



EUCOMS NETWORK 2025 IN REVIEW

As we reached the end of 2025, we take a moment to reflect with pride on a year marked by strong collaboration, meaningful exchange, and steady growth of the EUCOMS Network. Over the past year, EUCOMS continued to strengthen its role as a European platform for community mental health by bringing together professionals, service providers, policymakers, peer experts, and partner organisations committed to recovery-oriented, rights-based care.

Throughout 2025, we organised webinars, on-location seminars, and international exchanges that addressed key challenges in community mental health, from access to care and addiction to recovery, employment, and system transformation. These activities were made possible through the active engagement of our members and the trust of our partners, reflecting the strength and maturity of the network.

This year also marked an important milestone in EUCOMS' development, with new organisations joining us as Full Participants. Their commitment reinforces our shared vision and enables EUCOMS to grow sustainably, expand its impact, and create new opportunities for collaboration across Europe and beyond.

In 2025, EUCOMS further strengthened its European impact by becoming a partner in EQUICARES, a four-year Horizon Europe project focused on improving equitable access to mental health care for people in vulnerable situations across Europe.

In this newsletter, we invite you to revisit the highlights of 2025, welcome our newest partners, and look ahead with optimism to 2026, a year that promises even stronger partnerships, ambitious events, and continued progress toward high-quality community mental health care for all.

Live webinar

Developing Community-Based Mental Health Care in Ukraine

29 JANUARY

- This bilingual EUCOMS webinar explored the ongoing development of community-based mental health care in Ukraine, combining professional perspectives with lived experience and international solidarity in a time of war.
- [Click here to watch the recording in english](#) [and for Ukrainian speakers](#)

Live webinar

Heiloo Declaration on Peer Leadership

12 MARCH

- Lived experience and peer expertise were at the heart of this Learning from Each Other webinar. Building on the Global Leadership Exchange held in Heiloo (June 2024), where 30 peer leaders from 12 countries co-produced the Heiloo Declaration, the webinar shared key insights on peer leadership and its role in transforming mental health systems.
- [Click here to watch the recording, get the speakers' presentations and read the Heiloo Declaration](#)

On-location Seminar - Alexandroupolis, Greece

Dealing with Crisis: A Community Mental Health Response to Natural Disasters

27-28 MARCH

Hosted by the Society of Social Psychiatry P. Sakellaropoulos in collaboration with EUCOMS, this international seminar brought together over 80 participants from 8 countries. Through presentations, site visits, lived-experience testimonies, and the screening of the short film "940.000", participants explored community-based mental health responses to environmental disasters and strengthened cross-border collaboration.

[Click here for the meeting report.](#)

Live webinar

Addiction Is Not Crime: Complex Support for People with Addiction in Romania

24 SEPTEMBER

- Part of the EUCOMS Learning from Each Other webinar series, this event highlighted community-based approaches to addiction care in Romania. Organised together with GGZ Noord-Holland Noord, NoAddict Clinic Iași, ALIAT Clinic Suceava, and the Psychiatric Hospital Siret, the webinar addressed stigma, criminalisation, and innovative recovery-oriented practices.
- [Click here for the recording.](#)

International Congress – Lille, France

Dealing with Crisis: A Community Mental Health Response to Natural Disasters

5-7 NOVEMBER

Public Mental Health Congress

- Organised by the French Public Health Society (SFSP) and the WHO Collaborating Centre for Research and Training in Mental Health in Lille, in partnership with EUCOMS Network, this major European congress brought together hundreds of participants to explore community-based services, recovery-oriented care, mental health promotion, and policy innovation. EUCOMS contributed to several English-language sessions within a fully accessible international programme.
- [Click here for the congress impressions](#)



In 2025, EUCOMS Network became a partner in EQUICARES, a four-year European project dedicated to improving equity in access to mental health care and health outcomes for people in vulnerable situations across Europe.

EQUICARES focuses on populations who face persistent barriers to care, including people living in rural or underserved areas, individuals with low socioeconomic status, migrants and refugees, and other groups at risk of exclusion. The project is built on a strong conceptual foundation, using the Levesque framework to analyse both supply-side and demand-side barriers to equitable access to care.

Within EQUICARES, EUCOMS contributes its expertise as a European community mental health network, supporting:

- A structured review of existing solutions and good practices in equitable mental health care;
- Knowledge exchange between implementation sites and stakeholders;
- Guidance on translating evidence into practice within community-based services.

While local implementation is carried out by selected sites across Europe, EUCOMS plays a strategic role in supporting implementation processes, strengthening cross-country learning, and ensuring that community-based and recovery-oriented perspectives remain central.

Beyond its thematic importance, EQUICARES represents a key milestone in EUCOMS' development: it strengthens our presence at the European level, reinforces collaboration with research and policy partners, and contributes to the long-term sustainability of the network through project-based funding and visibility.

This partnership confirms EUCOMS' growing role as a trusted European stakeholder in community mental health, equity, and system transformation.

You can read more about EQUICARES at the following link ([click here](#)).

Welcoming Our New EUCOMS Full Participants of 2025

EUCOMS Network continues to grow as a strong and diverse European community committed to advancing quality, community-based mental health care. In 2025, we were proud to welcome several new Full Participants who share our values, ambitions, and long-term commitment to recovery-oriented, rights-based, and community-focused mental health systems.

These new partners come from different countries and professional backgrounds, including hospital-based services, community organisations, national networks, governmental bodies, and advocacy initiatives. Their decision to formally join EUCOMS strengthens our collective expertise, geographic reach, and capacity for meaningful collaboration across Europe and beyond.

