

ENSA General Assembly 2025 – Minutes

Date: March 4, 2025

Location: Veneto Region's Brussels Office (Hybrid Meeting)

Time: 10:00 CET

Chair and Legal Representative: Annalisa Bisson

1. Opening and Welcome

Chair Annalisa Bisson opened the session by warmly welcoming all participants to the ENSA General Assembly 2025, both in-person and online. She acknowledged the international presence and thanked participants for their ongoing engagement with the network.

She highlighted the successful conclusion of the **HOPE Erasmus+ Project Conference** titled "*Cooling the Heat: Responding to Heatwaves in the Older People Ecosystem*" held the previous day, led by the City of Rotterdam. The event emphasized inclusive strategies to mitigate the impact of heatwaves on older adults, with the presence of high-level stakeholders including representatives from the European Commission and the Committee of the Regions.

The Chair provided an outline of the agenda and scheduled activities for the General Assembly, taking place on October 4 and 5, 2025. The programme includes:

- **Four thematic Working Group sessions:**
 1. Youth, Child, Family, and Well-Being
 2. Older Adults
 3. Disability
 4. Minors
- **Two project partner meetings:**
 1. HOPE Erasmus+ Project
 2. SACRED Erasmus+ Project

The Chair also indicated that the Assembly would cover the following key items:

- Presentation of the main activities carried out during 2024
- Formal approval of new membership applications
- Overview of ENSA's participation as an associated partner in project proposals (2024–2025)
- Presentation and acknowledgment of the financial report

Decision 1: The agenda was acknowledged by the participants without objection.

2. ENSA report of key Activities – 2024

A. ENSA Organized Events

2 Working Group Meetings:

Older Adults and Disability – Odisee University of Applied Sciences (3 Oct 2024)

Youth, Child, and Family – SEL and Well-being – Odisee University (27 Nov 2024), in collaboration with the ENSEL network

2 Erasmus+ Multiplier Events:

FORM: Therapeutic Foster Care for Unaccompanied Minors – Odisee (28 Nov 2024)

TETRAS: Transfer of Transversal Skills – Veneto Region Brussels Office (26 Nov 2024)

EU Week on Sustainable and Inclusive Communities (1–3 Oct 2024):

Co-organized with COST Action NET4Age-Friendly and SIRENE CSA Project, hosted by the European Committee of the Regions and Odisee University.

Contribution to Final Event of Horizon 2020 Project “ValueCare”: (2020–2024)

B. ENSA Activities – 2025 (To Date)

Participated in “**Life Magister**” Erasmus + Project meeting- Empowering elder care professionals and caregivers" Kortrijk (18/02/2025)

Co-organised **HOPE,” Responding to Heatwaves in Older People Ecosystem”**, Erasmus +final conference in conjunction with **ENSA General Assembly 2025** and connected activities. Brussels House of the Dutch Provinces (3/03/2025), Veneto Region’s Brussels Office, (4-5/03/2025)

2 ENSA Working Groups Youth, Child, Family, and Well Being- Older People and Disability

Facilitated 2 Erasmus+ project partners meeting **HOPE**, Veneto Regions Brussels Office (04/03/2025) and **SACRED** (5/03/2025) (Sharing and Caring for At-Risk Elderly with Dementia or Disabilities).

Decision 2: The Report on Activities for the Above-Mentioned Period is Acknowledged

3. New Membership Approvals (2024–2025)

Total Applications (all reviewed by local WG coordinators and positively recommended): **8**

Approved Members:

1 from **Netherlands**: AFEdeMy; Erasmus School of Health Policy and Management of the Erasmus University of Rotterdam.

4 from **Italy**: GEA Cooperativa Sociale, Fondazione Elisabetta Germani (Lombardy)

Anziani e non Solo Società cooperativa Sociale, La Meridiana Società Cooperativa Sociale (Lombardy)

2 from **Belgium**: Cognition and inclusion; EQUALITY//ResearchCollective HOGENT University of Applied Sciences and Arts.

1 from **Cyprus**: EUROCY INNOVATION Ltd

Expression of interest by the President of the Region Kujawsko-Pomorskie, Piotr Calbecki

Specific Working groups:

WG Older Adults: AFEdeMy, Cognition and Inclusion, Fondazione Elisabetta Germani, Erasmus School of Health Policy and Management of the Erasmus University of Rotterdam, Anziani e non solo, La Meridiana Società Cooperativa Sociale.

WG Disability: Fondazione Elisabetta Germani, Cognition and Inclusion, EUROCY INNOVATION Ltd, Anziani e Non solo, La Meridiana Società Cooperativa Sociale.

