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Leadership Messages

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

After a decade as an entirely voluntary network Eurocarers entered a partnership agreement with the European Commission in 2014 in the framework of the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme. This allowed us to establish a new professional secretariat in Brussels and to greatly increase our capacity as a strong knowledge-broker between carers, researchers and decision-makers across Europe. Arguably 2025 marked the beginning of the third phase of our development.

Stecy Yghemonos, who was Eurocarers' first employee, as well as its first Executive Director, resigned after ten very productive years. He left behind an organisation that is now recognised as a leading authority on carers and their contribution to the sustainability of European health and long-term care systems. During 2025 Eurocarers (co-)organised or was represented at almost 100 seminars, project meetings and events. The final part of Stecy's legacy was acquiring new philanthropic funding that will enable us to transform our efforts to build the capacity of carer-led organisations at national level, potentially beginning a third stage of our ongoing development.

In November, after an exhaustive selection process, Shannon Pfohman joined as our new Executive Director. She brings a strong track record in political advocacy and European NGO leadership. Throughout her career, she has worked on complex global and European policy issues ranging from migration and equality, social economy, innovation and social policy, including long-term care, as well as on international development and a just climate transition. Her understanding of the EU institutions as well as of policy processes and advocacy will be invaluable in leading Eurocarers into its next chapter.

I would like to thank my colleagues on the Board for the energy and expertise they have brought to our work over the past year and, in particular, to acknowledge the work of Andreas Hoff, Vice-President Research and Henk Nies, Treasurer. I would also like to pay a special tribute to Christine Marking who stepped down as advisor to the Board at the AGM. And to acknowledge the unfailing effort, expertise and commitment of our staff.

Last but not least, I would like to thank our member organisations for the work they do in supporting and affirming informal carers across Europe. Without each of those groups none of what is detailed in this report would be either possible or meaningful.



JOHN DUNNE
CHAIRPERSON

Leadership Messages

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Eurocarers community,

Reflecting on 2025, I am immensely proud of the resilience our network has shown during a year of significant transition. After more than ten years, Eurocarers has proved that its foundations are stronger than ever. Our mission to acknowledge and support informal carers in their everyday responsibilities remains our guiding light. 2025 was marked by a leadership change following the departure of Stecy Yghemonos after a decade of dedicated service. During the interim period, the Board and Secretariat worked tirelessly to ensure our EU and national level advocacy as well as our networking activities remained uninterrupted.

Having been selected to join Eurocarers in November 2025 is a great honour. Stepping into the Executive Director role, I have seen first-hand the commitment of the board and staff and the vital work the Eurocarers community network plays in making the invisible visible.

Together, we successfully delivered our 2025 Work Programme and achieved the planned outcomes, from high-level policy dialogues in Athens and Prague to our annual campaign and impactful work highlighting Europe's precarious reliance on migrant care workers and their link to informal carers.

In looking forward, my focus will be on further professionalising our operations, contributing to strengthening our network and ensuring that our evidence-based recommendations continue to shape a "carer-friendly" Europe.

Thanks for the very warm welcoı
and the unwavering commitment
carers across the continent.



SHANNON PFOHMAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mission and vision

Who we are Eurocarers is the European network representing informal carers and their organisations.

We bring together carers' organisations, research institutions and civil society actors working to ensure that informal carers are recognised, supported and empowered across Europe.

Our vision is a Europe in which citizens, civil society, industry, and public policy value informal and family carers as essential partners in a sustainable integrated long-term care ecosystem.

Our mission is to represent informal carers at EU level, reflecting the insights of national and regional carer organisations, informed by up to date research evidence, to disseminate European initiatives to national and regional carer organisations, and to support the development of effective carer-led organisations throughout Europe.

We thus endeavour to:

- Facilitate informal carers' participation to inform our advocacy and awareness raising efforts
- Advocate for carer-friendly policies and showcase carers' contributions and related good practices
- Promote research and innovation and ensure evidence-based policy recommendations
- Support our members through collaboration and knowledge-sharing

An informal carer is anyone providing unpaid care to a person with a chronic illness, disability or long-term care need.

Governance and network

BOARD MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

Eurocarers is governed by its Board and supported by a Secretariat, based in Brussels. In 2025, we relied on:

- 11 Board members, consisting of 9 representatives from Carer Associations and 2 from Research and Development organisations, spanning across 9 European countries, and
- held 6 Board meetings

The Board continued to provide strategic oversight, guide policy direction, and ensure alignment with the organisation's mission. 2025 marked a leadership transition.

