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EUFAMI NEWS

Vacancy for a Communications Officer

EUFAMI is looking for an experienced storyteller to develop, implement and monitor a communications strategy in support of our programmes, projects, advocacy & campaigns and of our fundraising efforts. The Communications officer is to improve our external and internal communications with an emphasis on analyzing and optimizing the impact of our online presence and on fundraising. This will include a strong focus on content management across the board of our communication outputs (websites, facebook, twitter, linkedin, publications, campaign materials, monthly newsletter, annual report, etc). The role will also include leading specific communications projects such as our 25th Anniversary celebrations and ensuring stronger membership engagement across our communications. You can find a full description of the role, a person specification and the application procedure [here](#).

Season's Greetings

EUFAMI's board members and staff wish all family carers, friends, co-workers, and followers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May you and your family be blessed abundantly.



FROM THE EU

Annual Growth Survey 2017

On the 8th of December, the [EU health ministers welcomed](#) the Commission's annual growth survey for 2017. The [Annual Growth Survey 2017](#) outlines the most pressing economic and social priorities on which the European Union and its Member States need to focus their attention in the coming months. The health ministers shared the Commission's view that health systems should become sustainable and cost-effective.



EVENTS

European Psychiatric Association event

On the 9th of December, our vice president, Martine Frager-Berlet attended the [European Psychiatric Association's event](#) in Brussels which aimed at creating synergies for better health in Europe. She highlighted



European Federation of Associations of Families of People with Mental Illness
Europese Federatie van Familieverenigingen van Psychisch Zieke Personen
Fédération européenne des Associations de Familles de Malades Psychiques
Europäische Föderation von Organisationen der Angehörigen psychisch Kranker

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among many things the need for increasing support for family caregivers and for better policy implementations on the member state level.

Excellence in Paediatrics conference

From 8th to 10th of December, our Secretary general, Aagje Ieven attended the [Excellence in Paediatrics](#) conference in London giving a presentation titled "Supporting families to foster adolescents' mental health: awareness raising & prevention, detection & early intervention, communication & carer support". The next day she visited our English member, [RETHINK](#) in their London office.



RESOURCES

Despite the progress, still much to be done for mental health, says Julia Ward MEP

Julia Ward, MEP wrote an [opinion piece in the 'Parliament Magazine'](#) emphasizing the affects our socio-economic environment has on our mental well-being. She argues for an 'all of society' approach which would allow us to tackle negative impact gender inequalities have on mental wellbeing for women. She further notes that there is a need to take a lifespan approach, promote education at all levels and address the impact of emerging technologies and the internet has on mental health. EUFAMI welcomes and considers these potential initiatives to be the first steps to challenge stereotypes around mental health and wellbeing.

Next of kin's experiences of involvement during involuntary hospitalisation and coercion in Norway – research article

The '[Next of kin's experiences of involvement during involuntary hospitalisation and coercion](#)' study conducted in Norway showed that the involvement of family members of persons with severe mental illness is still far from satisfactory. Just as our [C4C](#) survey has shown the next of kin in the study felt neglected, unappreciated and dismissed. The paper discusses possible reasons for the gap between public policies and practice which deserve more attention.

COMING UP

- 27-28 February 2017 - JA-CHRODIS Final Conference
- 6-9 March, 2017 - 7th World Congress on Women's Mental Health Rights in Dublin, Ireland
- 1-4 April, 2017 - 25th European Congress of Psychiatry – "Together for Mental Health" in Florence, Italy – President Miia Männikkö speaking.
- 19-22 April, 2017 - 18th WADP congress on "Creative processes in psychotherapy"
- 11-14 May 2017 - 4th European Festival for Psychiatric Nursing: HORATIO and MAP
- 28-31 May 2017 - 2nd International Young Carers Conference in Malmö, Sweden
- 9-11 July 2017 - 17th International congress of ESCAP in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 30th August - 3rd September 2017 - 2017 International conference on psychosis, Liverpool, UK
- 2-5 September - 30th ECNP congress in Paris, France
- 20th-22 September 2017 - The 8th International Stigma Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark
- 5-7 October 2017 - Conceptualizing, measuring and influencing context in mental healthcare: from individual to society, ENMESH in Groningen, Netherlands
- 8-12 October 2017- XVII World Congress of Psychiatry in Berlin, Germany, President Miia Männikkö speaking

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