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## EAHSA Board members present at Russian Senior Care Conference

EAHSA Board members Freek Lapré and Didier Sapy participated as expert speakers at the first Russian senior care conference. The conference took place on 31 March in St-Petersburg and was organized by Project 60+, supported by non-state pension fund Blagosostoyanie.

The event was co-organised by EAHSA-member SICUAP, first Russian Association of Companies in the Ageing Industry, and Russian Guild of Property Managers and Developers (RGUD). Didier Sapy, Executive Director of FNAQPA, presented the current situation in cooperation with the state in France and called for empowerment and creativity in the implementation of care, partnerships with local authorities, and paying attention to creating jobs and wealth. Freek Lapré, partner at Consultancy firm Movinex presented changes in the paradigm and practice of care in Western Europe. His advice to the Russian market is to not rely too heavily on the state as the primary funder of care and support services, and that there is a need to develop a variety of real estate formats and to take social, rather than the medical care model as a basis.

## EU Health Policy Forum starts new IT platform for stakeholders

**The new EU Health Policy IT platform has been developed with the ambition to facilitate communication between the European Commission services and the stakeholders on a more regular basis. The potential of the IT platform is to become a laboratory of ideas that stakeholders can use in creating thematic networks.**

The new EU Health Policy Platform is built upon three pillars supporting this platform: an IT Tool, regular meetings and a Biennial High Level Event and, thirdly, an EU Health Award. What is new about the regular meetings is that those are no longer restricted to a fixed list of stakeholders. The IT platform will not only be instrumental to the organisation of such assemblies, but will also keep the discussion going in-between the meetings. To join the Platform, [click here](#).



## MEMBERS' CORNER

### EAHSA Strategy seminar 27 May 2016 in Brussels

EAHSA is organising a strategy seminar on 27 May 2016 in Brussels for its membership. The seminar is open to all EAHSA members and will offer the opportunity to meet with EU policy makers and stakeholders and to discuss the EU ageing and long-term care agenda's.

You can register for this seminar by sending an email to [m.smeets@eahsa.eu](mailto:m.smeets@eahsa.eu) or to [secretariat@eahsa.eu](mailto:secretariat@eahsa.eu).

### EAHSA Boardmember Jiri Horecky elected as new President of E.D.E.

The European Association for Directors and Providers of Long-Term Care Services for the Elderly (E.D.E.) has elected EAHSA Board member Jiri Horecky as its President. "I have outlined four main goals for the E.D.E. in my candidacy speech", says Jiri. "One of them is to start a closer cooperation with EAHSA. That means not only to act in accordance with our mutual Memorandum, but to suggest, discuss and consider a far closer and more intensive cooperation and activity sharing. I will start these talks with the EAHSA president this summer and then I presuppose also joint meetings of both Executive Boards."

The ambition of the new E.D.E President fits into the framework of a Memorandum of Co-operation between, which envisages closer ties between both organisations.

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## EAHSA AWARDS 2016

For the second time, EAHSA will recognise an outstanding organisation and an innovative facility throughout Europe with the EAHSA Award. The award is entitled for a period of two years and gives a lot of (international) attention to the winners of this awards.

The 2016 EAHSA Award is calling for candidates in two categories: Best facility in Europe and Best organisation in Europe. These two awards recognize a facility and a provider organisation that demonstrates special or unique leadership, innovation and excellence to the sector.

Nominations can be sent in by 1st July 2016 to [award@eahsa.eu](mailto:award@eahsa.eu), with "Award Nomination" in the subject line. The Award Committee is formed by Christine Merzeder (Switzerland), Sébastien Bourbon (France) and Freek Lapré, Chairman of the Award Committee (The Netherlands). The award winners will be announced during the bi-annual EAHSA Conference on 22-23 September 2016.

### Check the EAHSA 2016 Conference website

For a full conference program and for registering, please check the [dedicated conference website](#).



### Online survey for EAHSA members

The EAHSA Secretariat has launched an online membership consultation. The results of the survey will help the EAHSA Board to better tailor services and activities to the needs of the membership. All members are called to answer to the consultation. Invitations have been sent to all members. In case your organisation did not receive an invitation and link, please [contact the EAHSA Secretariat](#).

# CALENDAR

## Events, seminars and conferences

Name	Date, place	Organiser
<a href="#">Pensions Age Spring Conference: From strength to strength</a>	28 April 2016, London (UK)	Pension Age
EAHSA Strategy Session	27 May 2016, Brussels (BE)	EAHSA
High Level eHealth Conference	6-7 June 2016, Amsterdam (NL)	NL EU President
EAHSA Bi-annual conference	22-23 Sep 2016, Lyon (FR)	FNAQPA/ EAHSA
<a href="#">19th European Health Forum</a>	28-30 Sept 2016, Gastein (AT)	EHFG
<a href="#">LeadingAge 2016 Annual Meeting</a>	30Oct–2 Nov 2016, Indianapolis (US)	Leading Age

## Call for interest for European Reference Networks

A call for highly specialised healthcare providers to establish European Reference Networks (ERNs) has opened, and will run until 21 June 2016. All relevant information and documents are available on the dedicated [web page](#). This 2016 ERN Call will be combined with a call for grants for ERNs included in the 2016 work plan of the EU Health programme limited to the approved Networks. Only ERN proposals positively assessed according to the legislation and the Assessment Manual for ERNs, and approved by the ERN Board of Member States would be eligible for receiving a grant.



## European Commission starts campaign to promote investments in age-friendly homes

DG Connect and DG Grow have taken the initiative to drive a European roadshow of interconnected Innovation Workshops engaging key stakeholders and thought leaders from the digital, construction, health/social care, finance, security and 3rd sectors in a dialogue. The overall aim is to engage national initiatives and key stakeholders in mutual learning, and explore the benefits of a Europe wide approach to leveraging the necessary investments into age-friendly digital homes. The results will inform development of a common “European Blueprint for Digital Innovation in an ageing society” and lead to a European reference framework for age-friendly digital homes. For more information, click [here](#).

## Numbers of doctors and nurses are growing

The number of doctors and nurses has reached record levels in the OECD. Countries should now reform their training and employment strategies to better respond to people’s changing health needs and also reduce their reliance on foreign-trained health workers from developing countries, according to a [new OECD report](#). Most of the growth has been driven by increases in student intakes in medical and nursing education and training programmes. Immigrant doctors and nurses have also contributed to the rise, with foreign-trained doctors accounting for 17% and nurses representing 6%.



## EAHSA participates in EESC public hearing on the rights of live-in carers

On 25 April, EAHSA has been participating in [the public hearing of the European Economic and Social Committee for its opinion on the rights of live-in carers](#). The public hearing - which will contribute to the opinion on the subject - elaborates on the human and social rights of live-in care workers in the context of labour supply and mobility issues. It will explore these issues in the interplay of labour and migration policies. At the hearing, EAHSA has presented its position statement on the health workforce and stressed the need for high quality training and structural and sustainable health workforce policies.