



# Executive board working plan 2018

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# INTRODUCTION

Last year has been a year of change and success for EuroNet. After the new statutes were approved in Dublin, Board members and Leads were elected for the first time by National Commissions, moving away from the “rotation system” which was in place for 6 years.

The idea of changing the statutes was a bold decision made by our former president Fiona Cianci. One year after it has proved to be just what EuroNet needed. By electing the Board and Leads we have been able to be represented by some of the most motivated Public Health residents. Having an Executive Board has allowed the decision-making process to be shared between four people who have been working closely all year. This, alongside the outstanding leadership of the outgoing president, Damir Ivanković, has made 2017 the year when EuroNet has taken that step forward that we were looking for.

The successes of last year could be divided into two areas. Internally, engagement within the network has been better than ever, which has been reflected in record attendance to our meetings and in big landmarks achieved by our working groups, such as re-designing our website or increasing the number of internship positions offered. Externally, EuroNet has increased its visibility in Europe by working together with various organisations and being present at different international events. Just two of these examples include our participation in the European Public Health conference and in the European Health Forum Gastein.

The 2018 Board wants to keep the momentum. We are committed and motivated to continue with our expansion this forthcoming year, which will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the (unofficial) foundation of Euronet. In this Working Plan, we aim to introduce ourselves, to outline our objectives for this year and to explain how we will achieve them. We look forward to keep working with you and, of course, keep having fun...*Health To All!!!*

# THE TEAM

**President:** Alberto Mateo Urdiales

I'm a third year resident in the United Kingdom. This is my third year also involved in the network. After two years as vice-president, this year I will take the role of president. As president, I will be the official spokesperson of the association. I will represent the network during events and conferences, chair EuroNet meetings and schedule monthly teleconferences. As spokesperson, I will be the interlocutor for outside collaborations and partners of the network.

**Vice-president:** Matej Vinko

I am a third year resident from Slovenia. After leading the internship programme at EuroNet in 2017 I've decided to step up and join the executive board in hope to make 2018 as special and inspiring as last year. As vice-president I will help the president in finding collaborations and partnerships and expanding the network to new public health resident physician and trainee associations in Europe.

**Secretary:** Lilian van der Ven

I am a third year resident from The Netherlands. I have been involved in EuroNet for a little over two years now. Being the secretary in the 2017 Board has been a great experience that I look forward to repeating in the 2018 Board. As secretary, I will manage and archive administrative documentation, and compile minutes for the teleconferences, meetings and general assemblies.

**Treasurer:** Viola Del Prete

I am a third year resident from Italy. I joined EuroNet last year as a member of the Italian National Commission. The international experience has been exciting, so I decided to get more involved in the association. I hope to make a good contribution in 2018 being part of the Executive Board. As treasurer, my engagement will be to pursue a correct administration of the finances of the association, managing the bank account - in cooperation with the Legal Administrator - and looking for economic partnerships and sponsorships.

# WHERE ARE WE NOW?

## NETWORK

EuroNet's strategic structure is divided in Board members and Leads. Together, they ensure that the organisation and its working groups function properly:



As of December 2017, EuroNet has 9 member countries and individual members from 3 additional European countries. Full members are the national associations of residents in Public Health from Croatia, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain and United Kingdom. Three individual members come from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Malta, and Poland. Three of these countries (Slovenia, Malta and Bosnia and Herzegovina) have joined in the last year.

In 2017 EuroNet held meetings in Strasbourg (France), Motovun (Croatia) and Lisbon (Portugal). All meetings were composed of scientific sessions, EuroNet general assembly & working groups, and social programme. The winter meeting in Lisbon was hosted as a Scientific Congress. Good programme, good weather and good company attracted the biggest attendance in EuroNet history with 70 plus delegates.

There are, though, some aspects of our network we could improve next year. We can strive for more participation in EuroNet work from countries that, for various reasons, were not as active as we'd expected them to be in 2017. We also need to strengthen our Research activities to ensure that Working Groups deliver specific outputs in the form of published articles.

