



# Introduction

## *EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN AGEING SERVICES (ECREAS)*

**Long Term Care Conference**

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# Introduction ECREAS

Growing need for:

- Exchange of best practices
- Identifying relevant (academic) applied research in the ageing sector
- Basis for:
  - education programmes
  - relevant innovative concepts and instruments for practice
  - support by expert consultants in implementing innovations and formulating EU grant applications

# Ultimate goals ECREAS

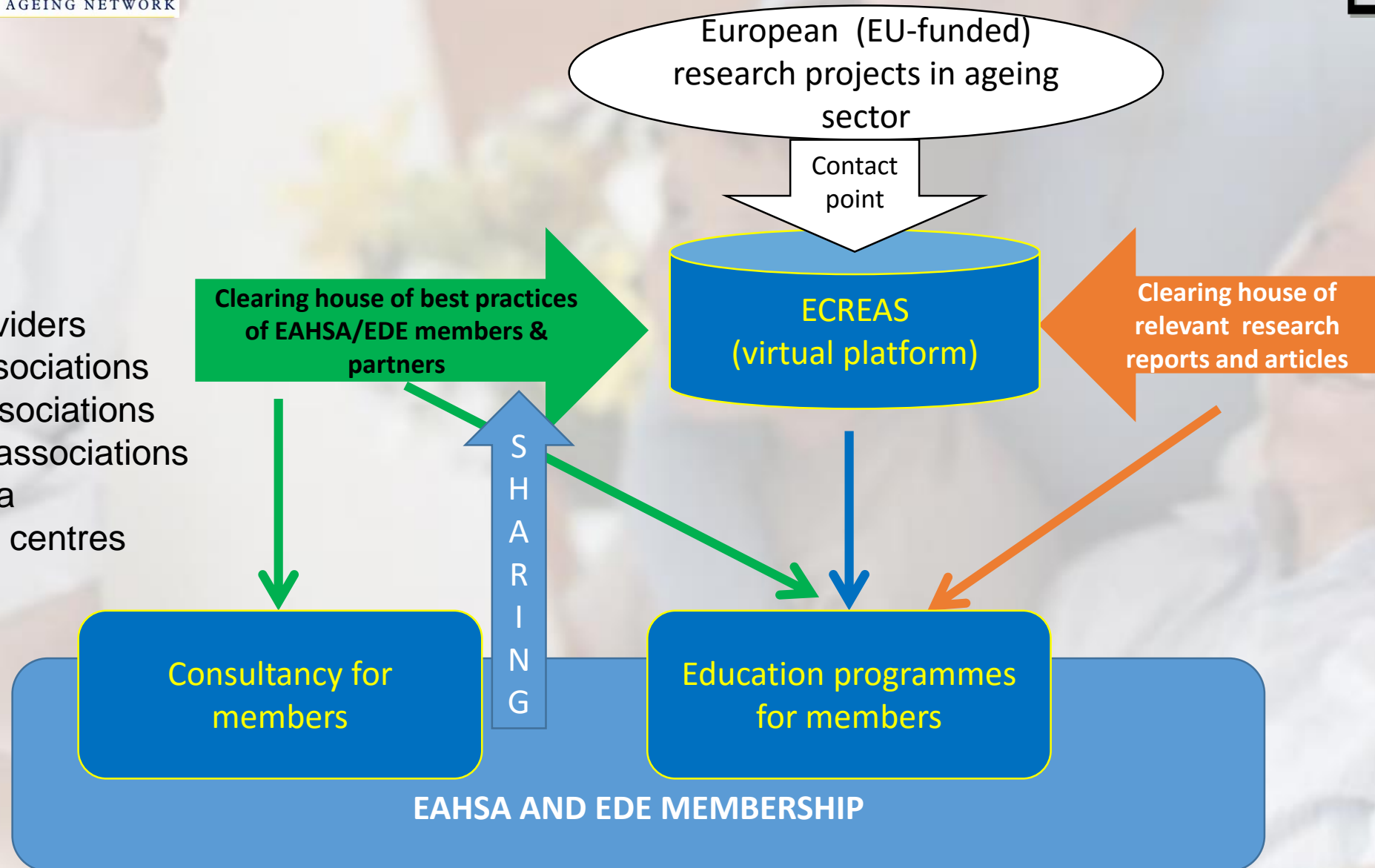
- Improving the quality of life experience of vulnerable old people
- Improving the work satisfaction of staff
- Improving the quality of care and services
- Create a learning community among EAHSA and EDE members