WG Minors: Cognition and Inclusion

WG Youth and Family: GEA Cooperativa Sociale, EQUALITY//ResearchCollective HOGENT University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Anziani e non solo

Motivations

Similarities in goals
willingness to straighten the network
Deepen dialogue with international stakeholders
Participation in projects
Collaboration with partners working in the same field
Networking, Knowledge sharing
Best practices exchanges
Facilitating the participation in EU projects

Decision 3: The 8 applications were unanimously approved, and the Chair welcomed the new members to ENSA.

Decision 4: The accession of the Kujawsko-Pomorskie Region as a member shall take effect subject to and upon the formal endorsement by its Regional Parliament and has been unanimously approved.

Decision 5: Notification, Regione Lombardia has become a new ENSA member joining the working group Older Adults, Disability, Youth and Family and has been unanimously approved.

4. Collaboration on Project Proposals of ENSA as associated partner (2024–2025)

On the **Erasmus+ VET** in 2024 ENSA has joined 2 proposals led by **Italy ISRAA** Treviso and by **Spain Femxa**.

Topic ITALY (ISRAA)

Implementation of value-based health care model. Objective: Training for carers supported by an app. Title: *Value Based Health Care for carers*

Topic SPAIN (Femxa)

Needs of young migrant women to enter the labour market and the challenges they must face through not formal VET education. 2WIN aims to go one step further and scale up responding to the needs of this group with the aim of helping them find employment and, therefore, their inclusion within host societies. Title: *-To Women in Need*

These proposals have not been selected for EU funding but will be represented

On **ERASMUS- KA210-ADU-DED9497F**, the ENSA has joined 1 proposal led by ITALY Ass P63 title: *QR Code-Quori connessi*

Topic: Reduce school drop out and the professional integration of young adults from 14 to 22 years

On the **CERV Daphne** in 2024 ENSA has joined 2 proposals led by ITALY, cooperativa Progetto NOW, Padova and Fondazione Sociography Multi-actions for research and ethics

Topic ITALY (Cooperative Progetto Now)

Preventing violence and improving wellbeing of children enhancing early childhood education

Topic ITALY (Fondazione Sociography)

Integrating AI in Understanding and Preventing Femicide and gender related Violence in domestic and intimate relationships Title DATA- From DATA to Action

This proposal is still under evaluation

On **ERASMUS+ 2025** The ENSA has joined 6 project proposals 4 led by Italy ISRAA Treviso and 2 from Odisee University Flanders

Topic (ITALY ISRAA):

Title *VIOLET Story* addressing the pervasive issue of workplace violence in the healthcare sector through the use of DTS to raise awareness of the pervasive problem of workplace violence and to create a safer and more supportive work environment and to prevent abusive behaviour toward workers in the social and health sector.

Title *Helping Empower and Assist Resilient Informal Carers Through Death Education*: creating a local network of professionals capable of mobilizing resources, people, and public services to structure group pathways that empower individuals, offering them an “expressive-emotional psychological space” in which they can regenerate their resilience.

Title *Bridging Paradigms*: Improving digital literacy among older adults, bridging the generational digital divide while promoting psychological well-being through tailored training programs. The approach fosters social inclusion and lifelong learning, ensuring older adults remain connected and active.

Title *Changing lifestyle and habits for better wellbeing in third age*: empowering care and support of older people and informal caregivers in community, by intervening into qualitative characteristics of their lifestyle, as it is constructing positives and deconstructing negative habits and routines.

Topic: (Odisee University of Applied Sciences, Belgium)

Title *Caring About Stress and Sleep in young onset dementia families*: Stress management and sleep quality in partners and children of people with young onset dementia.

Title *Learning communities for foster parents: working together for the wellbeing of unaccompanied minors*: Establish and strengthen collaborative learning communities involving foster parents, professionals, and migrant youths to create networks of support and mutual learning.

Decision 6: The General Assembly took note of ENSA’s involvement as an associated partner in various project proposals submitted under the Erasmus+, CERV, and other European programmes during the period 2024–2025. The Assembly acknowledges the strategic relevance of these collaborations in advancing ENSA’s mission and endorses continued participation in such initiatives, subject to compliance with the network’s objectives and applicable funding conditions.

5. Financial report

TETRAS Erasmus + project, *Training of Educators for the Transfer of Transversal Skills awaiting for approval of final report*

Total amount = 4750 + 575 + 111 + 3852 x 80% = **7430,4**

Decision 7: The financial report of the network is unanimously approved

6. Conclusion

Chair Annalisa Bisson concluded the meeting by emphasizing ENSA's continued commitment to:

- Strengthening collaborations across Europe;
- Promoting inclusive, innovative responses to social challenges;
- Supporting vulnerable populations through strategic projects and knowledge exchange;
- She expressed gratitude to all partners for their dedication and active participation and looked forward to further cooperation throughout 2025 and beyond.

The session adjourned at 13:30.

Signed:

Annalisa Bisson

Chair and Legal Representative, ENSA

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