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| Dear << Test First Name >>  **EKTG 28th Autumn Newsletter - October 2022****EKTG is delighted to announce EKTG Courses starting Late October** During the recent Event EKTG held at the House of Lords, hosted by Lord Best, one of the main aspects of our debate was the start of the upcoming courses we will run from Late October on Legal and Ethical Aspects of Technology.. These will be in collaboration with our International Ambassadors, from Europe and the USA ,and many of the Guests who were present. The Courses will be for Government, Professional Bodies, Industry, Users, Families and Carers. It is essential that Participants in any of these are prepared to undertake all the various sections of the course and the linked Confidential Questionnaire.On successful completion of each Confidential Questionnaire all Participants will be awarded the EKTG College CPD on Legal and Ethical Aspects of Technology..We would now like to share these series of continuing professional development courses to be run during 2022/2023..**Do sign up speedily because the First Course Session is the last Wednesday in October 2022.**We welcome you to join us on these courses and for further details please contact us with your interest at **email** westsqas@mac.com  **Introduction to Courses** **Oct 26 at 13.00 BST 14.00 CET**Chairman: EKTG Chairman, Niko Männikkö, International Ambassador ,FinlandGovernment and Policy Makers, Tonu Karu,, EstoniaProfessional workers, Shelagh Morris, UKIndustry, Gerry Almark, UKUsers, Families and Carers, Brigitte Buhlen, Germany  **Nov 2nd at 13.00 BST 14.00 CET**  **Course one Government and Policy Makers** Chairman: Alain Franco, FranceGovernment and Policy Makers, Rafael de Andres, Spain Professional workers, Christiane Brockes, Switzerland   Industry, Gerry Almark UK  Users, Families and Carers, Sarah Boland, Ireland  **Nov 9th at 13.00 BST 14.00 CET**  **Course two for all others**        Chairman: Sofia Moreno Perez, Spain   Government and Policy Makers, Tonu Karu, EstoniaProfessional workers, Ai Lian-Lim, USA      Industry, Henk-Herman Napp, NetherlandsUsers, Families and Carers, Stephanie Correia, UK             **Nov 16 at 13.00 BST 14.00 CET**  **Course three for Government officials**Chairman: John McGrory, Ireland    Government and Policy Makers, Ann Williams, Liverpool Council Professional workers, Raguraman Padmanabhan, UKIndustry, Rafael Hostettler, Germany Users, Families and Carers, Brigitte Buhlen, Germany **Nov 23 at 13.00 BST 14.00 CET**  **Course Four Users, for all others** Chairman: Niko Männikkö, FinlandGovernment and Policy Makers, Lisa Cameron, MP, UKProfessional workers, Christiane Brockes, Switzerland  Industry, Gerry Almark UK     Users, Families and Carers, Liz Mestheneos, Greece   **Nov 30 at 13.00 BST 14.00 CET**  **Course Five, for all others** Chairman: Peter Wintlev-Jensen, DenmarkGovernment and Policy Makers, Tonu Karu, EstoniaProfessional workers, Ruth Fairs, UK    Industry, Rafael Hostettler, Germany    Users, Families and Carers, Brigitte Bührlen, Germany **Dec 7 at 13.00 BST 14.00 CET**  **Course Six, for all others**Chairman: Vadim Kramar, Finland  Government and Policy Makers, Madhukar Bose, UKProfessional workers, Sofia Moreno Perez, Spain   Industry, Lindsay Adam, UK Users, Families and Carers, Alison Lentz, UK **Dec 14 at 13.00 BST 14.00 CET**  **Course Seven, Course Questionnaire  for Government & Policy makers**Chairman: Rafael de Andres, Spain   Government and Policy Makers, Marten Kaevats, EstoniaProfessional workers, Liz Mestheneos, Greece  Industry, Sabine Lobnig, Austria Users, Families and Carers, Alison Lentz, UK **January 18th at 13.00 BST 14.00 CET**  **Course Questionnaire  for Professional  Workers, Industry, users****Families & Carers**Chairman: Niko Männikkö, FinlandGovernment and Policy Makers, Lisa Cameron, MP, UK                      Professional workers, John McGrory, IrelandIndustry, Henk-Herman Napp, NetherlandsUsers, Families and Carers, Liz Mestheneos, Greece   **January 25th at 13.00 BST 14.00 CET**  **Course Review for all Participants and what's next?** Chairman: Peter Wintlev-Jensen, Denmark Government and Policy Makers, Rafael De Andrés, Spain                  Professional workers, Graham Binns, EKTG Treasurer, UK  Industry, Gerry Almark, UKUsers, Families and Carers, Sarah Boland, Ireland  **Everybody is invited to an explanation and discussion about the course on October 26th 2022Each session will run for 60 minutes and will include short presentations from International Speakers followed by a period of debate.**--------------------------------------------------**Welcome Back --------------**------------------------------------- **The EKTG would like to welcome back an old friend, Ron Summers who has returned to the board.