



## INVITATION

# HEALTHY AGEING AND ELDERLY CARE NETWORK

Eurodiaconia is pleased to invite members to the first meeting of the new Healthy Ageing and Elderly Care Network which will take place from 13h00 on the 28 June until 14h00 on the 29 June 2011. The meeting will be held at the Eurodiaconia offices in Brussels.

### Purpose of network:

The purpose of the network is to provide a forum for Eurodiaconia members to engage in policy discussions related to ageing and care for older people, feeding into Eurodiaconia's advocacy work, and to share experiences and best practice in care for older people.

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To discuss issues of common interest on elderly care and aging as identified by participants and plan future work, including potential co-operation projects in these areas.

To inform members about recent initiatives at EU level that relate to healthy ageing and elderly care.

To discuss potential Eurodiaconia actions to take, in terms of advocacy at EU level or activities with members in these areas.

Participants will learn what opportunities there would be for diaconal organizations to take part in transnational projects and identify potential project partners.

### European Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between generations 2012 (EY2012)

Participants will learn about the plans for the EY2012 and will discuss how Eurodiaconia members can make use of the year in terms of promoting services and advocacy for older people and intergenerational solidarity. A representative of AGE Platform Europe, leading the NGO coalition for EY2012, would be invited to participate in the discussions, as well as the Eurodiaconia secretariat involved in the European years in 2010 and 2011.

### European Commission funding programmes

Participants will hear about new Commission funding initiatives in the area of ageing, their areas of key interest to members and potential for diaconal organisations to get involved.

- ICT for Health, Ageing well and Inclusion in the European Commission's **Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP)**, European Commission's **Pilot European Innovation Partnership** on 'Active and Healthy Ageing'
- European Commission's Alzheimer's Strategy: **Joint Programming Initiative on Alzheimer's disease and neurodegenerative diseases**



## European Partnership for the Wellbeing and Dignity of Older People – “WeDO”

This project, for which Eurodiaconia is part of an “EU Coalition” aims at developing a lasting and growing European partnership of organisations committed to work together to promote the wellbeing and dignity of vulnerable and disabled people to prevent elder abuse through the promotion of quality long-term care (Dec 2010 – Nov 2012). The project seeks to develop: *A voluntary European Quality Framework for Long-Term Care* and a *European Partnership Guide* including recommendations for participatory quality development, control and labeling tools.

### Who can Attend?

The meeting is open to all persons working in Diaconia who are part of a network that is a member of Eurodiaconia. People who are likely to find it most interesting would be those working in the care sector for older people, or those involved in advocacy relating to care for older people.

### How does this fit into the strategic plan 2011 – 2013?

The seminar is specifically linked to Goal 1: Develop and enable membership engagement and partnerships, both internally and externally, that develop praxis and extend resources and Goal 2: Change through advocacy: create a network of competence to impact relevant policies at national and European level.

### What planned follow up is there?

This network will physically meet once a year. However, it is intended to continue exchange through an email based platform and web space where documents etc can be shared.

Eurodiaconia will take into account the outcomes of the discussions in its policy-advocacy work and keep members informed. Proposals for action/activities that come out of the meeting will be followed up. A mailing list of people interested specifically in social services will be developed providing more detailed, targeted information in addition to the E-news.

### Financial Information:

Limited Financial Support is available for this event and therefore financial support will only be allocated to participants coming from either Central or Eastern Europe or from minority church diaconia. Applications for financial support should be made when registering for participation in the meeting. However, no tickets should be booked or other arrangements made until the staff member responsible for the event has confirmed if financial support will be given.

Financial support will only be given to one representative per member organization.

### How to Apply:

Please complete the attached registration form and return it to the Eurodiaconia office by the 27 May. Please also complete the questions for additional topics to be added to the agenda. Based on this we will finalize the agenda.

For such a network to work we wish to have at least 10 participants. If there is significantly less than this we will not go ahead with the meeting. **We will confirm on the 1 June if this meeting will go ahead or not.**

For further information or for any questions please contact Laura Jones at the Eurodiaconia secretariat [laura.jones@eurodiaconia.org](mailto:laura.jones@eurodiaconia.org)

*Draft agenda follows*



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### DRAFT AGENDA

28 June 13h – 29 June 15h 2011  
Brussels, Eurodiaconia Offices, rue Joseph II 166

28<sup>th</sup> June

12h00-13h00 Lunch

13h00

**1) Devotion, introduction to the network and participants**

**2) Challenges and interests of member organisations**

What are the main areas of interest for diaconal organisations in the field of active ageing and elderly care?  
What are the trends and challenges for services in these sectors?  
Identification of priorities (*follow up to be discussed at the end of the meeting*)

**3) European Commission funding programmes**

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- European Commission's Alzheimer's Strategy: Joint Programming Initiative on Alzheimer's disease and neurodegenerative diseases

**4) European Partnership for the Wellbeing and Dignity of Older People – "WeDO"**

Presentation of project by lead organisation Age Platform Europe, Q&A

18h00 End of first day

19h00 Dinner

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29<sup>th</sup> June 9h30

**1) European Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between generations 2012 (EY2012)**

Update on the process, presentation of the 2012 Coalition's work and discussion of potential common activities  
Discussion on possible 2012 Eurodiaconia Award

**2) Building cooperation and next steps**

How could members increase cooperation in ageing and elderly care to meet the challenges identified?  
What topics would the network like to address in future?  
How would the network like to continue to co-operate outside of the meetings?

**3) Evaluation of meeting**

13h00 lunch

14h00 End of meeting and departures