

## The European Social Work Research Association (ESWRA) is a non-governmental organization founded in 2014.

ESWRA's mission is to bring together scholars and practitioners to develop and exchange new knowledge that may support social work policy, practice and education, and that contributes to enhancing social justice, solidarity and human rights. ESWRA's mission is to foster and promote social work research that distinctively:

- aspires to high scientific standards
- is guided by issues that arise in and impact upon everyday social work practice
- recognises, connects to, and integrates different kinds of knowledge, informed by research and experience

## Goals of the association

### BENEFITS

To promote social work research which will have beneficial consequences for practitioners, service users, educators, researchers, graduate students, and those responsible for service development and delivery.

### HIGH STANDARD OF RESEARCH

To foster and maintain the development of high levels of social work research and knowledge production across the European community.

### RESEARCH CAPACITY AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

To enhance both capacity and learning opportunities within and across Europe.

### RESEARCH METHODS FOR SOCIAL WORK

To provide an environment for the application of research methods and approaches by those from a wide range of disciplines within and beyond the social sciences, in forms which have relevance for social work practice and research.

### NETWORKS AND COLLABORATION

To build and work with networks of social work researchers within Europe and actively foster links between European and wider international research networks.

“The existence of ESWRA is important because it says to the public, to the policy makers, that there are serious people thinking serious things...”

**Philippe Keraudren**

Directorate General for Research and Innovation  
European Commission  
In memoriam



Find out more and become an ESWRA member at [www.eswra.org](http://www.eswra.org)



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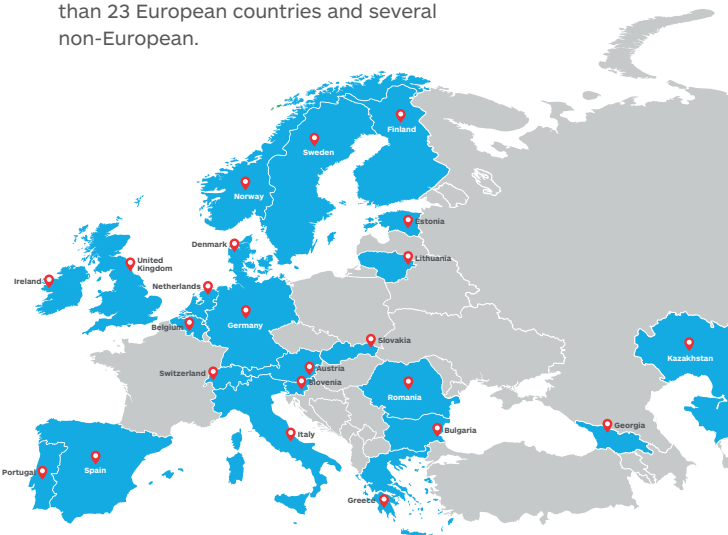
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## ESWRA membership

ESWRA membership has grown considerably with now well over 400 members drawn from more than 23 European countries and several non-European.



### ESWRA MEMBERSHIP

- Networking with other researchers
- Membership of Special Interest Groups
- Online access to the European Journal of Social Work
- Regular member news

## The European Conference for Social Work Research

The European Conference for Social Work Research (ECSWR) is the biggest annual social work event in Europe. Over 350 delegates participated at the 2017 conference hosted by Aalborg University in Denmark. The 8th ECSWR this year is hosted by Edinburgh University; the expected attendance is 500+. The 9th ECSWR in 2019 will take place in Leuven, Belgium and will be hosted by a consortium of universities comprised of KU Leuven, Ghent University and the University of Antwerp.

## Recent developments

### WORKING GROUPS

Three Working Groups set up in 2017 have been active in building opportunities for knowledge exchange networking, enhancing resources available to members and developing good relationships within the membership and externally. Examples of their initiatives have been:

**Special Interest Group Working Group:** has provided funding to 5 Special Interest Groups to facilitate additional activities to support collaboration and networking.

**Communications Working Group:** has further developed ESWRA's relationships with the European Commission and the European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities, to strengthen the voice and visibility of social work research at European policy level.

**Resources Working Group:** has focused on enhancing the depth and breadth of the resources that ESWRA offers its members; including the well-received 'ESWRA Listen' series, A thought-provoking, collection of recordings and podcasts by key social work researchers.

### ESWRA PUBLISHING

ESWRA has launched a new book series 'Research in Social Work' published by Policy Press. The series will form a collection showcasing some of the best social work research in Europe. Books published as part of the series will examine current, progressive and innovative research applications of familiar ideas and models in social work research.

### SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

ESWRA has 15 Special Interest groups these Groups enable ESWRA members to network and collaborate on specific issues. The groups meet at least once a year and regularly share information and discussions on line. SIGs are independent and dynamic groups within ESWRA. Each year at ECSWR SIGs have organised their own Pre-conference events, and this year several publications have been produced as a result of SIG activities and collaborations.

## ESWRA finances January – December 2017

### ESWRA INCOME 2017

Membership fees	€25,600
Conference fees	€146,400
From reserves	€24,000
<b>Total income</b>	<b>€196,000</b>

### ESWRA OUTGOING 2017

Conference	€137,600
Journal	€4,300
Office	€21,700
Board	€12,500
SIG support	€4,000
Website	€4,000
Accountancy	€4,200
Transfer costs	€5,000
Other	€2,700
<b>Total outgoings</b>	<b>€196,000</b>

## ESWRA Board and Officers

ESWRA is run by a Board elected by its members. There are 15 members of the Board. Current ESWRA Officers are:

### CHAIR

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