

Updates about the main developments of our association and other events that may be of interest.

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Dear EASSW Member, happy new year!

With this newsletter we want to update you about the main developments of our association and other events that may be of your interest.

Dear colleagues, members of the EASSW,

first of all, I want to thank you for the collaboration and contributions given to the work of EASSW during the last year. I am sure this successful cooperation will continue during this coming year.

2017 was very important! In partnership with our French partner UNAFORIS, we organised the *biggest European Conference of Social Work Schools*. Many of you gave personal contributions to this successful event and together we will continue with the tradition of providing, biannually, such productive gatherings. The next will be held in *2019 in the city of Madrid*. With the strengths of more than 300 members from almost all European countries, EASSW has the role to stimulate and to support the education of social workers in Europe. In this perspective, *we build partnerships* with our members and other relevant international organisations (UNESCO, ENSACT, Council of Europe, IASSW and others). EASSW also aims to provide possibilities for members to build mutual connections, to exchange informations and to establish partnerships. This was especially enabled during this year with the launching of our new *website*, with its numerous possibilities for networking. I also invite all of you to consider the



also start a *data collection* in order to have a better overview of the situation of social work education in Europe. The results shall be published in our publication "*Faces of Social Work Education in Europe*", that will be presented in June 2019, in Madrid. I invite you to send *us your suggestions* about how to improve the quality of our work, and on how to fulfill our main mission defined in our strategic plan as "to promote social justice and develop high quality education, training and knowledge for social work practice, social services, and social welfare policies in Europe". Soon we will start with the preparation for the celebration of *the World Social Work Day in 2018*. This will be our next chance to show the importance and strength of the social work profession in Europe as well as in a global context. I wish all of you a happy and successful New 2018 year.

Professor Nino Žganec

President of the EASSW

Paris 2017 EASSW Conference



Few closing notes about the **II EASSW Conference** held in **Paris** last June.

It was a success with more than 1000 participants, 430 papers presented. Beyond these satisfying numbers, it was an exceptional event for our French partners, who had one of the most important opportunity to create links beyond national borders and give a strong impulse for the academic recognition of social work, our French partner says. Final evaluation of the conference was very good, both from informal comments during and after, as well as regarding the final questionnaires.

The book of abstracts, slides, pictures and videos as well as the final evaluation are available in the conference website.

Here you can find abstracts book, slides and video of the Paris Conference

2019 EASSW CONFERENCE

Next **EASSW Conference** will be held in **Madrid**, in collaboration with the **Complutense University of Madrid**, which resulted as the winner of the public bid launched last year. It was not easy to decide amongst two great proposals. Shortly we will send exact dates and further information.



[Find out more](#)

"Faces of Social Work Education in Europe" - International Meeting in Koln

Thanks to the collaboration of the German Association of the Deans of Social Work Schools (FBTS), a very interesting conference was held in Koln, in connection with the EC meeting, **from November 7-9th, 2017**. Prof. Walter Lorenz held the opening speech and Eassw EC members presented their country situations.



[Here you can find out more about presentations](#)

Global Social Work: Spot on news

Call for contributions to the European Observatory: Promoting sustainable communities and sustainable development.

Deadline moved to January 31st, 2018

ENSACT, The European Network for Social Action, **hosts the European Observatory** of the Global Agenda on Social Work and Social Development, which provides a regular report on social work experiences and



input for the **Global Agenda for Social Work and Social development** and will be presented, together with reports of the other continents worldwide, during the Joint World Conference in Dublin, 4th – 7th of July 2018 <https://www.swsd2018.org/>

Social work practitioners, educators, policy makers and researchers in Europe are invited to send their experiences and practices related to 2017-2018 theme “Promoting sustainable communities and sustainable development”.

Submit your proposal to Ensact

2018 World Social Work Day

The 2018 World social Work day will be celebrated on the **20th March**, dedicated, for the second year, to **“Promoting Community and Environmental Sustainability”**, <http://ifsw.org/world-social-work-day-2018/>

As social work educators we strongly support this events, promoting students, users and teachers participation. We invite all of you to actively celebrate and disseminate this day.

In EASSW website you have also the possibility to advertise your school initiatives worldwide!

Pictures, videoclip, fanzines, and any other materials will give the **multicoloured picture of social work** students, scholars, users, educators and professionals.

Contact EASSW to publish your materials



IASSW New statement of Ethical Principles. Consultations open

belongs as regional member - has issued **the draft of the new statement on Ethical principles in Social Work**. IASSW has opened consultation worldwide for members.

We are happy to publish **IASSW announcement** and invite all of you to participate in the consultation.

Please note that consultations will end on the **31st January 2018**.

[IASSW announcement and invitation](#)



Membership

EASSW members are constantly increasing! Now we have more than 300 associated schools and dozens of individual members. We are differently spread in 35 countries (if you want to know which countries are represented, see more in <https://www.eassw.org/membership/list-of-members-schools/>).

On the new website you have the chance to **highlight your school membership** making it visible on the map of Europe. Please take a few minutes to complete your data.

Please ask to membership@eassw.org for any help you need.

Please do note that the website is new and there are still some bugs that we are working out. We need your collaboration and trials.

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Country Coordinators

To help members to have a stronger relationship with EASSW we have renewed the role of the **country coordinator**. The country coordinator is a member of the EC that has the task to support you and new interested Schools to become stronger actors in social



and information.

Country coordinators

"A sustainable future for social work education in Europe". The Special Issue is progressing

The **special issue** related to the Paris Conference is in process to be published on the **Social Work Education International Journal**.

More than 60 abstracts were received and selected, after a double review process, considering as criteria the quality of presentation, coverage of main streams of the conference and cross national interest. The special issue has **Nino Zganec, Teresa Bertotti and John Ward** as Guest Editors and will be published in late 2018.

Stay tuned!

Faces of Social Work Education in Europe: the project of a new book from EASSW

A publication aimed at tackling the diversity and the richness of social work education paths in Europe, with their links to the contexts and to professional practices, their differences and similarities, is planned for the next year. During the next year EASSW will start a collection of data that should enable a better insight to the situation and will be published in the book. Nino Zganec and Marion Laging, as editors of the book, welcome all your observations and suggestions. The book will be presented during the conference in Madrid, in June 2019.



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Education innovative project through small funding



EASSW supports projects designed to promote the quality of European Social Work Education, providing annually two grants of up to 6000€ as co-funding for innovative projects. The project network has to involve at least five EASSW member schools from at least three countries. There are two annual deadlines for submission of proposal: **February, 15th** and **September, 1st**.

If you are thinking to submit a proposal, you can find guidelines and all the information:
<https://www.eassw.org/project/eassw-project-funding-for-promoting-social-work-education>

From 2014 to 2017 EASSW has supported 9 projects. All **project reports** are available online.

[More about Project Reports](#)

Internal life of the Association



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The new EASSW Statute has been signed

As results of approval by the General Assembly in Paris, EASSW has now a new Statute. In November 2017 *the official versions of the new statute* have been registered to the notary in The Netherlands.



Resignation of the Vice President

due to unexpected workload in his new position and other global social work education projects. During the EC meeting in Koln, the possibility to activate an online election was thoroughly debated. The final decision was to postpone the election of the new vice-president to the next General Assembly in 2019. Reasons are mainly because of the time required to hold all the procedure.

For the transparency of the Association, the **Minutes of GA and EC meeting** are visible to registered members, on the "about" Website section.

[Here the new EASSW Statute](#)



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