



The European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS asbl) is a non-profit organisation registered in Belgium

An Open Letter to the European Oncology Nursing Society's Community and Partners

Stronger Together: Rebuilding, Renewing and Moving Forward

Dear colleagues, members, partners and friends of the European Oncology Nursing Society (EONS),

Over the past year, EONS has gone through a period of significant challenge and transition.

Following a period of leadership change in late 2025, EONS entered a phase of transition that required careful attention to operational continuity, governance processes and organisational priorities. As with any period of change, this created some uncertainty both within and outside the Society.

We believe it is important to acknowledge this openly.

During periods of change, uncertainty and questions can naturally arise. We understand that members and partners may want clarity and reassurance, and we are committed to communicating openly, responsibly and through the appropriate channels. We also ask our community to support EONS by engaging constructively and focusing collectively on the Society's mission, values and future.

A number of important governances, compliance, administrative, financial and organisational matters needed to be reviewed and strengthened. This has required considerable effort from the President, Board members, staff and partners over recent months.

At the same time, it is equally important to recognise the progress that has already been made.

Since June 2026, EONS has welcomed new Board members, a new President-Elect, strengthened operational leadership, and new members of staff, including a new Chief Operating Officer. Together, we have established a clear programme of work focused on organisational stability, good governance, accountability, and long-term growth and impact.

The Society's financial position has been reviewed and strengthened; realistic budgets have been prepared; governance matters are being addressed; accountability has been reinforced; and EONS is now moving forward with confidence and renewed stability. We are committed to keeping members informed and involved as this work progresses.

While there is still work to do, we are addressing priorities systematically, focusing on issues according to risk and importance, and ensuring that the Society continues to operate on a robust and sustainable footing.

Members and national societies will remain central to this renewal. We will create opportunities for input and dialogue and ensure that the voice of oncology nurses across Europe informs our decisions and priorities.

Our Immediate Priorities

As we move forward, our focus is centred on six key areas.

1. Strengthening Engagement with National Oncology Nursing Societies

National societies are the foundation of oncology nursing across Europe. We are committed to listening more closely, increasing opportunities for collaboration, and ensuring that national societies play an even stronger role in shaping EONS priorities and activities. We look forward to meeting representatives of national societies at the next Advisory Board meeting in Madrid, Spain, on 23 October at 15:00, where there will be an opportunity for dialogue and discussion.

2. Rebuilding and Strengthening Strategic Partnerships

Partnerships are essential to advancing cancer care and supporting oncology nurses. We are actively re-engaging with our existing partners while developing new collaborations across the healthcare, academic, policy and patient advocacy sectors.

3. Renewing Relationships with Industry

Constructive and transparent engagement with industry partners remains a key component of EONS' ability to deliver educational programmes, research initiatives and professional development opportunities. We are committed to rebuilding confidence and creating mutually beneficial partnerships that align with our mission and values.

4. Strengthening Involvement in EU projects

EONS continues to participate actively in European collaborative projects and is currently involved in several Horizon Europe proposals. This ongoing engagement reflects the confidence of European partners and stakeholders in EONS as a valued contributor to oncology nursing, cancer care, research and innovation across Europe.

5. Ensuring Financial Sustainability and Diversifying Income

Like many membership organisations, EONS operates in an increasingly challenging financial environment. We are exploring new opportunities to diversify income streams, strengthen financial resilience and reduce dependency on any single source of funding.

6. Reviewing Our Strategy for the Future

The healthcare landscape, cancer care delivery and professional needs of oncology nurses continue to evolve rapidly. We will therefore review our current strategy to ensure it remains relevant, ambitious and aligned with the needs of our members and the wider oncology community.

Continuing to Deliver Excellence

Alongside these organisational priorities, our core mission remains unchanged: supporting oncology nurses to improve outcomes and experiences for people affected by cancer.

A key focus over the coming months is the continued success of the EONS Annual Congress in partnership with ESMO. This flagship event remains one of the most important opportunities for oncology nurses across Europe to learn, connect, collaborate and lead innovation in cancer care.

We remain committed to delivering high-quality education, research, advocacy and professional development activities that create value for our members and demonstrate the essential contribution of oncology nursing across the cancer continuum.

We are also exploring practical ways to expand access to the EONS Congress, including the possible use of available funds to support participation by early-career oncology nurses and nurses from underrepresented or resource-constrained regions, subject to Board agreement.

Looking Forward

Organisations occasionally face periods of disruption. What defines them is not the challenge itself, but how they respond.

We are confident that EONS has the right leadership, governance structures, staff and community to move forward successfully. The Society today is focused, energised and committed to continuous improvement. Most importantly, we remain dedicated to serving oncology nurses and the people affected by cancer who ultimately benefit from our work.

We would like to thank our members, national societies, volunteers, partners and supporters for their patience, trust and commitment during this period of renewal. Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient and more impactful EONS.

With appreciation,

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On behalf of the EONS Board and Team