In particular, under the leadership of the Chairperson, the Board maintained the smooth running of the organisation during the 2½ month period after Stecy Yghemonos left the organisation to pursue his new role, and before the start of Shannon Pfohman, Eurocarers' new Executive Director. The Board was also very active in this recruitment process.

At the same time the Board began advancing in developing a new Strategic Plan for the Network, the Secretariat initiated a review of Eurocarers' operating procedures. This will result in an Internal Policy and Procedures Handbook. An external evaluation was also commissioned to ensure our strategy remains responsive to the evolving needs of carers.



Governance and network

BOARD MEMBERSHIP ORGANIGRAM



John Dunne
Chair



Andreas Hoff
Vice Chair Research



Henk Nies
Treasurer



Michael Buynsters
Executive member



Georgia Casanova
Executive member



Emily Holzhausen
Executive member



Sebastian Fischer
Executive member



Laura Kalliomaa-Puha
Executive member



Ana Ramovs
Executive member



Marie Lenstrup
Executive member



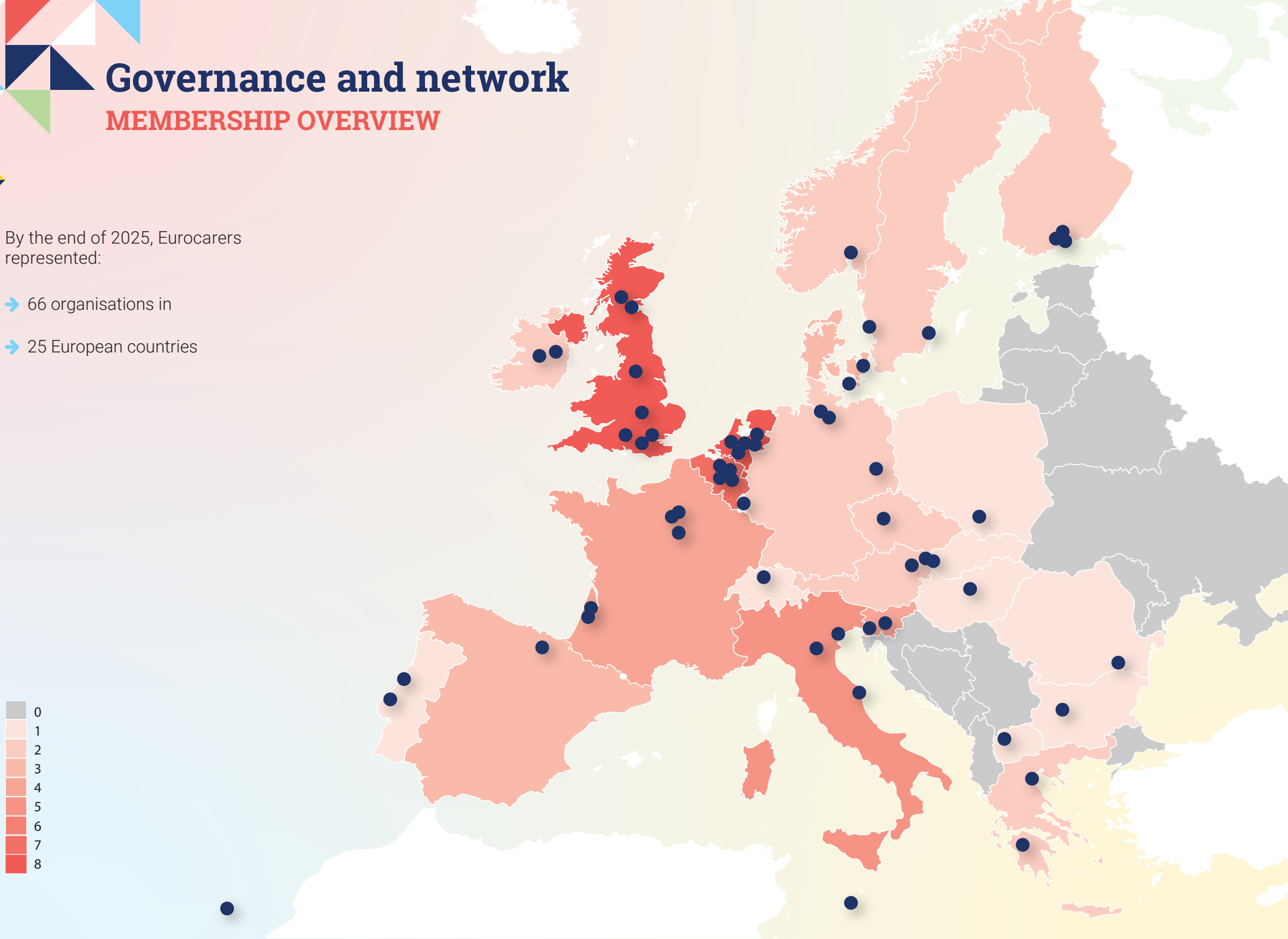
Iveta Zdilova
Executive member

Governance and network

MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

By the end of 2025, Eurocarers represented:

- 66 organisations in
- 25 European countries



Governance and network

MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

Eurocarers' network consists of the following member organisations:

AUSTRIA

Austrian Carers Organisation (Associate Member)

European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research (Full Member Tier 2)

BELGIUM

Aidants Proches Bruxelles (Associate Member)

Aidants proches Wallonie asbl (Associate Member)

HOGENT Departement Gezondheidszorg (Full Member Tier 2)

Jeunes Aidants proches Bruxelles

Magenta – KU Leuven (Full Member Tier 2)

Samana (Associate Member)

Steunpunt Mantelzorg (Full Member Tier 2)

BULGARIA

Alzheimer Bulgaria Association (Associate Member)

CZECH REPUBLIC

Alfa Human Service (Associate Member)

Diaconia of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren

DENMARK

Carers Denmark

Daneage (Associate Member)

Myra Lewinter, University of Copenhagen Department of Sociology (Observer)

FINLAND

The Central Association of Carers Finland (Full Member Tier 1)

FRANCE

Association Française des aidants (Full Member Tier 2)

Fédération Nationale des Aidants et Accueillants Familiales (Full Member Tier 2)

Jeunes aidants ensemble (JADE) (Full Member Tier 2)

Fondation France Répit (Full Member Tier 2)

GERMANY

GAT Institute for Health, Ageing and Technology, Zittau/Görlitz University of Applied Sciences (Associate Member)

wir pflegen e.V. (Full Member Tier 2)

GREECE

The Greek Association of Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders (Associate Member)

EPIONI, the Greek Carers Network (Full Member Tier 2)

HUNGARY

Institute of Mental Health, Semmelweis University (Full Member Tier 2)

IRELAND

Care Alliance Ireland (Full Member Tier 2)

Family Carers Ireland (Full Member Tier 1)

ITALY

Anziani e Non Solo società cooperativa sociale (Full Member Tier 2)

Associazione de Banfield – ONLUS ODV (Associate Member)

CARER ETS (Associate Member)

Istitut Nazionale di Ripose Cura per Anziani (INRCA) (Full Member Tier 2)

Governance and network

MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

NETHERLANDS

Henk Bakkerode (Observer)
Mantelzorg NL (Associate Member)
Marja Pijl (Observer)
MOVISIE, the Centre of Expertise for Informal Care (Full Member Tier 2)
The Netherlands Institute for Social Research (SCP) (Associate Member)
VILANS (Full Member Tier 1)
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Full Member Tier 2)

NORTH MACEDONIA

Community Development Institute (Associate Member)

NORWAY

The Norwegian National Alliance for informal Carers (Full Member Tier 1)
NTNU – the Centre for Care Research (Full Member Tier 1)

PORTUGAL

Cuidadores Portugal (Full Member Tier 1)

ROMANIA

DGASPC-S1 General Directorate of Social Work and Child Protection (Full Member Tier 1)

SLOVAKIA

The Chamber of Caregivers of Slovakia (Full Member Tier 2)

SLOVENIA

The Anton Trstenjak Institute of gerontology and intergenerational relations (Full Member Tier 2)
Simona Hvalic Touzery, University of Ljubljana (Observer)
The Slovenian Federation of Pensioners' Organisations (ZDUS) (Associate Member)
The University of Ljubljana (Full Member Tier 2)

SPAIN

ACUFADE (Full Member Tier 2)
Grupo SSI (Associate Member)
Martha Mackay (Observer)

SWEDEN

Carers Sweden (Full Member Tier 2)
The Swedish Family Care Competence Centre (Full Member Tier 1)

SWITZERLAND

Careum Stiftung (Full Member Tier 2)

UNITED KINGDOM

Carers Trust (Full Member Tier 2)
Carers UK (Full Member Tier 1)
CIRCLE (Centre for International Research on Care, Labour and Equalities), University of Sheffield (Full Member Tier 1)
Geraldine Boyle, the Open University (Observer)
Manchester Metropolitan University (Full Member Tier 2)
The Coalition of Carers in Scotland (Full Member Tier 2)
VOCAL – Voice of Carers Across Lothian (Full Member Tier 1)

Full Members are carers or research and development organisations. They define the policies, strategies and priorities of Eurocarers and continuously contribute to its activities. As such, they have full voting rights at General Meetings and can stand for election to the organisational structures in accordance with Eurocarers' statutes.