### **COOPERATION**

EuroNet values networking and cooperations. In past years we have partnered with a number of Public Health organisations and associations. Among our current partners are:

- Public Health Physicians of Canada
- European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)
- EuroNet Platform
- EUPHANxt
- The Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER)
- Child Family Health International
- South African Public Health Medicine Association
- European Forum for Primary Care

This large number of partnerships results from the dedicated work our members accomplish on the field. In 2017 medical residents in Public Health represented EuroNet in the biggest and most relevant European Public Health happenings. We were present at the European Health Forum Gastein and at the European Public Health conference in Stockholm, among others.

Partnerships allow us to establish meaningful cooperations. In 2017 we started to collaborate with ASPHER on a number of projects relevant to Public Health workforce development. We have also taken first steps in establishing a collaboration with EUPHANxt.

### **TREASURY**

Currently, the funds of EuroNet are represented by the annual fees that the National Associations pay by the end of each year. Despite some late payments, in 2017 the treasurer managed the budget successfully and was able to face all the expenses.

Most of the funds were used for Communication activities. This included printing a special edition of EuroNet's Newsletter for the European Public Health Conference in Stockholm in November 2017, together with stickers and leaflets, with the aim of making EuroNet an increasingly well-known reality not only on the main communication channels, especially social media, but in the whole panorama of Public Health.

# WHERE DO WE WANT TO GET?

Although 2017 was full of successes, we want to build on the work done and continue to improve and expand our network. Our aims for 2018 can be divided into three areas: the network itself, our cooperation with external partners and maintaining a sustainable treasury.

## **NETWORK**

In 2018, we want to carry on doing what we do best: networking. This means being the organisation that brings together Public Health residents across Europe. Specific aims in this area are:

- Have 3 successful meetings during the year.
- Increase the number of member countries.
- Work together with the leads to ensure that all the working groups are functioning effectively, with good rates of engagement.

## **COOPERATION**

EuroNet will continue to collaborate with Public Health organisations worldwide. We will look to strengthen ties with organisations we already collaborate with. We will also strive for new collaborations with organisations we have partnership agreements with. Our guiding principle in doing so will be "give what you can so you can get what you need".

Our specific objectives in this area include:

- Increase the number of partnerships (e.g. European Junior Doctors).
- Work with our existing partnerships on specific projects.

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## EURONET MRPH

- Work closely with young Public Health professional organisations (e.g. EUPHANxt and YFG). This includes joint working groups, collaboration in our respective meetings and exchange of communication.
- Continue working effectively with ASPHER on Public Health professionalisation.
- Promote Public Health as a career through European student platforms (e.g. EMSA).
- Ensure that EuroNet is present and visible at the most relevant Public Health conferences in Europe (e.g. EPH and EHFG).

## TREASURY

In 2018 the treasury will work to ensure that:

- All National Associations pay the annual fee, trying to fill the last delays.
- Expenses for the website and the Communication activities are bared without problems.
- The economic balance-sheet remains positive.
- We will look for financial partners in order to.
- Support the expenses for the scientific publications of EuroNet MRPH on the main Public Health journals.
- Reimburse to the members of EuroNet the expenses incurred to support the association at conferences and congresses.

The goal is to reach the objectives of the network, discussing the decisions with all the members of the Executive Board and supporting the decision of the President.

# HOW WILL WE GET THERE?

We know that our objectives are ambitious, that is why we have designed a plan to achieve them:

## **NETWORK**

- We will carry on organising and encouraging attendance to our monthly TC. We will evaluate which online platform is most suitable to host this monthly event.
- We will ensure that the three meetings are successful by supporting the organising committees. This includes operational aspects (e.g. accommodation and travel information) and strategic ones (e.g. deciding which lectures are most appropriate and trying to find the best speakers)
- We will expand the network by contacting key residents who we already know in some European countries (e.g. Cyprus and Romania). We will also use the list of European countries with Public Health training programmes (can be found in the EU Directive 2005/36/EC) to find and contact Public Health residents across Europe.
- We will monitor the work done in each of the Lead areas using the monthly TC feedback. We will also regularly contact the Leads and the leaders of WGs to receive more detailed feedback and to support them in anything they need.

