEEN CARERS, RESEARCHERS AND DECISION-MAKERS

The crucial aspect of Eurocarers work is that, while we influence and learn on an international basis, we aim to support and impact nationally, regionally and locally. We constantly gather and communicate information about what is happening in the EU institutions, and what matters in all the state and regional capitals that affects carers. Our members are regularly briefed about the challenges and opportunities offered by these developments. Since 2014, we have introduced a new structure and revisited packages of services which position us as a facilitator of effective change for carers.



Our “helpdesk” function in advising members on funding opportunities and support for submitting bids is part of the network benefits available only for fee paying members.

SPREADING THE WORD

As part of our networking and communication activities, Eurocarers has actively participated in a total of 75 relevant events. These include high-level opportunities to disseminate our messaging, including:

- The International congress of the world federation for mental health in Athens;
- The High level policy debate on living with schizophrenia/the role of caregivers in the European Parliament;

- The European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) Conference on Human rights of older persons in long-term care; and
- The Peer review on Long-term care – Dilemmas concerning sustainable financing (Ljubljana, 18–19 November 2014).

COMMUNICATIONS

The main instruments we use to network, raise awareness and inform are our communication tools, which have been drastically revamped thanks to our EaSI partnership agreement and the great support of our long-term partner SCA. These tools are implemented by our newly established secretariat in Brussels.

WEBSITE



The Eurocarers website – www.eurocarers.org – is one of the core pillars of our communication strategy. It promote our network’s key messaging and objectives and showcases the work of our members and partners. The website also serves as a repository of key communication and advocacy material as well as practical information and good practices for carers and those who support the recognition of their important role and added value.

Statistics demonstrate that the Eurocarers website meets its target with 8,215 visits from 5,392 people in 2014. In 2013, 4,135 people visited the website which means that 30% of our visitors in 2014 were new.

NEWSLETTER



Our bi-monthly newsletter was refurbished this year in order to facilitate its management and dissemination. The Eurocarers newsletter aims to present members and partners with first-hand information about relevant policy developments, research initiatives and outcomes as well as funding and networking opportunities. It also provides readers with updates about the successes and challenges of fellow members. Its new structure builds around four key sections: EU Policy developments, Research in action, Events and calls for proposals, news from the network. At this stage, the Eurocarers newsletter is an exclusive information service to the members and partners of our network.

POLICY BRIEFINGS AND POSITIONS



Eurocarers develops and largely disseminates policy briefings, consultation responses and position papers in order to inform our members and partners about relevant entry points in the EU policy

debate. These publications not only aim to raise awareness and draw attention to the situation and potential of carers. They serve as effective advocacy instruments to align priorities, identify entry points in the EU agenda(s) and convey the reality of carers on the ground at EU level.

Our publications this year include, among others:

Briefings on

- The Social Protection Committee's report on 'Adequate social protection for LTC needs in an ageing society';
- Horizon 2020: Suggestions for future research on informal care provision;
- The relevance of the Social Investment Package and the European Semester for our work;

- The EU elections – re-establishing the European Parliament's interest group on carers.

Position papers, with input from Eurocarers members on

- The EC Communication on 'resilient, effective and sustainable health systems';
- The Social Protection Committee's report on 'Adequate social protection for LTC needs in an ageing society';
- Carers and social exclusion, endorsed by the Eurocarers membership and used as input into the mid-term EU consultation on the Europe 2020 strategy;
- Enabling carers to care: Proposal for an EU-level strategy in support of informal care provision.

At the occasion of the EU election back in May 2014, Eurocarers has developed and widely disseminated a European election manifesto on the various issues faced by carers and the need for a coordinated EU initiative on the topic. The manifesto was also used by our members at national and regional before and during the EU elections;

OUR RESEARCH WORK

In recent years, the Eurocarers network has been involved in many research and implementation projects aiming to generate evidence-based recommendations and action for the recognition of carers and carers' needs.

