

ANNOUNCEMENT

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On behalf of the ESNO Board

About: Establishment of **F**oundation of **S**pecialist **N**urses **O**rganisation: FoNSE
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To:
All ESNO Members,
Associates,
Governmental and Regulating Bodies,
European Institutions and Business Partners,
Our Friends.

Over the last 3 years ESNO enlarged its footprint in the European Healthcare arena. The number of member organizations and associates increased while at the same time gained acknowledgment from a variety of partners and institutions as a trustworthy organization, effectively advocating the voice of specialist nurses in Europa. This all led to an increasing of work for those available to participate in a variety of projects, attending in forums and meetings and so strengthening our network based on the valued outcome where ESNO representatives professionally contributed. This voluntary character of work became under pressure and it was time to make the transition towards a more sustainable organisation structure. For this reason, ESNO decided to create a parallel organisation.

In November 2019 the ESNO General Assembly (GA) agreed on the establishment of a supporting organisation, a foundation called FoNSE. In January 2020, the ESNO board members addressed this and decided that:

- The **growth** of the organization requires strong support from an extended team, covering significant healthcare areas based on knowledge, experience and availability to ensure keeping up the pace and enable to respond to future requests for collaboration.
- The **internal organization**; for members and associates as well as the external organization; collaborating with a variety of partners needs to grow equally based on a strategical agenda for the near future with positioning of the specialist nurses, growth and significance as leading themes.
- ESNO needs **eligibility criteria**, financial and legal, to meet requirements for sponsored projects while remaining the status as a not for profit organization in the European context.

We are delighted to announce that on the 24th of March 2020 we formally passed the act with the notary and the FoNSE foundation is formally established.

The Board Members of FoNSE are appointed by the ESNO Board for a period of 2 years. Dr. Corinne Scicluna will be the chair. Wouter de Graaf will be the treasurer of both FoNSE and ESNO and accomplish his role as linking pin between the two organizations. Ber Oomen will continue his work as the Executive Director of FoNSE and hands over his ESNO Executive position to Maria Teresa Parisotto, who is nominated as Executive Director elect until the upcoming elections in April 2020.

Transition Project team 2020


The year 2020 will be used as a start-up year for FoNSE to make the transition successful toward full operational in 2021. Maria Teresa, Ber and Wouter will form a project team, managing the transition on behalf of both boards. To be effective and visible, the ESNO office in Brussels is their base and they will frequently work from there.

We are happy with all the steps forward and fully aware of the challenges which needs to be addressed as an outcome of this transition with consequents for both organisations and their allies. We are looking forward towards an interesting period in the existence of ESNO in which we continue working with all partners and stakeholders.

On behalf of the ESNO and FoNSE board

Yours sincerely

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