Associate Members are organisations that do not qualify as carers or research and development organisations, and yet have a predominant interest in the advancement of informal care. Associate members have no voting rights in Eurocarers and no right to stand for election to its organisational structures.

Governance and network

TEAM STRUCTURE AND ORGANIGRAM



Stecy Yghemonos
Executive Director
-> August 2025



Shannon Pfohman
Executive Director
November 2025 ->



Svetlana Atanasova
Project Manager



Giulia Lanfredi
Project Officer



Claire Champeix
Policy and Project Officer



Olivier Jacqmain
Senior Communication and Events Officer

2025 at a glance

VISIBILITY AND COMMUNICATION

Despite the leadership transition, the Secretariat staff - with the support of the Chairperson and Eurocarers' financial advisor - continued operations without a glitch.

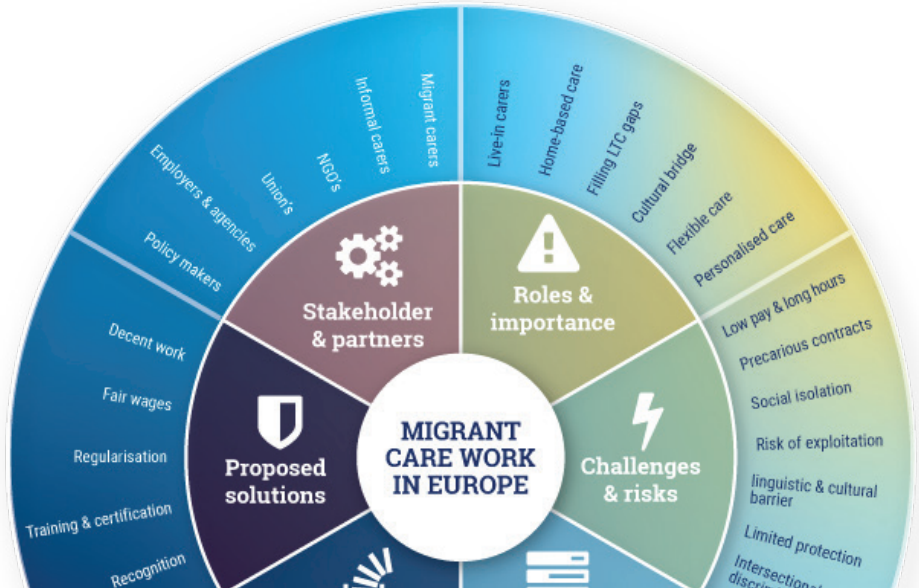
In terms of our visibility, we achieved:

- 90,000+ website page views
- 3,845 Social media followers, consisting of 998 on Facebook, 1,299 on X (formerly known as Twitter), and 1,548 on LinkedIn - with ~500 new followers
- On LinkedIn, 18,000+ impressions (with a 6,000 impressions peak on European Carers Day)
- 10 newsletters published
- 6 press releases issued

We also carried out our annual **European Carers Day Campaign with the 2025 theme: "Invisible No More: Let's See & Value Migrant Care"**.

- Our press outreach achieved ~1,000 contacts
- With the campaign on 6 October, we received 8,000+ website visitors in that month alone
- Our campaign material was made available in 8 languages (Bulgarian, English, Finnish, French, Greek, Italian, Slovakian, Spanish)





2025 at a glance

STRENGTHENING OUR NETWORK

A cornerstone of 2025 was our direct engagement with members. We strengthened collaboration across our working groups as well as through peer learning and national dialogues. Overall, we involved 287 participants and organised or co-organised 7+ events.

IN-COUNTRY POLICY DIALOGUES

- We co-hosted a high-level in-country policy dialogue with EPIONI in Athens on 6 October, bringing together 40 participants. It focused on enhancing mental health and the importance of collaboration between health systems and carers.
- We co-hosted a high level in-country policy dialogue with Alfa Human Service in Prague on 13 November, bringing together 48 participants. It highlighted the vital role of informal carers in sustaining health and social care systems.

