

Membership of the European Social Network

The [European Social Network](#) (ESN) is the only European Network of public authorities in the field of social services. Initially the origin of our Network was the [European Social Services Conference](#), whose first edition took place in 1992 as a group of directors in public social services from across Europe met to discuss key social services issues in their municipalities with the aim to exchange knowledge, and ideas they could bring back home.

In 1999 ESN was established as a charity and company in the UK and since then it has had a special relationship with the European Commission. ESN partnered with the Commission to deliver projects, such as Towards a People's Europe (1999) on personal budgets or care for unaccompanied minors (2005). Since 2006, ESN has been a strategic partner of DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion and has signed several framework partnership agreements to support the European Commission's social inclusion agenda. As of 2018, ESN is based in Brussels.

ESN's member network of over 125 organisations in 33 European countries supports the sharing of knowledge, practice and policies between social services across Europe. ESN organises multiple events and develops [publications](#) each year on different themes to enable this sharing, with the aim of developing best practice guidelines and policy recommendations. These themes cover the most important target groups for social services, such as [older people](#), [people with disabilities](#), [vulnerable children and young people](#) and more. ESN and its members also explore more cross-cutting issues for social services, such as challenges related to the social services [workforce](#), [quality](#) or the development of [evidence-based services](#).

This mutual learning among members is further supported by a Peer Learning Visits programme, where ESN facilitates the visit of a member organisation to another in Europe, with the aim of discovering more about a practice, and implementing this learning within their own context.

ESN implements its activities in close cooperation with its members; all activities are focused on exchanging and building knowledge at local level to support policy development at national and European levels. ESN offers multiple types of membership that are explained below.

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Membership Options

ESN Core Member (public authorities; social services directors associations):
Associate Member (professional association; inspection and development body; service provider;
applied research;) - €1,100 per annum

Members in this category receive:

- Monthly ESN members communications
- Monthly ESN newsletter
- Weekly EU policy monitoring
- Access to online community of members
- Full access to practice library
- One representative per member organisation travel and accommodation reimbursement (up to a certain threshold) for all activities co-funded by the European Commission's programme
- Second representative per member organisation participation at European Commission's programme activities at discounted rate
- Discounted access to European Social Services Conference, management training, practice award

ESN Council Member (only for public authorities and associations of directors) - €2,500 per annum

Organisations who join ESN membership in this category will, on top of all of the benefits of core membership, help to guide ESN policy direction and make decisions about the organisation's operations. The ESN council is made up of 20 to 25 organisations that meet twice per year. Members of the council have as part of their membership:

- Voting rights in ESN council meetings, travel and accommodation for these meetings is also covered
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ESN ALL INCLUSIVE Public Authority Package - €5,000 per annum

This is ESN's newest membership package which is available for €5,000 and, compared to other packages, provides additional funded places to attend our events. The ESN Public Authority Package contains:

- Three delegate fees at European Social Services Conference (normally €765 each)
- Discounted access to European Social Services Conference for additional delegates, other activities, management training, practice award
- Two delegate fees at annual seminar
- Monthly ESN members communications
- Monthly ESN newsletter
- Weekly EU policy monitoring
- Access to online community of members
- Full access to practice library
- One representative per member organisation travel and accommodation reimbursement (up to a certain threshold) for all activities co-funded by the European Commission's programme

ESN global member (public authorities; directors associations; professional association; inspection and development body; service provider; applied research)
- €2,500 per annum

ESN is open to receive applications for membership from organisations from outside Europe that fulfil the requirements for membership and share our mission and values.

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ESN Partnership

ESN is looking to engage partners in a strategic cooperation with our Network and more specifically for our annual European Social Services Conference (ESSC). Partnership opportunities start at as little as €5,000. For more information, you can view our opportunities for partnership [here](#).

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