We are delighted to welcome the following new EUCOMS Full Participants in 2025:

Germany

**Department of Psychiatry, Psychotherapy,
and Psychosomatics incorporating FRITZ
am Urban and soulspace,
Vivantes Hospital am Urban and Vivantes
Hospital im Friedrichshain**

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The Netherlands

Stichting Rivierduinen

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Romania

Bucovina Institute

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Japan

**Japan Community Mental Health Service
Providers Network (JCOMHS)**

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Lithuania

Mental Health Division, Ministry of Health

[CLICK FOR MORE INFO](#)

Spain

Support Girona

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United Kingdom

Habitus Collective

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Benefits of being a full participant ←

Receive a regular newsletter with updates on industry trends, news, and best practices.

Enjoy free participation in on-location seminars, providing valuable opportunities for learning, networking, and collaboration (other contacts will be required to pay a fee).

Benefit from the opportunity to host a webinar with EUCOMS' support, reaching a wider audience and sharing insights or initiatives.

Have your organization's information and updates shared on the EUCOMS website and its social media platforms, increasing your reach and impact.

Participate in thematic working groups addressing key components of community mental health care, enhancing your technical expertise and contributing to the network's goals.

Engage in knowledge and experience exchanges on mental health systems and the development and implementation of community mental health services, facilitating mutual learning and improvement.

Have your organization's name and contact information prominently displayed on the EUCOMS website, increasing your visibility within the network.

Gain the possibility of hosting on-location seminars with the support of EUCOMS, allowing you to showcase your expertise and contribute to the network's knowledge base.

Contribute to the monthly newsletter by writing articles or sharing updates from your organization, showcasing your thought leadership and accomplishments.

Enjoy continuous access to the network, fostering connections with other mental health organizations, service providers, and experts in the field.

Participate in shadow visits of services in host countries during EUCOMS' bi-annual meetings, gaining valuable insights and best practices.

Access twinning/ exchange support between countries, including advice, exchange of best practices, and training, to enhance the quality of your community mental health care services.

**Looking ahead
Future events**

2026

As we look ahead, EUCOMS continues to foster learning, exchange, and collaboration across Europe and beyond. With upcoming webinars and on-location seminars, we invite you to join us in strengthening partnerships and shaping the future of community mental health together.

**Live webinar
(with Ukrainian live translation)**

Access to care and social prescribing for
persons in vulnerable situations

28 JANUARY

[Click here to register and learn more](#)

**On-location seminar
Zamora, Spain**

Recovery for All – Innovation in
Community Mental Health in Rural and
Remote Areas

14-15 MAY 2026

[Click here for pre-registration to be
the first one to hear the updates](#)

Join us in Zamora, Spain, for the 2026 EUCOMS Network Seminar – an inspiring two-day exchange on how innovation can drive recovery and inclusion in rural and remote communities.

The program will include international speakers, practical workshops, site visits, and dialogues on architecture, nursing, and transcultural approaches, all focusing on how to make mental health care accessible for everyone, everywhere.

Live webinar

Network Psychiatry

18 MARCH

[Click here to register and learn more](#)

**On-location seminar
Brescia, Italy**

To be announced
Save the date

15 SEPTEMBER 2026

EUCOMS is pleased to announce a one-day seminar on 15 September 2026 in Brescia, Italy, hosted by our Italian partner, IRCCS Fatebenefratelli, St John of God Clinical Research Centre, within the EUCOMS framework.

The event will focus on comparing community and network-based mental health care models across Italy, the Netherlands, and the EUCOMS network, and will include site visits to local services. More details coming soon – save the date!

Other webinar dates with program to
be announced: September 30 &
November 25

As EUCOMS continues to evolve, we do so with confidence, purpose, and a growing sense of responsibility. What began as a space for mutual learning has matured into a strong, reliable European and international stakeholder in community mental health.

Today, EUCOMS brings together 35 Full Participants (paying members) from 20 countries, supported by close and trusted relationships with organisations, experts, and partners across all continents. This growth reflects not only the relevance of our mission, but also the trust placed in EUCOMS as a platform for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and joint action.

Our strength lies in our community: service providers, peer-led organisations, policymakers, researchers, and advocates who believe in recovery-oriented, rights-based, and community-driven mental health care. Together, we contribute to shaping practice, influencing policy, and building bridges between local realities and international agendas.

With solid foundations, growing partnerships, and shared ambition, EUCOMS looks ahead with optimism, ready to continue making a meaningful difference, together.

With Gratitude and Optimism

None of this would be possible without the commitment, trust, and generosity of our Full Participants. Your financial contributions, combined with your expertise, engagement, and openness to collaboration, make EUCOMS a sustainable, credible, and impactful network. Together, we have proven that solidarity and shared responsibility can build something resilient and meaningful.

We extend our sincere thanks to all our Full Participants for believing in EUCOMS, investing in the network, and actively shaping its direction. Your support allows us not only to exist, but to grow, innovate, and strengthen our voice in the mental health landscape locally, nationally, and internationally.

As we step into a new year, we do so with renewed energy, shared ambition, and confidence in what we can achieve together.

We wish you all a happy, healthy, and inspiring New Year, filled with meaningful collaboration, progress, and hope.

Let's continue building the future of community mental health together.

René Keet,
Chair of EUCOMS Network



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DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A PARTNER?

That is possible! Becoming a partner or collaborator is open for individuals and organisations that provide or support services for people affected by mental illness. For more information and to register please click the link below.

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