

Dear colleagues and friends,

As the spring season begins, we are delighted to bring you our latest newsletter. This season is a time of renewal, joyful family moments, and we are excited to share with you some of the latest updates and developments from our organization.

One of the highlights of the past months was our Executive Committee Meeting in Leuven, which took place in March. After a long period of remote meetings and virtual events, it was wonderful to see our colleagues and members in person once again. We had many productive discussions and made important decisions to advance our goals and priorities for the year ahead.

In addition to this exciting event, we have also been busy with various initiatives and projects aimed at improving the lives of seniors across Europe. From advocating for better healthcare and social support systems to promoting active and healthy aging, our organization is committed to making a positive impact on the lives of older adults.

As always, we appreciate your support and engagement in our work. We hope that this newsletter provides you with valuable insights and information, and we look forward to continuing our efforts to create a brighter future for seniors in Europe.

Warm regards,

*An Hermans
ESU President*

13-14/02/2023: Biennial national meeting of Høyre-Seniors



ESU President An Hermans and General Secretary Guido Dumon were invited to the biennial national meeting of Høyre-Seniors in Bergen, Norway on 13-14 February. Despite Norway not being a member state of the European Union, it is associated with the Union through its membership of the European Economic Area (EEA) and cooperates with the EU on foreign and security policy. The meeting included decision-making sessions, political issue information sessions, and statements on seniors' aspirations in society.

Former Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg delivered an insightful speech, and An Hermans expressed her appreciation for the commitment of the Høyre seniors and their loyalty to ESU.

More information on our website: <http://esu-epp.eu/events/biennial-national-meeting-of-hoyre-seniors/>

24-26/ 03/2023: ESU holds successful Presidency and Executive Committee meeting in Leuven with focus on current challenges and new care strategy



We organized a meeting in Leuven with Presidency and Executive Committee members from 24-26 March. The meeting discussed the [2022 Annual Report](#) and made plans for the future, with speakers such as Steven Van Hecke (KuLeuven) and Sebastien Dechamps Caritas International Belgium) discussing current challenges in Europe and

the living conditions of the Ukrainian people. During the meeting we also paid attention to the new European approach concerning care strategy, welcoming Colin Scicluna to support their discussion and approval of a long-prepared resolution on "The New European Care Strategy." The EPP Political Assembly of September 2023 will put it on the agenda.

The ESU-meeting in Leuven also looked ahead to the busy and important years of 2023 and 2024 at different political levels. Finally, delegates left with warm words of appreciation and thanks, new insights, strong solidarity, and the conviction that together, they have an active role to play in tomorrow's Europe across generations.

You can find the full report on our website: <http://esu-epp.eu/events/1540/>

2022 Annual Report



We released our Annual report which can be found on our website. The report reflects on a tumultuous year marked by the return of territorial war in Europe and its impact on society, including rising concerns about security, finances, and daily costs of living. Despite the challenges, Europeans have shown support for Ukraine and implemented political and economic sanctions against Russia. The ESU calls for policymakers to work together to provide transparent and adequate answers to these challenges. The report also highlights the ESU's efforts to build sustainable perspectives with younger generations to ensure a secure future for all and the development of all talents.

Check it out: http://esu-epp.eu/.../2023/04/ESU_JV_2022_digitaal.pdf

4/04/2023: National meeting 'Generation 60+' in Bozen



An Hermans and Guido Dumon attended the national meeting of the SVP Seniors' Movement, now called 'Generation 60+', on 4 April 2023 in Bozen/Bolzano. The election congress saw the election of the new board and delegates of Generation 60+. The event had the simple motto "Together", and the re-elected President Otto von Dellemann called for always looking ahead with optimism. ESU Presidium member Christine von

Stefenelli was elected as vice-president. Our president called for continued cooperation and thanked the seniors for their engagement.

You can find the full report on our website: <http://esu-epp.eu/events/national-meeting-generation-60-in-bozen-bolzano/>

Upcoming event : Summer Academy 2023

With regret in our hearts we had to say goodbye to Vienna for the Summer Academy of the ESU. We are currently looking for a new permanent location for the Summer Academy from 2024. Nevertheless, we also want to host the Summer Academy in 2023.

We can already announce that - exceptionally - **the Summer Academy 2023 will take place from 10 (evening) to 13 July (noon) 2023 in Leuven/Brussels.** The agenda of this Summer Academy wants to focus on the themes for the upcoming European elections. The Summer Academy will partly take place in Leuven and partly in Brussels.

A registration form will be sent soon.