

Dear Colleagues,

We are happy to let you know that we are working towards the second EuCoMS Network meeting in Belfast from the 15<sup>th</sup> until the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2017. In the context of this event this news flash contains three important messages.

### **Steering Group Meeting**

The steering group plans to meet during the EU Mental Health Compass Forum in Luxembourg the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the planning of the network activities. This two-day event will allow the representation of the EuCoMS Network among key policy-makers and researchers in Europe in the field of mental health and wellbeing. More information about the event can be found [here](#).

### **Commitment to Values and Ambitions**

The EuCoMS network wants to be an active link between policy and practice through advocacy, capacity building and support for practical implementation. To fulfil this role, it is important to clearly state what we stand for and what we will do. These will be our shared values and ambitions (see annex 1). For EuCoMS to have more impact, the steering group would like to propose that all partners will sign the statement at the second network meeting in Belfast. After the Belfast meeting, the statement will be published with the logos of all network partners that have signed it. For some network partners this will require a decision by their Board or General Assembly. To make sure this is feasible, we would ask all network partners to send the answers to the questions below to [eucoms2015@gmail.com](mailto:eucoms2015@gmail.com):

- Is it feasible for your organisation to commit to these values and ambitions at the next EuCoMS meeting in January 2017?
- Will you as the delegate of your organisation have the authorisation to sign the statement on behalf of the organisation?
- Does your organisation give permission to use the logo of the organisation on this document?

### **Development of the Consensus Document**

In the assignment for the consensus document (see annex 2) we stated that network partners identify and consult representatives of service users and carers to:

1. Gather input on the consensus document assignment and;
2. To make a planning for consultation for the development of the draft consensus document in November

This was initially planned in August. We can imagine that due to the summer holiday season this consultation may not have taken place yet. In that case we hope that it would be possible to contact these representatives within the next two weeks so that we have their feedback before the first of October. We would like to ask all network partners to send the answers to the questions below to [eucoms2015@gmail.com](mailto:eucoms2015@gmail.com):

- Are you able to give an update on your progress in this regard?
- When you are in a position to share this feedback please do so by the 1<sup>st</sup> of October

- Could you let us know if you are able to consult user and carer representatives for feedback on the draft consensus document in November?

### **Masterclasses and workshops in Belfast: Call for Organizers**

EuCoMS partners have let us know that knowledge exchange is their main interest. To address this, we would like to ask you to contribute and organise a workshop or masterclass at the next EuCoMS meeting. As the theme of the 2nd EuCoMS meeting is “community mental health in a post-conflict area” we are looking for people who would like to organise a masterclass or workshop related to this theme. Your proposal is welcome at [eucoms2015@gmail.com](mailto:eucoms2015@gmail.com) including a title, a brief description of your intervention/intended results, and the facilities and amount of time you would need.

You will receive the next newsletter in October. Thank you in advance and we are looking forward to meeting you at our next EuCoMS meeting in Belfast.

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