These projects contribute to understanding the harsh realities of carers in EU member states as well as the support options they can apply for. They have also allowed us to establish strong links with the EU institutions (DG Research, DG Santé, DG EMPL, DG EAC, DG CONNECT, etc.) and a huge variety of decision-makers and stakeholders from the public and private sector.

Eurocarers continues to actively advocate for the development of further research at pan-European and national level to help build a comprehensive, up to date picture of carers' situation. This knowledge base will be critical in informing policy in all areas affecting carers, especially in health, social policy, education, employment, social security, transport and housing. It will also help to inform evidence based practice within member states concerning direct support services for carers and in ensuring all aspects of health and social care services are supportive of carers. Our efforts provided the impetus and rationale for establishing a Eurocarers Research Working Group whose inaugural 'face to face' meeting was held on the 22nd April 2015, in Dublin. The Group, which consists of Eurocarers' research members and carer organisation members actively involved in research, is currently working on a 'Research Priorities' document in order to:

- Identify and reach consensus on current research priorities, including gaps in knowledge and scientific challenges within care, carers and caring in Europe
- Act as a catalyst for more cohesive and strategic collaborative work by Eurocarers' members within the identified prioritised areas
- Facilitate the work of Eurocarers as an organisation, enabling it to work proactively and influence the wider EU-level research agenda in the areas of care, carers and caring, for example, the Horizon 2020 programme
- Build knowledge and strengthen research on care, carers and caring in Europe in order to help inform EU policy decision-making
- Feed into the definition of evidence-based policy recommendations supporting the role and added value of carers
- Inform evidence-based practice in the areas of care, carers and caring within Member States.

For more information about the Eurocarers Research working group and Research priorities document, please contact the secretariat at: fc@eurocarers.org

INNOVAGE

The Innovage project is an FP7 co-funded project which aims to develop, implement and survey four potentially cost-effective social innovations that will positively impact on the quality of life and healthy life years of older people. The project also included the development of a web platform addressing informal carers' needs in 27 EU member states with both common and national-specific services. This online information hub on informal care, which we called InformCare, has been developed in close collaboration with the Italian National Institute of Health and Science on Ageing (INRCA), with the support of the Swedish Family Care Competence Centre (NKA) and thanks to the excellent contribution of an extensive network of national organisations and stakeholders from across the EU. InformCare provides key information on the rights and entitlements of carers in Europe and advice on how to best deliver and cope with caregiving activities. The platform actually goes beyond the scope of carers themselves as it also offers information targeted at care professionals and employers in a selection of countries on how to best support carers. Finally, a series of interactive tools (such as a social network, a forum and a chat) are also put at the disposal of carers to interact, share tips and feelings, look for ideas and suggestions, ask for help, support others or just have a chat with someone who understands what being a carer means!

InformCare Find the information you are looking for about caregiving and more at <http://www.eurocarers.org/InformCare>

CARICT

CarICT is an online directory of ICT-based services for informal carers. This online directory brings together successful or promising examples of ICT-based solutions targeted at informal carers. The objective of this directory is to maximise the dissemination of existing good practices and to raise awareness about these among end-users (i.e. carers and older people) and stakeholders.

The directory has been developed in the framework of a study on “ICT-based solutions for caregivers: assessing their impact on the sustainability of long-term care in an ageing Europe”, which was jointly funded by the Joint Research Centre (JRC), the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS) and DG INFSO. The goal was to understand how ICT can play a role in the future mix of services and supports accessible to the elderly and their carers and to facilitate the creation of a sufficient number of available (motivated) and skilled domiciliary caregivers in Europe.

CarICT provides successful examples of ICT-based solutions for Independent living; Information and learning for carers; personal support and social integration; and care coordination.

You can access the database at <http://euro-carers.org/carict/>

Eurocarers is also represented on the Advisory board of several relevant broader projects which focus on the development of innovative solutions for the development of sustainable and patient-centred social, health and long-term care systems.