## **COOPERATION**

- We will increase the number of partnerships by contacting key residents who we already know in some associations (e.g. New Zealand Public Health residents). We will also approach relevant European Public Health associations (e.g. European Junior Doctors) via email. Finally, we will use our partners' resources (e.g. EPHA's list of members) to find new organisations who could become our new partners.
- We will approach new and existing partnerships to collaborate in common projects, following the example of ASPHER's professionalisation WG. We acknowledge that we won't be able

to create several WGs due to capacity issues, but we can use the expertise of partners to collaborate with us in our new WGs.

- We will approach Sarah McQuinn (president of EUPHANxt) and Rafaela Tripalo (in charge of YFG). We already know both of them. We will ask how we can collaborate together. We will encourage EuroNet members to join EUPHANxt and YFG activities and we will advertise our activities through their networks. We will also invite members of both organisations to attend our meetings.

- Our project with ASPHER is one of EuroNet's milestones. We will support Joanne McCarthy (WG lead) and the members of the WG to ensure that deadlines are met and that we produce good quality outputs.

- We will work with the Communication WG to produce promotional materials in the form of posters and a video. We will contact EMSA to distribute this material across European universities.

- We will ensure that EuroNet members submit abstracts to the EPH conference and apply for the YFG. We will contact ASPHER to explore funding places for EuroNet members for the EHFG. We will prepare a strategy before each conference to plan how we can be most visible and how we can get the most out of these events. We will submit articles to the relevant European Public Health Journals (e.g. EJPH) about our work and our vision of how the future of public health in Europe should look like.

## TREASURY

- In order to guarantee the payment of the annual fees by the National Associations, every 2 months the treasurer's office will send them an email as a reminder.

- Based on the expenses incurred in 2017, we will allocate a specific budget to the Communication field.

- A strong control of expenditures, that should be constantly justified, will ensure that EuroNet could deal with each expense necessary for the aims of the network, in order to maintain the positive balance of the budget.

We will look for partners among public institutions (universities, public health schools and institutes) and other association engaged in the wide field of the Public Health in a non lucrative purpose, like ASPHER, also considering banks and insurances with a financial union profile.

# HOW WILL WE KNOW WE GOT THERE?

Finally, we have created a table to show our objectives and where anyone can look that they have been achieved. We believe this is important to ensure accountability of our work:

	Tasks	Reporting
<b>Network</b>		
1.1	Networking (Monthly TC and day to day work)	<i>Minutes of the monthly TC</i>
1.2	Having three successful meetings	<i>Meeting reports Evaluation forms</i>
1.3	Expand EuroNet by at least one country	<i>Newsletter</i>
1.4	Map countries in European region with public health residency/training programmes	<i>Newsletter</i>
1.5	Working Groups are working effectively	<i>Minutes of the monthly TC</i>

	Tasks	Reporting
<b>Treasury</b>		
2.1	All fees are paid without delay	<i>Treasurer report</i>
2.2	Budget for communication	<i>EuroNet international conferences involvement strategy</i>
2.3	Positive balance-sheet	<i>Treasurer report</i>
<b>Cooperation</b>		
3.1	Increase number of partnership by at least one	<i>Newsletter</i>
3.2	Draft a collaboration plan with overseas partner	<i>None</i>
3.3	Implement EUPHANxt collaboration	<i>EuroNet meeting</i>
3.4	Attendance to EPH and EHFG	<i>Conference reports</i>
3.5	Public Health promoting materials	<i>EuroNet website</i>