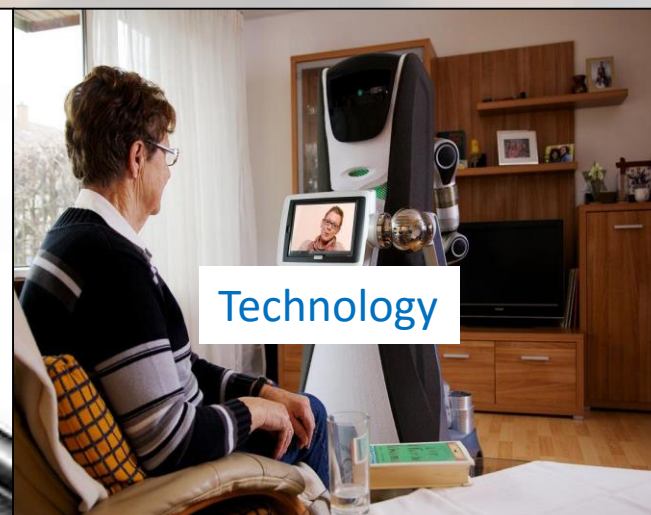
# The concept of ECREAS

## Partners:

- care providers
- client associations
- nurse associations
- medical associations
- academia
- research centres



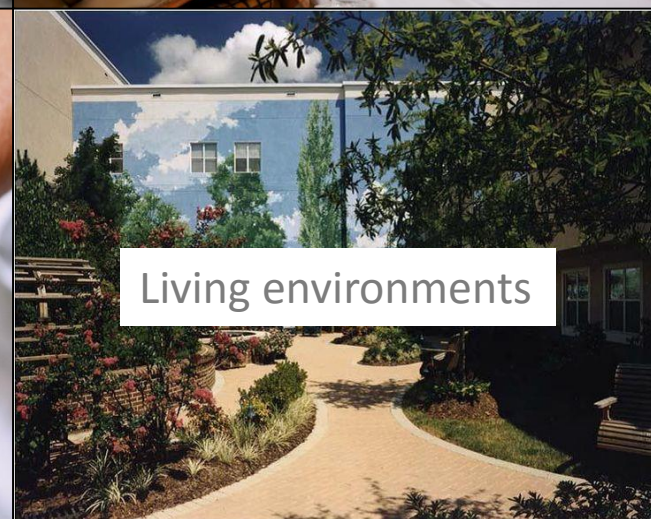
# Themes ECREAS



Technology



Workforce



Living environments

# Domains ECREAS

- Exchange of best practices: accessible for members via website
- Research: influential research articles and research reports from research institutes. Focus on management and operations research (applied research). No research by ECREAS.
- Education: information and reference point for conferences and specific trainings by EAHSA/EDE or affiliates.



# The services to EAHSA and EDE members

- Clearing house function:
  - Best practices
  - Applied research articles
- Education programmes
- Consultancy teams of experts





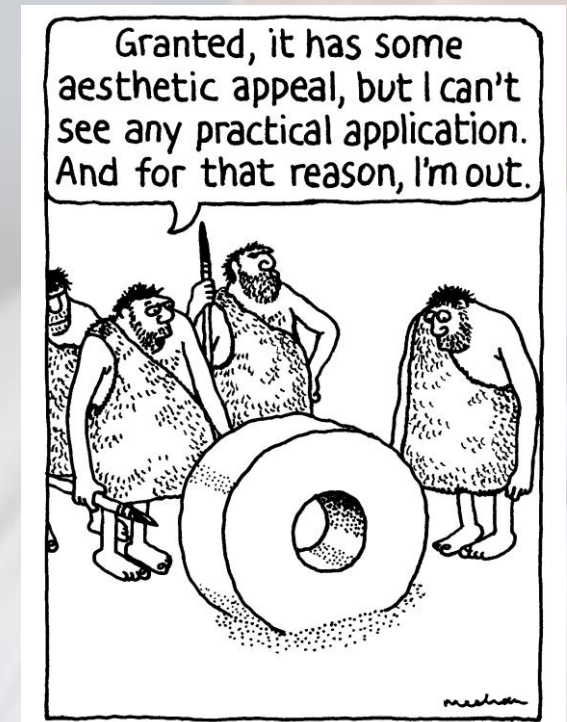
# Clearinghouse function (best practices)