EUROCARERS WORKING GROUPS

- We co-hosted the Eurocarers' Policy Working Group with the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research in Vienna from 10 to 11 April 2025, bringing together 29 participants representing 21 organisations from 14 European countries.
- We hosted the Eurocarers' Research Working Group in Vilnius from 9-10 October. The first day was a closed-door meeting with 23 ERWG members representing 20 organisations from 17 European countries. The second day was framed in a conference entitled 'Mapping Informal Care: Research, Policies and Practices in the Baltics and in Europe, which brought together 39 participants representing 30 organisations from 19 European countries.
- We co-hosted the Eurocarers Young Carers Working Group with the University of Applied Sciences Amsterdam and at Markant, the Amsterdam Carers Centre on 24 November in Amsterdam, bringing together 26 participants from 8 countries.

STUDY VISIT

- We hosted 13 participants from 10 organisations for a two-day capacity-building workshop on campaigning and communications in Brussels from 14-15 April. Members received training, for instance, on how to use digital advertising (Google/Meta) for amplifying EU and national campaigns.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

- We held the AGM in Bratislava and brought together 47 delegates from 33 organisations, enabling members to share insights on the realities of informal carers across Europe and the contextualisation of national policies and their implementation.

2025 at a glance

POLICY AND ADVOCACY

EASI / ESF+ PROGRAMME

Europe's ageing population and the rise of chronic conditions are placing unprecedented pressure on health and social care systems. Structural weaknesses, workforce shortages, and an overreliance on migrant and informal carers - predominately women - highlight a critical need for reform. Informal carers provide the majority of long-term care in the EU, often at the cost of their own health, financial security, and employment opportunities.

We believe that caring should be a choice, not a constraint. No one should have to sacrifice their education, employment or personal aspirations to provide care. By championing carers' rights and wellbeing, we contributed directly to gender equality and women's empowerment, helping to remove the barriers that disproportionately affect female carers. In the long term, this also helps to reduce the risk of poverty in old age caused by interrupted career trajectories - further disproportionately affecting women.

Against this backdrop, Eurocarers' successfully implemented the 2025 work programme, developed to underpin the delivery of our core activities in advocacy, capacity-building, networking, communication, and management. We benefitted from the financial support of the European Union programme for Employment and Social Innovation 'EaSI' (2021-2027) under the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+).

In line with the objectives of this project: "Advancing Rights for Informal Carers in Europe: From Recognition to Action", we implemented four work packages: policy and advocacy, capacity-building and networking, communication, and governance. Our goal was to support EU and national policy advancements by leveraging the expertise of our members to contribute to the European Pillar of Social Rights and its related Action Plan and contributing to the European Commission's work programme. Among others, we called for the recognition of informal carers, ensuring that care is treated as a public good rather than an invisible subsidy, and for an intersectional approach to policymaking to address structural inequalities. We encouraged our members to use the EU Semester to strengthen informal carers' advocacy and we focused overall on the recognition, rights and relief of informal carers, including young carers, particularly those facing poor health, limited career prospects, financial insecurity and social isolation. We engaged with carers' organisations, policymakers and professionals in health, social care, employment and education to shape care systems that are inclusive, sustainable and fair.

EU ACTION GRANTS

We also seamlessly implemented a number of different EU Action Grants stemming from different EU funding programmes, such as CERV, Erasmus+, European Research Council, Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe.

Projects and Programmes

EASI / ESF+ PROGRAMME

We strengthened recognition, rights and support for informal carers by advancing a carer-centred policy agenda across Europe. In 2025, we:

- Contributed to key **EU policy processes** such as the implementation and monitoring of the European Pillar of Social Rights and related Action Plan, the European Semester Process, the EU Care Strategy, the Work-Life-Balance Directive, the Child Guarantee, among others

- Responded to **4 EU consultations**: on the EU Anti-Poverty Strategy, the 2026-2030 gender equality strategy, reacting to a call for evidence on the new action plan on the Pillar of Social Rights, and finally, in response to the EP Consultation on reducing women's access to treatment and care

- Published **2 position papers**: one on on Supporting LGBTI Carers in Europe: Challenges, Key Lessons and Policy Insights and one on Integrating Migrant Care workers into European and National Long-term Care Strategies: Eurocarers' concerns and recommendations on Migrant Care Work

- Published an Annual Review on the **Situation and Needs of Carers** and updated **country profiles** (e.g. Lithuania, France, Spain, Italy)

- Disseminated **2 policy briefings** targeting member organisations: one on Supporting Young Carers in Europe: Policy Recommendations for Recognition, Support and Action and one on Using the EU Semester to strengthen informal carers' advocacy in your country

- **Collaborated with 45+ civil society organisations**, including with members of the Social Platform and the European Care Alliance to publish 4 joint statements: one calling on the new EU Commission to give space to its ambitions on long-term care, another calling for a strong Social Fund in the next EU Budget, another encouraging policy makers to keep what works: 8 success factors for a future ESF+, and finally one urging for decisive investments in care services: Call for earmarking of funds for implementation of European Care Strategy under the MFF 2028-2034.

