



Terms of Reference for EONS Working Groups

Advocacy working group

September 2022

Membership

Members	Date Started	End of current term
Working Group Chair Merel van Klinken	September 2022	First term ends September 2023
Working Group Co-Chair Helena Ullgren	August 2017	Last term ends August 2023
Working Group Members		
Fernanda Conceição	May 2018	Last term ends May 2024
Merel van Klinken	December 2016	New term as chair from Sept 2022
Dimitrios Protogiros	June 2018	Second term ends June 2022
Julio de la Torre	April 2021	First term ends April 2023
Gianluca Catania	April 2021	First term ends April 2023
Ana Rita Dias	May 2022	First term ends May 2024
Grazyna Suchodolska	May 2022	First term ends May 2024
Nuno Salgado	May 2022	First term ends May 2024
Lena Sharp	November 2019	November 2023

How we work

Working group members are selected from EONS members who put themselves forward for working in the group when opportunities arise. Each working group is managed by an EONS Board Member (the Chair of the Working Group) and a Co-Chair who is selected from the group. Working group members are expected to remain for a minimum of two years and may be re-elected to the group three times in a row. After six years in one group, that member may not be re-elected but may move to a different working group if there is an opportunity to do so, when her/his terms start again. The working group chairs will after the end of a members term decide with member if wishing to prolong up until a maximum of six years.

In exceptional situations, to ensure the sustainability of a working group, the working group chairs can propose extension of a working group members term by up to one term (2 years). The working group chairs must bring this proposal to the board for approval.

Working groups will review membership once approval is sought and terms of reference of the group each year.

Scope of Work

All the Advocacy working group's planned projects and actions will be in line with the EONS' 2018 to 2023 Strategic mission, vision and values as outlined below. The Advocacy Working Group

commits to pursuing activities that contribute towards the achievement of the EONS Strategic Goals as outlined in the 2018 to 2023 Strategy.

EONS Strategic Objectives All strategic goals are equal and assume no hierarchy. By the end of 2023, EONS will have achieved the following:	Advocacy Working Group Objectives	Advocacy Working group Actions
1. Cancer nursing is recognized across Europe for its positive impact on the lives of people affected by cancer through C.A.R.E. – Communication, Advocacy, Research, Education and YCN	By the end of 2023, the WG will have explored and described cancer nursing education and how it is regulated for all EONS member countries.	Continue to describe and present differences in cancer nursing education across Europe through the Cancer Nursing Index 2022, safety questionnaire etc.
2. All cancer nurses have access to specialized education that is aligned with the EONS Cancer Nursing Education Framework.	By 2023 the EONS Cancer Nursing Education Framework will be implemented in minimum 10 EU member states – to get the status of a Common Training Framework in EU	The AWG will continue to have an active role in EONS work to identify and support national cancer nursing organizations to improve education and career possibilities, using EONS Education Framework and other tools.
3. All cancer nurses gain official recognition, reward and respect as a result of the RECaN and advocacy campaigns.	By the end of 2020, EONS Advocacy WG will be trained and experienced advocates and all should have had online or face-to-face training	Continue to offer advocacy training for new AWG members. Advocacy tool kit Offer advocacy support to other WGs and Board
4. All cancer nurses are connected in order to exchange and	By the end of 2022 present a toolkit for all nurses to become advocates	Develop an Advocacy tool kit

<p>share information and support for their work.</p>	<p>Raise awareness and influence policy on the importance of cancer nurses working conditions and the impact on occupational and patient safety.</p> <p>Being the point of reference by collecting information related to oncology policy/legislation and cancer nursing and using this data seek to influence.</p>	<p>Cancer Nursing Index 2022. Workplace accreditation (work in progress).</p> <p>Safety webinars</p> <p>Having an active role in the development of EUs guidelines on handling hazardous cancer drugs</p>
<p>5. EONS facilitates, leads and promotes collaborative cancer nursing research across Europe.</p>	<p>Have an action role in cancer nursing research in collaboration with other WGs.</p> <p>Lead the work and submit at least three scientific papers related to Advocacy by December 2023.</p>	<p>PrEv-can (Focus group study among vulnerable groups)</p> <p>Further analysis of EONS Patient and occupational safety questionnaire (for scientific publication)</p> <p>In 2023, analyse and compare Cancer Nursing Index Index data (2020 and 2022) for scientific publication)</p> <p>EJON Publication on cancer nursing development in Europe</p>
<p>6. EONS leads EU-wide advocacy initiatives at EU policy level.</p>	<p>Continue to advocate for cancer nursing on European level.</p> <p>Identify and collaborate with the European stakeholders that deal with issues of concern to EONS, cancer nurses and people with cancer</p>	<p>PrEv-can</p> <p>EONS work-place accreditation tool</p> <p>Be involved in the development of EUs Beating Cancer Plan</p>

7. EONS provides evidence-based advice to people and organizations affected by cancer on healthy lifestyles and cancer prevention	Advocate to healthier working environments, health looking behaviors and the role of oncology nursing on prevention	PrEvCan Collaborating with IARC in the development of their online cancer prevention education
8. Establish and strengthen collaborative relationships with other partners with a specialization in cancer care?		Contribute to EONS general objective when appropriate.
9. Supporting the Young Cancer Nurses (YCN) Group	To raise awareness of the specific needs of YCNs	Actively collaborate with the YCN network and support their activities (webinars, twitter chats, mentoring program, etc)

EONS' mission, vision and values

Mission

EONS is an umbrella organization providing leadership in all areas of cancer nursing, research, practice, continuing education, communications and advocacy for better recognition of cancer nursing across Europe. Our mission is to ensure that all people affected by cancer benefit from the care of highly educated, well-informed and competent cancer nurses.

Vision

Our vision is that cancer nursing will be recognized by the cancer community, national and European level policy makers, as a profession with specialized training and qualifications available across the continent. Working conditions for cancer nurses will be optimal, providing a commensurate financial income as well as protecting and promoting individual well-being. We anticipate that this will produce a relatable improvement in the health and clinical outcomes for people affected by cancer. Finally, we envisage that all our members will become confident and empowered cancer nurses operating as leaders in research, practice and education within multi-professional teams.

Values

The core strength of EONS comes from our members. We recognize the diverse aspects of nursing across Europe and strive for equality for all cancer nurses regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation or disability. The improvement of patient safety and better clinical outcomes for cancer patients and their families is central to our work. The society firmly believes in working in partnerships across sectors and professions who share our goals and values.

Minimum Working Group Member Requirements

The EONS Working Groups are the drivers of EONS' strategy, projects and key to its survival. For the 2018 to 2023 strategy period, Working Groups will hold two face-to-face meetings per year and teleconference calls, the volume of which will depend on the Chairs, Vice-chairs and number of activities. In order to remain a member of any of the EONS Working Groups, all members must commit too:

- Attending one face to face meeting per year at least
- If there is a working group meeting before the EONS Annual Meetings and Congress, working group members are required to stay on for the Annual Meeting and Congress attendance is warmly encouraged.
- Participating in at least 50% of all the working group teleconferences and at least one of the group activities.
- Signing the EONS Conflict of Interest form on an annual basis.

Specific Working Group Member Requirements

To be active in one or more of the Advocacy main task groups (Education/Advocacy).

Securing that professional activities as member of the AWG shall be conducted in accordance with the ethical principles, mission, vision and values of EONS.

Promote the work of the AWG and EONS.