- Material is uploaded by EAHSA/EDE members
- Call for contact persons on the ground per country to determine best practices
- Free accessible and download for members
- Non-members pay a download fee
- Summary will be published in online journal
- Materials will be reviewed before acceptance
- Build-in translation tool to improve access for all members



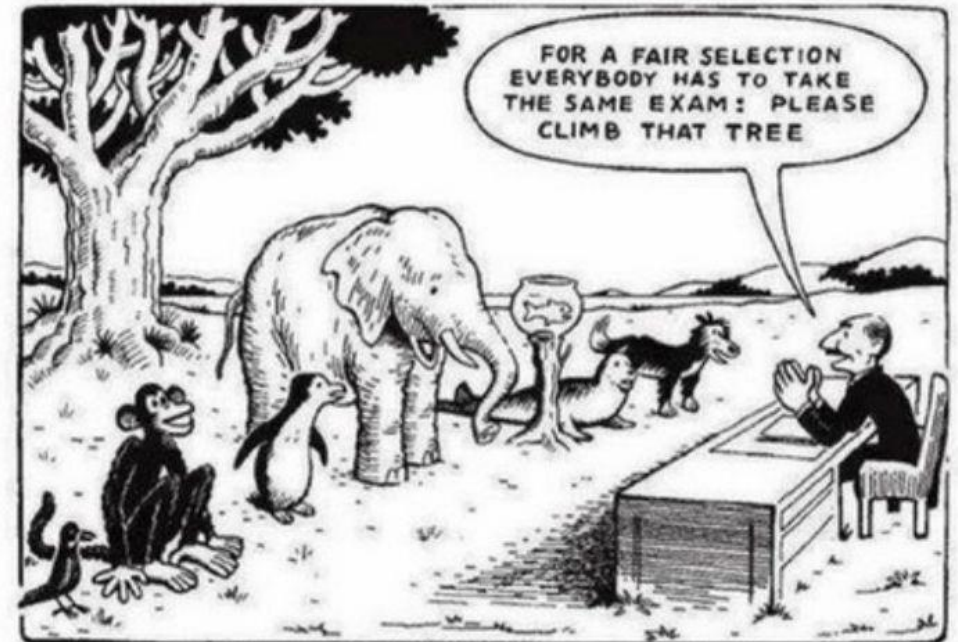
# Clearing house function (applied research articles)

- Material is uploaded by researchers
- Online journal (free for EAHSA and EDE members ) in order to:
  - give insight in the innovations in practice and extant research for EAHSA/EDE members
  - to create publication references for researchers
- Material will be reviewed before acceptance
- Researchers pay a fee for upload and publication in online journal



# Education programmes

- Setup by members (or in collaboration with a non-member)
- Possibility for certification by EAHSA/EDE (for small fee) after review by ECREAS
- Long term: education programmes with Permanent Education (PE)-points



Our Education System



# Consultancy

- Give support (expert/project-/process-management) for a specific project to members and non-members
- Registration of experts/consultants after review by ECREAS
- Role of ECREAS is under discussion



# Partnerships and sponsors

- Partnerships with member organisations to increase chance of EU grant by ECREAS involvement
- Sponsorships to give access to EAHSA/EDE membership to increase visibility for products/services of sponsor



# Management and governance

- Management:
  - Website administrator
  - Secretary
- Governance: 5 member Executive Board
  - Two members from EAHSA and EDE Board:
    - Didier Sapy (France and Elena Weber (Italy)
  - Two members from EAHSA and EDE membership:
    - Jean Christophe Vanderhaegen (Belgium) and Marko Slavic (Slovenia)
  - Chairman:
    - Freek Lapré (Netherlands)





# Finally

- Start: 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018
- Platform up and running mid 2018
- Call for contact persons
  - Are you interested to be a contact person for ECREAS in your country (can be more than one person)?
  - Please contact Karel Vostry at: [secretariat@eahsa.eu](mailto:secretariat@eahsa.eu)