- Participated in **100+ external events** and regularly gave speeches, such as on:

  - Women & Cancer '12 million reasons for action!': Recognising Women's cancer rights in the next EU gender equality agenda in Brussels, Belgium
  - Les rencontres nationales du réseau des aidants, Paris, France
  - 2nd Conference on Positive Longevity, Santa Maria Health School, Portugal
  - AGE Annual Conference 2025 - Intergenerational Solidarity in Europe Multistakeholder Dialogue, Leuven, Belgium
  - Empowering Families, Enabling Self-Determination, EASPD Conference in Turin, Italy
  - Virtual launch of the Training course for informal carers co-developed by WHO/European Commission and Eurocarers
  - Headway – A new roadmap in Brain Health: Focus Mental Health: Care, Cohesion, and Growth: Advancing Mental Health through the Wellbeing Economy, Brussels, Belgium

- Involved 287 participants and organised (or co-organised) **8+ events**, such as the hybrid Eurocarers Policy Working Group meeting in Vienna, Eurocarers Young Carers Working Group meeting in Amsterdam, the Eurocarers Research Working Group meeting in Vilnius, Eurocarers' Annual General Assembly Meeting in Bratislava, the in-country Policy Dialogue in Athens, the in-country Policy Dialogue in Prague, the virtual EP Champions for Informal Carers meeting, and a study visit on communication.

Projects and Programmes

EU ACTION GRANTS

We were also involved in 8 different EU Action Grants, drawing on EU funding programmes such as CERV, Erasmus+, European Research Council, Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe.

EOLINPLACE

EOLINPLACE (European Research Council)

We collaborated in this consortium by having a role in the Advisory Body, where we shared knowledge and experiences from our members regarding choices around dying, contributing to the classification reform for discerning diversity in individual end of life pathways.

ELDICARE (Erasmus+)

We addressed workforce gaps, anticipating future labour market needs, and updated skills and training systems in elderly care. In 2025, we:

- Developed updated Occupational Skills Profiles for elderly care practitioners
- Started designing modular, competence-based training curricula for upskilling and reskilling
- Strengthened communication and outreach through targeted social media campaigns

EQUAL-CARE (CERV)

We promoted gender equality in the care sector by addressing stereotypes, improving working conditions and strengthening the recognition of both formal and informal care. In 2025, we:

- Generated a strong evidence base on gender inequalities in care by contributing to research, data collection surveys and fostering stakeholder engagement
- Developed training tools and capacity-building resources to support more inclusive practices in the care workforce
- Led EU-level awareness and engagement activities, including a webinar series on gender and care

ESCAPE (Horizon 2020)

We developed and evaluated an integrated, patient-centred care pathway combining clinical, psychosocial and digital solutions for older people with multimorbidity. In 2025, we:

- Advanced the implementation of a blended collaborative care intervention across multiple European countries
- Supported the development and refinement of a digital health platform integrating patient and clinical data
- Contributed to dissemination and knowledge transfer activities, reaching approximately 40,000 stakeholders

Projects and Programmes

EU ACTION GRANTS

LAUREL (Horizon Europe)

We focused on producing an analysis of integrated long-term care solutions for the 27 EU Member States, building on a targeted data collection that identified relevant case studies in Europe. In 2025, we:

- Began drafting policy recommendations and actionable points for a Delphi study
- Expanded our communication and community activation efforts, especially by co-organising a series of webinars in which Eurocarers played a key role as both speaker and organiser
- Contributed to the Digital Maturity Assessment Toolkit which is to be launched in 2026

NEXUS (Erasmus+)

We contributed to strengthening links between research, policy and practice for young carers. In 2025, we:

- Developed training programmes and educational resources
- Supported youth workers and young carers' engagement

OUR VOICES (CERV)

We strengthened the participation of children and young people - particularly young carers - in decision-making processes at local, national and EU levels. In 2025, we:

