



EONS Board Member: Advocacy

The Role in Summary

The EONS Executive Board has four specialist roles (Communication, Advocacy, Research, Education). The Advocacy specialist is a Member of the Executive Board and, in addition to the Executive Board Member responsibilities; the post holder will enable EONS to better represent its interests in the external domain through the development of strategies that engage external stakeholders in the work and needs of Europe's cancer nurses.

The role is appointed for a period of two years.

Board Members skills

The Advocacy specialist must possess all of the essential qualifications required of all EONS Executive Board members and must also:

1. Be able to understand write, speak and understand English to a high standard,
2. Demonstrate experience, knowledge or involvement in policy matters,
3. Participative management skills preferred,
4. Show an in-depth understanding of European cancer nursing,
5. Be able to clearly articulate plans, policies, issues and positions to a non-expert audience.
6. Exhibit diplomacy skills as well as the ability to influence and problem solve creatively.

Responsibilities of the Role

In addition to the core Executive Board Member responsibilities, the Advocacy specialist is required to:

- Chair the group or be a member of the WG, liaising closely with the chair of the WG,
- Foster EONS' nurses collective voice with European institutions and other stakeholders,
- Raise awareness of the role of oncology nurses in the delivery of high quality cancer services,
- Deliver the cancer nursing view to relevant developing European policies
- Promote EONS plans, policies, issues and positions widely to identify like-minded organisations and build cooperation with them,
- Create innovative approaches to information-sharing with external audiences,
- Work closely with the Communication role,
- Establish and utilize a network of cancer nurse leaders from around Europe to influence healthcare delivery and the continued development of cancer nursing.