



Minutes — EONS Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

Date & time: Monday, 4th August 2025, 19:00–20:30 CEST

Chair: Helena Ullgren, EONS President

Format: Online MS Teams

Participants:

Nineteen EONS Individual Members:

Helena Ullgren, EONS President

Wendy McInally, EONS President Elect

Dimitris Protogiros, EONS Board Member Early Career

Matthias Hellberg-Naegele, EONS Board Member Education

Remziye Semerci, EONS Board Member Research

Stavroula Chante, EONS Board Treasurer & Communication

Amanda Drury

Celia Díez De los Ríos

Ann Helen Torstveit

Debbie Wyatt

Uta Rouse

Matthew Fowler

Irati Rodriguez Matesanz

Tuğba Pehlivan Saribudak

Gabriela Mavrodin

Eugenia Trigoso

Daniel Kelly

Stylios Katsaragakis

Elisabeth Patiraki

Carlos Cargaleiro – observer, Communication WG Co-chair

Gulcan Bagcivan – observer Research WG

Seven National Society Representatives (six voting members)

UKONS – Dr. Mary Tanay

Turkish Oncology Nursing Society – Ms Perihan Güner

Swedish Oncology Nursing Society – Ms Ulrika Rönningås

Finnish Oncology Nursing Society – Ms Leena Kooponen

Croatian Oncology Nursing Society – Ms. Jasminka Milicevic

Dutch Oncology Nursing Society V&VN Netherland – Merel van Klinken

Hellenic Oncology Nurses Association – Mr. Papageorgiou Dimitrios

EONS Team

Malika Tahiri Denolf, Eons Chief Operating Officer

Nikolina Dodlek, EONS Event and Membership Officer

Priya Raya, EONS Communication Officer

Iveta Nohavova, EONS Projects and Internal relations

Voting members in total:24 (twenty-four)

Part I — EONS Business

1) Welcome & introduction

- HU opened the meeting, outlined objectives, and confirmed meeting voting eligibility. Each voting was conducted via raising hands.
- Attendance captured via QR/online check-in; quorum confirmed.
- The Meeting Agenda was approved by 22 EONS full members. Previous General Meeting Minutes were reviewed.

2) Presentation on changes in Statutes and Bylaws

- MvK presented an overview of proposed updates to **Statutes** and **Bylaws**, including rationale and implementation timeline.

- Highlights included: creation of a **Nominations Committee** for transparent elections; clarified board terms and roles; proxy/voting provisions for virtual meetings; records, compliance and reporting practices.

3) Invitation to vote on Statutes & Bylaws amendments; Q&A

- **Q&A clarifications** before voting:
 - **Annual reporting:** short, good practice sharing (not a lengthy or translated report).
 - **Data/GDPR:** no requirement to share member-level personal data; only high-level figures for administration.
 - **Presidential terms** 1-1-1 explained to EONS members by responding questions why 1-1-1 changed to 2-2-2, emphasize on enough time for governance and handovers. Board Members terms will remain 1-1-1 with up to three years; applies for newly elected Board members starting in 2025.
 - **Clarification** provided on Nominating Committee establishment and purpose. Transparency needed in the Senior Advisor role – to be added to Bylaws as a clear term.
 - **Voting mechanics by raising hands:** order and counting (including abstentions) explained.
 - Comment received as feedback on previous EONS in person General Meetings possibility.

4) Voting results

- **Presidential mandate (term structure):** Motion voting to retain current 2+2+2 structure **PASSED**. 22 (twenty two) votes in favor, 2 (two) votes against and none votes abstained for this motion.
- **Voting took place on updated EONS Statutes (2025): PASSED**. 22 (twenty two) votes in favor, none votes against and 2 (two) votes abstained for this motion.
- **Voting took place on updated EONS Bylaws (2025): PASSED**. 22 (twenty two) votes in favor, none votes against and 2 (two) votes abstained for this motion.

Part II — News from EONS

5) Working Group Chairs — 5-minute updates each

- **Communication WG SC and CC:** EONS18 session planning; “Cancer calendar” awareness pieces; podcasts/blogs; guideline comms.
- Launch of CWG Agents (one per WG; backup optional) to source stories and support last-mile dissemination.
- Central Cancer Calendar to align awareness days, events, blogs, and social posts.

- Active pipelines for TouchOncology blogs and ECLIPTIC podcasts (season planning in progress).
- Planning a joint EONS/ECO YCP Roundtable (Feb 2026).
- Biannual review of CWG guidance (Social Media, Video, Podcast) with version control
- **Advocacy WG presented by MvK:** Cancer Nursing Index survey dissemination and next analysis steps.
- Safe Workplace Accreditation is open for applications; outreach to member societies.
- Promotion of Advocacy Toolkit and policy messaging alignment.
- **Research WG presented by GB:** Novice Research Dissemination Award TG established, applications closed.
- Early Career Research Grant applications closed July 31st.
- New review: *Experience and role of informal caregivers supporting cancer survivors' self-management* will start.
- TouchOncology blog prepared.
- Research Proposal Workshop took place in July in Portugal.
- Three new members welcomed, one member departing the WG.
- **Education WG updates provided by NHM and TPS:** Leadership: WMc departure, TPS now co-chair with MHN.
- **EDU-FRAME** TG: survey translations underway and launched; workshop at EONS18.
- **ECCN** TG: new co-chairs; Early Career Pathway to be finalized (Advanced/Enhanced levels) and completed on website.
- **ECLIPTIC** TG: pre-recorded sessions to release before in-person event in October (San Servolo); application reviewed, applicants notified.
- **Early Career WG updates presented by DP and IRM;**

- **Podcasts:** First recordings prepared; series cadence set to ~10 episodes/year (no August/December). Target 20–30 min per episode. Publication via Spotify + EONS website; back catalogue to be uploaded.
- **EONS18:** ECN session to spotlight next-generation leadership and practical career development.
- **Content pipeline:** Blogs monthly releases in preparation (ECN authors).
- **Webinars:** Three ECN webinars planned for Autumn 2025 (themes to align with Cancer Calendar and ECN career needs), dates to be announced.

7) ECND25 & EONS18 updates provided by HU;

- **ECND25:** ECND25 – European Cancer Nursing Day took place on Sunday, 18 May 2025, led by a main online campaign under the theme “Cancer Nursing Beyond Borders” (#ECND25BeyondBorders), and was preceded by Working Group meetings (16–17 May) and a Board meeting (18 May) in Athens. In-person activities in Athens, included WG meetings, a National Society Conference, networking/dinner events, highlighting the critical role of cancer nurses and strengthening connections across Europe. Huge thanks to the local Hellenic Oncology Nursing Society, TG Chair, TG members and all facilitators.
- **ECND26:** planning timelines and host engagement; callouts for collaboration, call to be open soon and information disseminated to EONS members.
- **EONS18 (Berlin):** EONS18 – **Compassionate Care in Cancer Nursing** (18–20 October 2025, Berlin, Germany) will bring together oncology nurses, researchers, educators, and healthcare professionals worldwide to integrate scientific advances with the humanistic side of nursing through scientific sessions, best-practice sharing, and innovation in cancer care delivery—welcoming late-breaking abstracts and providing an ideal forum for networking, collaboration, and shaping future cancer care.

8) Thank you & closing the meeting;

- HU thanked all participants and presenters and formally closed the meeting.