These include:

- SMARTCARE, which aims to define a common set of standard functional specifications for an open ICT platform enabling the delivery of integrated care to older European citizens. As part of the project, a total of 23 regions and their key stakeholders will define a comprehensive set of integration building blocks around the challenges of data-sharing, coordination and communication.
- Icare4EU, which focuses on the description and analysis of existing integrated care models for patients with multiple chronic health problems.
- The Joint Programme Initiative «More Years, Better Lives – The Potential and Challenges of Demographic Change», which seeks to enhance coordination and collaboration between European and national research programmes related to demographic change. Areas affected by demographic change cover a wide range of research fields and policy topics ranging from health to social welfare, education and learning, work and productivity to housing, urban and rural development and mobility. The JPI therefore follows a transnational, multi-disciplinary approach bringing together various disciplines.
- ENS4Care, which will share good nursing and social work practices in eHealth services (telehealth and telecare) and – through the evaluation and consensus building – will create a set of guidelines focusing on: healthy lifestyle and prevention, early intervention and clinical practice in integrated care, skills development for advanced roles and nurse ePrescribing.

OUR NETWORK

The Eurocarers network brings together 67 member organisations from 24 EU member states. Collaborations have also been established with leading carers' organisations in Australia, Canada and the US.

The way we operate our network is described on our website www.eurocarers.org. There you can access our membership and partnership criteria, our legal statutes, our ethical guidelines and other documents about how we work.

An important component is that all members meet each year to decide our work programme and hold our office and governance processes to account. All full members have an equal vote and can elect our Executive Committee. Our General Assembly in 2014 was held in Helsinki, Finland, with the great hosting and logistical support of the Central Association of Carers in Finland.



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Administrator
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OUR PARTNERS



SCA
Care of Life

Aktiebolaget (SCA) is one of the world's largest companies in personal care with a large portfolio of personal care, tissue and forest products distributed in about 100 countries. SCA is considered a reference in sustainability and has been named one of the world's most ethical companies. With more than 50 years of experience in continence care SCA develops solutions and products that help improve dignity and the quality of people's lives. SCA pays specific attention to both patients and their carers and strives to build the understanding that well organised and professional continence care leads to substantial benefits for individuals as well as society as a whole.

SCA has well-established experience in continence care (with the brand TENA) and offers a full range of absorbent products, services and solutions that are tailored to the needs of individuals, their families (carers) and healthcare professionals. SCA places individualised care at the core of its approach, with TENA solutions for care homes; SCA improves and documents residents' well-being, working atmosphere, budget and environmental footprint. SCA offers an integrated approach that consists of innovative products, best practice care routines, tools, training and expert support. Through effective and efficient partnerships, care homes are helped to find, implement and sustain quantifiable improvements within continence and personal hygiene care.

GLOBAL FORUM ON INCONTINENCE (GFI)

SCA is organising every second year the Global Forum on Incontinence (GFI). The GFI is a platform for education and debate around continence care. The aim is to improve the health and social care provisions for incontinence, giving patients and caregivers a better quality of life. GFI demonstrate the impact of incontinence on the individual and their caregivers and on society as a whole. Continence care is approached from a holistic perspective. The ambition is to present and discuss both prevention, cure and care options and organization and management aspects.