- Established a strong evidence base on participation gaps affecting young carers and vulnerable children
- Developed Minimum Support Standards and training materials to support meaningful participation
- Launched stakeholder consultations and communication activities to engage key audiences

WELL CARE (Horizon Europe)

We contributed to improving the mental wellbeing and resilience of informal carers and long-term care workers by promoting effective care partnerships across Europe. In 2025, we:

- Presented WELL CARE at key European policy and research events, including a European Commission mental health event and the European Forum for Primary Care Conference
- Hosted the first EU-level Blended Learning Network session, bringing together diverse stakeholders to exchange knowledge and support project development
- Disseminated project results through targeted communication and engagement activities

Our Impact in 2025

TURNING ADVOCACY INTO RESULTS

EASI / ESF+ key result

In 2025, Eurocarers successfully shifted the policy narrative towards a more inclusive and carer-centred approach, positioning informal care as a standalone priority within EU policy discussions. Eurocarers strengthened its influence across policy, research and advocacy, while amplifying underrepresented voices and expanding its geographic reach. Through strategic engagement, evidence generation and communication efforts, Eurocarers contributed to greater visibility, inclusivity and recognition of informal carers across Europe.

ELDICARE key result

Eldicare 2.0 delivered a key milestone with the completion of updated Occupational Skills Profiles, providing a strong foundation for modernising the elderly care workforce. Building on this, the project advanced the development of flexible training curricula aligned with real labour market needs, while increasing visibility and engagement through enhanced communication efforts.

EQUAL-CARE key result

EQUAL-CARE significantly advanced understanding of gender inequalities in the care sector, confirming persistent structural challenges such as the feminisation and undervaluation of care work. The project laid the foundation for practical change through the development of training tools and awareness-raising activities, while successfully engaging stakeholders at both national and EU levels.

ESCAPE key result

ESCAPE made significant progress in implementing an innovative, integrated care model for older patients with multimorbidity, including the completion of patient recruitment for a large-scale clinical study. Despite delays linked to recruitment challenges and the complexity of multi-country implementation, the project successfully advanced its intervention and digital tools, while laying the groundwork for final data analysis and future impact.

LAUREL key result

LAUREL advanced on gathering valuable insights into regional differences of integrated long-term care provision in Europe, considering the needs of people dependent on help with daily living activities and also requiring permanent nursing care. The consortium made considerable progress in pursuit of identifying best innovative solutions in integrated long-term care services in the 27 EU Member States. The project also advanced on the development of a Digital Maturity Assessment Toolkit (DMAT), which aims to help organisations assess and improve their digital readiness, enabling the shift towards better integrated, person-centred services.

NEXUS key result

Via NEXUS, a training programme for youth workers on participatory research and policy engagement was delivered, focussing on ways to support young carers. The project developed and tested practical training materials, complemented by an online course to ensure wider use. Workshops and stakeholder activities informed policy recommendations. Overall, NEXUS strengthened youth workers' capacity to contribute to evidence-based policymaking, increased young carers' participation, and improved links between research, policy and practice.

OUR VOICES key result

OUR VOICES laid the groundwork for more inclusive and structured participation of young carers by combining research, practical tools and stakeholder engagement. The project developed concrete standards and training resources, while preparing the implementation of participation mechanisms across partner countries.

WELL CARE key result

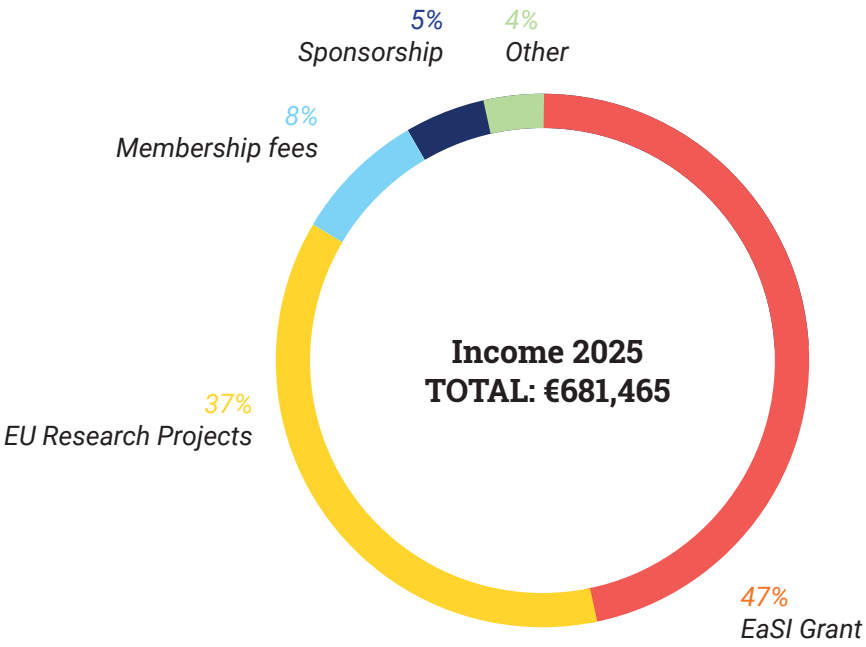
WELL CARE successfully translated research into practical tools to support carers and care workers. The project delivered a comprehensive guide to investing in care partnerships, alongside a report identifying 40 high-potential good practices across Europe. Together, these outputs provide actionable guidance to strengthen care systems and support the mental wellbeing of those at their core.

