



**Minutes face-to-face meeting Advocacy WG  
Friday 09 November 2018, 09.00 - 16.00 hrs  
Brussels, Belgium**

**Participants:** Patrick Crombez (PC) (Chair), Helena Ullgren (HU) (Vice-Chair), Graca Braz (GB), Fernanda Conceicao (FC), Sidsel Dragsbaek Holm (SDH), Matthew Fowler (MF), Halldóra Hálfánardóttir (HH), Terry Hanan (TH), Dimitrios Protogiros (DP), Theologia Tsitsi (TT), Emma Woodford (EW) (Observer) & Mariska Mooijekind (MM) (Working Groups Manager)

**Apologies received from:** Merel van Klinken (MvK)

**09.00 hrs Start of meeting**

**1. Welcome**

HU and PC welcome the Working Group members and open the meeting. EW briefs the WG on the meeting at the European Commission of Thursday 8 November. The meeting with Dr Rys and Dr Dumitrscu was considered to be good, which was mainly due to the proper preparation. Dr Rys and Dr Ovidiu Dumitrescu. Three recommendations were received:

1. To connect with SEPEN, 'Support for the health workforce planning and forecasting expert network (2017 – 2018)'. Esther Kovacs has presented on this at the May meetings. EONS has joined the network but has not yet actively participated
2. It was suggested for EONS to join forces with other specialised nursing groups in relation to the Common Training Framework and to promote the Education Framework on the good practise portal (peer reviewed). Furthermore it was recommended for EONS to work with universities and other educational institutes to promote the use of the Education Framework.
3. EONS was recommended to look at running projects with countries from the "Neighbourhood partnership policy" was discussed. This EU policy focuses on bringing in current neighbouring countries. EONS is establishing contacts with Georgia.

**2. Goals and strategy Advocacy Working Group and Projects**

- EONS Strategy and Advocacy Working Group objectives
- Including report from members on how health care is governed in their home countries (5 min / person)
- Agree on the *how* to move forward and meet the Strategy and objectives

\*\* Slides PC & HU: Strategic Goals/Projects Advocacy WG 2018-2020 \*\*

Discussing the Strategic Goals of the Working Group, one of the objectives was changed to: Raise awareness on safety in cancer care across Europe by 2020

Two main work areas were defined: patient safety and education. The Working Group divides into two smaller Task Groups:

#### **Education - PC, TT, FC, DP, SDH**

The longer-term goal is to have the EONS Education Framework accepted as a Common Training Framework. As a start, the situation in the individual EONS membership countries will need to be mapped out. A data set of how education is regulated in all EONS member countries should be prepared. For each country it should be checked if they have approved CTF for physicians. Portugal is considered to be a concrete example of connecting the country's national level with the EU level. EW suggest using this example to inform the other EONS members. DP has available a toolkit for advocating for palliative care. He will share this with the group. The group will consider developing a toolkit for advocating for cancer nursing.

**ACTION:** PC will explore the Good Practise Platform and Common Training Framework.

**ACTION:** EW to connect PC with Esther Kovacs. PC to read up on SEPEN.

**ACTION:** Task Group to consider if a survey is needed. The survey could be developed in collaboration with the Communication Working Group.

**ACTION:** DP to share toolkit for advocating for palliative care.

#### **Patient Safety - HU, GB, HD, TH, MF**

First, it should be clear what the current situation in each individual member country is.

**ACTION:** MF will study the OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) website

**ACTION:** HU to make contact with the European Trade Union Federation and to look at the ONS guidelines currently available on-line: the 2016 standards and the course on nurse empowerment on occupational safety

**ACTION:** TH to look at medical oncology review.

**ACTION:** HD to look at EUROFOUND.

**ACTION:** GB to look at existing accreditation standards.

The Task Group will discuss if accreditation is a possible solution.

**ACTION:** The website of OEAI, the European based accreditation body will be studied.

**ACTION:** ALL to study the RECaN paper, written by Daniel Kelly and Andreas Charalambous.

The Task Group will hold a conference call on 30 November.

The group agrees to make a suggestion to the EONS Board, to focus the 2019 ECND on patient safety, which links nicely with the Education Framework. The following strapline is suggested: "Cancer nursing, a highway to safety".