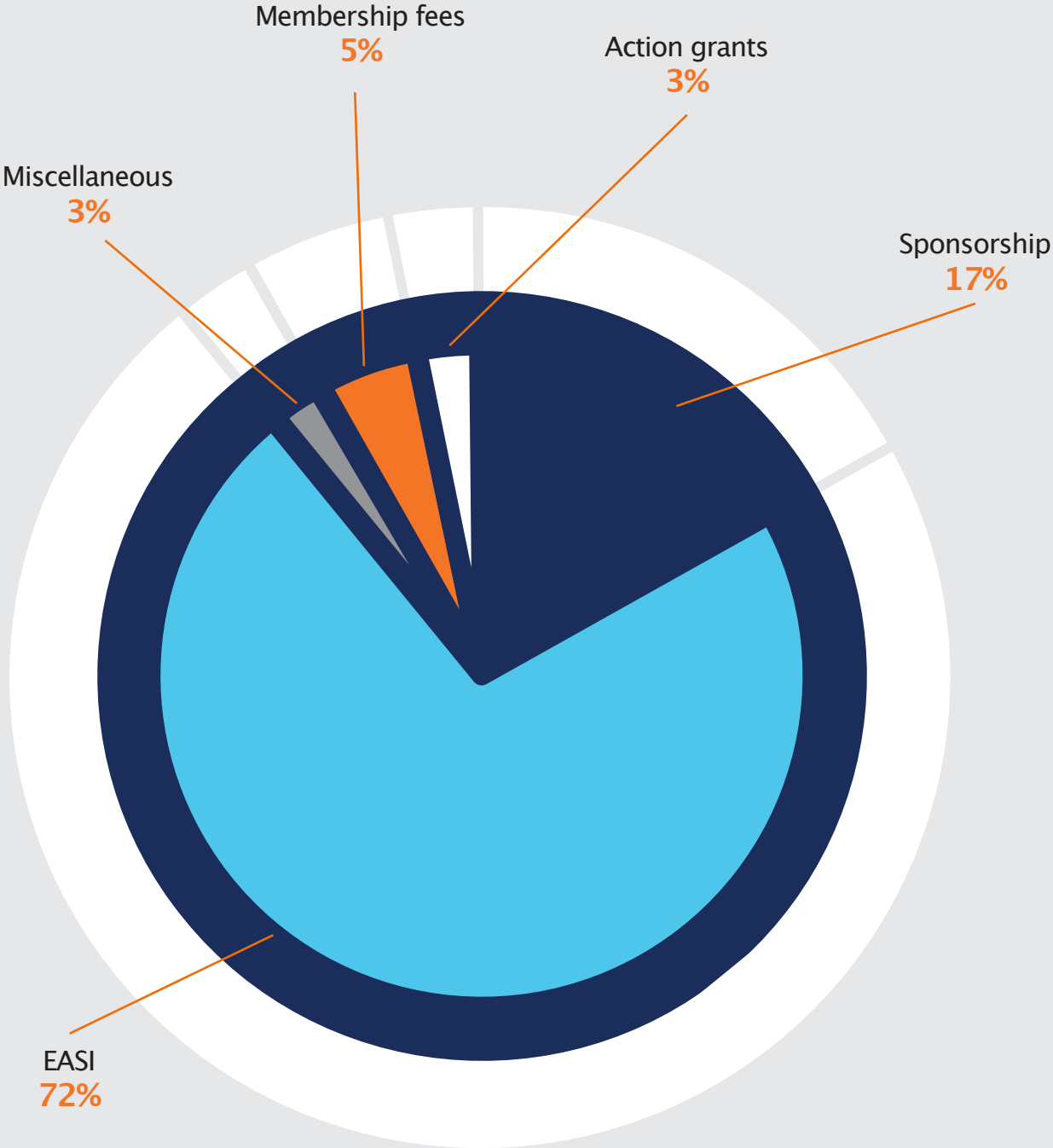
OPTIMUM CONTINENCE SERVICE SPECIFICATION (OCSS)

For people living at home with incontinence, SCA has initiated the development of a new care pathway on how to best organize the care. The result of this work which was executed with a panel of health and social care experts has been published and is called the Optimum Continence Service Specification. The OCSS can function as a benchmark for countries who want to improve the organization of care for people with incontinence and their caregivers.

Given the number of our common interests and objectives and SCA's continuous support to Eurocarers' vision and work, we are delighted to report that the collaboration agreement established with SCA a few years ago was renewed for the period 2014–2015. Our collaboration includes the promotion of principles that we consider essential for patient-focused, sustainable and affordable systems for quality incontinence care.