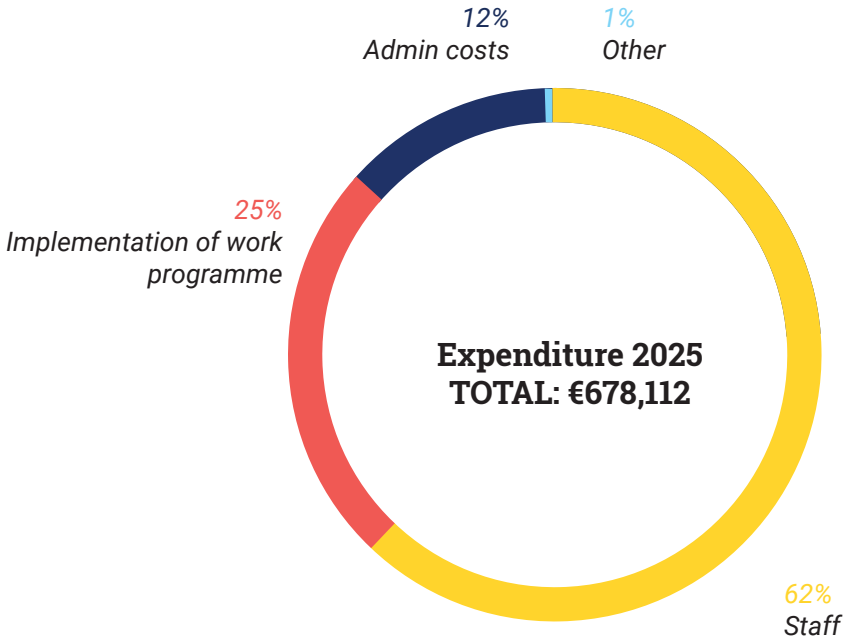
Financial Overview

In 2025, Eurocarers maintained a robust financial position.

Our main funding source was from the European Commission, covering a 90% "Rate of Use" for eligible activities under our EU operating grant via the EaSI/ESF+ programme.

The Treasurer's Report at the 2025 AGM confirmed the organisation's healthy financial status heading into 2026.





Acknowledgment of our funders

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We gratefully acknowledge the support of the **European Union**, whose operational grant through the EaSI/ESF+ programme makes our work possible. This is further supported by the different EU Action grants in which we are involved, which also are financed by EU funding programmes, such as CERV, Erasmus+, European Research Council, Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe.

We additionally recognise and thank our corporate sponsor, **Merck**, which contributed in 2025 with co-funding for our annual campaign and our young carers working group meeting.

FONDATION CHANEL

We further thank the **Chanel Foundation** for entrusting us with a three-year project, the contract for which was signed in October 2025, but due to the leadership changes only officially starts in 2026.

World Health Organization

We also value strategic partnerships, for instance, with the **World Health Organisation** (WHO) and for collaborating with us in developing and promoting training materials for informal carers.



Lastly, we thank **our members,** since it is thanks to their membership fees that we are able to contribute to covering the co-funding requirements of our operational grant.

Way Forward

As we move into 2026, Eurocarers stands as a strengthened, evidence-based research and advocacy network, ready to translate the lived experiences of millions of informal carers into robust European policies.

Dedicated to building carer-friendly societies, Eurocarers will continue to advocate for the recognition of carers as equal partners in long-term care, champion the reconciliation of care and work, and push for policies that protect the professional lives and financial security of those supporting loved ones.

TOGETHER, we are building a stronger, more inclusive future for informal carers across Europe.

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