### 3. How health care is organised in the WG members' countries

**ACTION:** All to send in the relevant information, verbally shared.

### 4. ECND

**ACTION:** PC will share the paper prepared by MF on 8 November, "Thoughts for ECND 2019", with the three EONS Presidents: Daniel Kelly, Lena Sharp and Andreas Charalambous, for approval. Should this be approved, it will be shared with the Board for discussion and approval.

**ACTION:** A Task Group will need to be established, including representatives from the other Working Groups and a Young Cancer Nurse representative.

### 5. Feedback last Board Meeting

PC informs the Working Group members on the most important topics discussed at the October Board Meeting:

- Due to changes in the political climate related to Charities, the EONS Board have decided to change from a UK based charity to a Belgian NGO.
- ECCO have discontinued their events. In follow up to this year's successful collaboration on the Munich congress, EONS is aiming to working with ESMO on the September 2019 congress, which is to be held in Barcelona, Spain.
- Two surveys are out: The Young Cancer Nurse survey and the biosimilars survey. All are encouraged to complete the surveys.
- At the Board Meeting a proposal to join All.Can was discussed but declined as the Board considered there was too many industries represented.
- The updated TITAN course has been launched. **Target** will follow soon.

### 6. Feedback from Training Day

All Working Group members appreciated the training of 8 November. As a result, from the training and the face-to-face meeting discussions, multiple Working Group members express the need for a glossary.

**ACTION:** EW to prepare a glossary for the Advocacy web pages, include a web link when possible

**ACTION:** WG to include toolkit for Palliative Care Advocacy in web pages (<http://health.accel-it.lt/assets//IPC/IHtH%20Advocacy%20Toolkit.pdf>)

### 7. ESNO-update and MoU

ESNO is the European Specialised Nurses Organisation, which PC is a Board Member of, as well as the EONS representative. EONS as well as the diabetes nurses are two very active ESNO members. EW has developed a draft MoU between EONS and ESNO, which will be discussed at the upcoming ESNO Board Meeting. With this MoU, a close collaboration in a fair way is guaranteed, which is considered to be important for the EONS Advocacy Working Group.

## 8. Position Statements

The last EONS Position Statements are dated 2016. The group agrees there currently is no need to develop any new statements and to wait for the moment to arise naturally when perhaps there is a need for a new statement, with a focus on safety. Another potential topic identified is artificial intelligence.

## 9. Rare Cancer Group (RCE)

The Rare Cancer Group (RCE) is one of the four multi-stakeholder groups of ESMO. All four groups are politically well connected and require nursing input in practically all of their actions.

The Rare Cancer Group has the aim to put rare cancers firmly on the European policy agenda. HU is the EONS representative, active in this group. MF is willing to be deputy representative, for moments where HU is unavailable.

## 10. CODE

CODE is the Collaboration of Oncology Data in Europe, started by IQVIA, working on human data signs. (Information on CODE is (also) available on the ECCO website.) CODE has contacted EONS with a proposal for collaboration: to run a survey amongst the EONS Membership (National Member Societies as well as Individual Members): "Oncology Nurses – at the heart of realising the potential for data to inform patient care and policy". The Working Group members would support the initiative, should the Board approve.

**ACTION:** PC to check with CODE if they will provide any funding to EONS for running the survey.

**ACTION:** PC to prepare a Project Proposal to the Board, including a budget.

## 11. Web pages

The Advocacy web pages need to be thoroughly reviewed and updated.

**ACTION:** MF and SDH to review the current pages and to prepare a mock-up of the updated pages, to be shared with the all Working Group members for feedback.

**ACTION:** To include the toolkit on palliative care in the web pages:

<http://health.accel-it.lt/assets//PCI/HtH%20Advocacy%20Toolkit.pdf>

## 12. Next face-to-face meeting

EONS is aiming to hold an evaluation meeting, following the strategy day, with all WG members involved (by late May, early June 2019).

## 13. AOB

The use of an alternative to EONS Link is discussed: Project Place SharePoint, by Microsoft. EW informs the Working Group members, this is currently looked into for future use.