More information about our collaboration with SCA and messaging on incontinence is available on our website: <http://www.eurocarers.org/Incontinence>

HOW WE ARE FUNDED



INCOME 2014
Total:
159.096,27€

SUPPORTING EUROCARERS

AS A MEMBER

You can participate in policy-influencing activities on behalf of carers:

- by advocating their needs in the development of European policies, programmes and funding arrangements in areas that truly matter to carers;
- by formulating evidence-based input in policy development to influence European policy debates;
- by participating in EU-funded research projects, which help to shape carers-friendly policies.

You will have access to Information and capacity building:

- Through the Eurocarers network, members exchange information and experience and engage in initiatives of mutual interest;
- Eurocarers provides regular information on relevant developments and helps its members to be better informed, through its capacity-building events, newsletter, website and helpdesk services;
- Eurocarers provides opportunities for networking across boundaries.

You can help to strengthen the voice of carers at national and European level

Carers and their issues are rising up the European policy agenda, due to continuous representation, actively supported by the European Parliament's Interest Group on carers. While progress has been made, recognition of carers' issues needs to be both increased and consolidated and your organisation is needed to amplify the voice of carers!

AS A PARTNER

Eurocarers recognise that there are common interests between Eurocarers and some companies, to address the needs of carers and cared for persons and safeguard their interests in receiving good quality products and services. Ethics are first and foremost about respecting all members and continually building on trustworthiness. Eurocarers has therefore developed ethical guidelines to govern our relationships with the business sector and ensure the best interests of our members. The basis of sound and equal partnership is recognition of mutual rights and responsibilities. Eurocarers will always protect and safeguard its independence and reputation.

Interested parties can join the Eurocarers network of external partners as a Bronze, Silver or Gold partner against a fixed donation which varies according to the type of stakeholder and partnership category they decide to join. Alternatively, partners can also propose a specific issue or initiative around goods, services and environments of relevance to informal carers and on which they would like to work with Eurocarers.

If you want to receive more information about these partnership options, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Francesca Centola in our Brussels secretariat at fc@eurocarers.org.

OUR MEMBERS

FULL MEMBERS

Austria	European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research
Austria	Austrian Carers Organisation
Belgium	Flemish Carers Association
Estonia	Estonian Carers Association
Estonia	Estonian Multiple Sclerosis Association
Finland	Finnish Network for Organisations Supporting Family Caring
Finland	The Central Association of Carers in Finland.
Germany	Wir Pflegen
Germany	Centre for Quality in Care
Greece	Athens Association of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders
Greece	Greek Association of Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders
Greece	KINAPSI – Movement of siblings of people with mental health problems
Ireland	Care Alliance Ireland
Ireland	Carers Association Ireland
Ireland	Caring for Carers Ireland Ltd
Italy	Istituto Nazionale di Riposo e Cura per Anziani (INRCA)
Italy	Anziani e Non Solo
Latvia	Support Centre of Aluksne district for handicapped children & youth with special necessities "Saulstariņi"
Lithuania	Lithuanian Multiple Sclerosis Union
Lithuania	Seimos santykiu – the Institute of Family Relations
Luxembourg	University of Luxembourg
Netherlands	The Netherlands Institute for Social Research (SCP)
Netherlands	VILANS
Netherlands	MOVISIE, Centre of Expertise for Informal Care
Netherlands	Mezzo, Dutch Association for Carers and Voluntary Help
Poland	European Care Foundation
Poland	The Polish Association of Carers
Scotland	The Coalition of Carers in Scotland
Scotland	Voice of Carers Across Lothian (VOCAL)
Slovakia	Institute for Labour & Family Research
Slovakia	Club of Large Families
Slovenia	University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences
Slovenia	Slovene Federation of Pensioners (ZDUS)
Spain	Confederacion Espanola de Familiares de Enfermos de Alzheimer y otras Dementias
Sweden	The Swedish Family Care Competence Centre
Sweden	Carers Sweden
UK	University of York, Social Policy Research Unit

UK	Carers UK
UK	CIRCLE (Centre for International Research on Care, Labour and Equalities), University of Leeds
UK	University of Nottingham, School of Sociology and Social Policy
UK	Carers Federation
UK	Carers Trust

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