



EONS Advisory council Meeting Minutes October 17th 2025

14.00-16.00 PM CET

Venue: Messe Berlin, Meeting Room *Regensburg*

Chairs: Helena Ullgren (HU), EONS President; Wendy McNally (WMc), EONS President
Elect

Participants:

Helena Ullgren, HU, EONS President

Wendy McNally, WMc, EONS President Elect

Merel van Klinken, MvK, EONS Board Secretary and Advocacy Working Group member

Stavroula Chante, SC, EONS Board Treasurer and Communication Board Member

Remziye Semerci, RS, Research Board Member and Chair

Dimitris Protogiros, DP, EONS Early Career Board Member

Malika Denolf – MD, EONS Chief Operating Officer

Karen Campbell, Mary Tanay, Jo Bird, UKONS

Leena Kooponen, Finnish Nursing Society President

Bodil Westman, Swedish Cancer Nursing Society President

Jasminka Milicevic, JM, Croatian Oncology Nursing Society - online

Giannos Toumbis, Cyprus Oncology Nursing Society President

Constantina Cloconi, Cyprus Oncology Nursing Society, Secretary

Aphrodite Evripidou, Cyprus Oncology Nursing Society

Ada Kinneally, Niamh Byrne, IANO

Carsten Rye Gregersen, Fagligt Selskab for Kræftsygeplejersker / Danish Cancer Nurse Society

Saskia Claassen and Remco Albers - VenVN Netherlands – online

Priya Raya – Eons Communication Officer

Iveta Nohavova, EONS Projects Officer

Nikolina Dodlek, EONS Event and Membership Officer

Item 1 – Welcome, Apologies, and Introductions

HU, WMc and MD welcomed all participants and opened the meeting.

Introductions were made, and apologies were noted from members unable to attend.

The Agenda and previous AC meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved without amendments. Participants confirmed their presence at the meeting with the MS Forms registrations.

Item 2 – Updates from the EONS Board

- HU and WMc provided an overview of recent EONS developments:
 - An open call for new EONS Board Members will be launched at the end of November 2025.
 - The ECND26 call is ongoing, with applications currently under review.
 - The Board is committed to continued engagement with national societies and strengthening collaboration through the Advisory Council format. HU noted that EONS always includes local National society representation during major events and encouraged national societies to share feedback following EONS18.

Item 3 – Working Group Updates

Communication Working Group (CWG)

- Overview of activities presented, including:
 - Collaboration with Touch Oncology blogs.
 - Maintenance of the EONS Cancer Calendar.
 - Continued engagement across projects and task groups - Podcasts will be produced monthly (10 per year, two per WG starting from January 2026).

- J&J to develop an educational program for nurses focused on lung cancer
- 1 new member recruited from Finland
- EONS/ECO YCP Roundtable in Feb 2026 on Artificial Intelligence in Cancer Care
- CWG guidelines (social media, Video, Podcast)

Advocacy Working Group (AWG) – *Presented by Merel van Klinken (MvK)*

- Three new members joined the group.
- ECNI Survey still open, members to promote: results will be published, enabling cross-country comparison.
- **EONS Accreditation Programme:** seven hospitals applied; certificates to be issued following evaluation.
- **Advocacy Toolkit** continues to be refined and promoted across EONS members.

Research Working Group (RWG) – *Presented by Remziye Semerci (RS)*

- 12 active members across multiple countries.
- Successful Research Workshop in July 2025 in Portugal
- Early Career Research Award with seven applicants—results to be announced post-EONS18.
- Plans for new research collaborations in 2026 were discussed.

Education Working Group (EWG) – *Presented by WMc on behalf of MHN*

- Updates included:
 - Framework evaluation activities.
 - **EONS18 Workshop** at ESMO 2025: “*Strengthening Cancer Nursing Through an Updated Education Framework.*”
 - **ECCN (European College of Cancer Nursing)** to be launched online via the EONS website.
 - Fellowship programme open call till mid-November

- **ECLIPTIC** event to be held in San Servolo in person for 30 participants, updates were provided.

Early Career Nurses Working Group (ECN) – *Presented by Dimitris Protogiros (DP)*

- Two new members joined the group.
- Overview of 2025–2027 Business Plan, focusing on:
 - Strengthened structure, mentorship, and skill development.
 - Continued engagement in projects (e.g., NURTURE, YARN, TRANSITION).
 - Leadership and representation through the C.A.R.E. framework
(Communication: podcasts, ECN blog, Advocacy: ECND, high level meetings, Research: ECN survivorship project, Education: ECN and ADC webinars).

Item 4 – Nomination Committee

- The Nomination Committee will include representatives from the National Societies (two positions).
- Each National Society will be invited to nominate representatives through an open application process.

Item 5 – Open Discussion

- Several participants proposed exploring a reduction of fellowship duration to two weeks due to difficulties spending too much time away from work. DP stated he attended fellowship and even 4 weeks from him was short due to all opportunities and visits.
- Discussion on how EONS and National Societies could collaborate for future initiatives and to promote each other activities (newsletter, social media, podcasts).
- Discussion on sponsorship and funding:
 - Ireland does not accept pharma sponsorships due to EONS–ESMO collaboration (physicians have priority).

- Possible funding sources for nurses proposed by attendees include hospitals, National Societies, and select grant programmes.
- UKONS shared their conference funding model.
- Consensus to continue identifying sustainable and transparent funding pathways for EONS educational and fellowship activities.
- Discussions included potential funding mechanisms for EONS Annual Conference presenters whose posters are accepted—first presenters may be supported financially from their workplaces and local institutions, and no poster number limit applies.

Item 6 – Next Steps

- Finalize Nomination Committee composition.
- Launch EONS Board open call by end of November 2025.
- Disseminate EONS18 feedback survey to National Societies.
- Plan the next Advisory Council meeting (2026 Annual Congress) to be organized as a Roundtable with National Society Members to enhance dialogue and exchange.

Item 7 – Closing

HU and WMc thanked all attendees for their active participation and contributions.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:00 CET.

Chair of the meeting,

Helena Ullgren, EONS President

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