** **Ron Summers**, lately Loughborough University; Leadership Group EKTG for eHealth Clinical translation of health innovations; health measurement and its traceability; 10 methods to improve wellness and health promotion. Ron has worked in precursor disciplines to Ambient Assistive Living and eHealth since 1984. He has progressed from systems that investigate the hospital-based care of patients with illnesses to care in the community and health promotion. He is a Technical Director of a clinical spinoff for service delivery in the community for ‘less glamorous’ clinical conditions that still impact a significant proportion of the population. The first example being the patient centred management of lower urinary tract disorders. The wellness and health promotion agenda of this activity – principally for the ageing population - relates directly to eHealth  --------------------------------------------------****News----------------------****------------------------------------------**Empowerment in health and care decision-making - 6th SHAPES Dialogue Workshop**  AGE Platform Europe will present its work conducted in the SHAPES project on “Empowerment of Older Individuals in Health and Care Decision-making” during the 6th SHAPES Dialogue Workshop on 2 November 2022. [more](https://us12.mailchimp.com/mctx/clicks?url=https%3A%2F%2Fage-platform.us13.list-manage.com%2Ftrack%2Fclick%3Fu%3Dcf3b9abedf63c20e4a7a3376c%26id%3Dc87a8ca425%26e%3D226efdb7b4&xid=3e143a2ec2&uid=53074061&iid=252ad8674c&pool=cts&v=2&c=1686416869&h=2295c33fcb37e03ff86c5588c597585fd00a9d3c3f5112f7e25ca0ff20efb9a8)  **Usage of benzodiazepine and Z-drugs in an older adult population with anxiety symptoms**  Benzodiazepines and Z-drugs are frequently used in the management of anxiety disorders. This study examines patterns of prescribing of these drugs in older adults and challenges the stigma that long-term use is synonymous with dependence and dose escalation. [more](https://us12.mailchimp.com/mctx/clicks?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnews.pavpub.com%2Fpavilionpublishingandmedialz%2Flz.aspx%3Fp1%3DMfgDUzNjE2MlMwMzQyOjM2ODEzRjEzN0Q1QjIwMTA5MEM2NkFENDA0QkE2RDgz-%26CC%3D%26w%3D67869&xid=3e143a2ec2&uid=53074061&iid=252ad8674c&pool=cts&v=2&c=1686416869&h=e13c99b363c65afcd8490c1eabdc6aea80a5ed797105063e47506b7dbb8b2ca3)  **GM Conference 2022 -  6 CPD points - Health and ageing in a post-Covid NHS** Tuesday 18th October 2022 Virtual tickets now available We are delighted to confirm the full agenda for the 2022 GM Conference: Health and Ageing in a post-Covid NHS. Chaired by Dr Sanjay Suman, this full-day conference is taking place in October 2022. [Details](https://us12.mailchimp.com/mctx/clicks?url=https%3A%2F%2Fnews.pavpub.com%2Fpavilionpublishingandmedialz%2Flz.aspx%3Fp1%3DMfgDUzNjE2MlMwMzQyOjM2ODEzRjEzN0Q1QjIwMTA5MEM2NkFENDA0QkE2RDgz-%26CC%3D%26w%3D67848&xid=3e143a2ec2&uid=53074061&iid=252ad8674c&pool=cts&v=2&c=1686416869&h=b5e75f62b04543eb2d5471d40895bbf7cc22da4788240a8964f6d2fc8095a6a2)  ****The EU must pave the way for minimum income****On Wednesday, the College of Commissioners will discuss a recommendation on minimum income, which aims to support Member States’ policies to alleviate poverty and prevent social exclusion. This initiative is part of the Social Pillar implementation, in line with principle 6 on fair wages and principle 14 guaranteeing the right to adequate minimum income benefits. While inflation raises living costs, incomes remain stagnant. This disparity not only increases the risk of poverty, but it is also detrimental to companies, society, and the economy in general. Raising the minimum wage to a level where people can live decently is crucial to fostering economic growth. Over the last two years, the European Union has been working to finalise a directive on adequate minimum wages. After the Commission issued a Directive proposal on adequate minimum wages in October 2020, the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers reached a provisional political agreement in June 2022. On September 14, the European Parliament adopted the Directive with an overwhelming majority. The Council of the EU is expected to formally adopt the directive later this month, which would then give Member States two years to incorporate it into national law. This directive would provide a broad framework to help Member States establish reasonable minimum wages, encourage collective wage bargaining and enhance the monitoring and implementation of minimum wages. However, this directive entails neither a unified minimum wage throughout the EU, nor an obligation on Member States to introduce a legal minimum wage.   **The European Movement International position**  As we outline in our policy position [“A European Union Response to COVID-19",](https://us12.mailchimp.com/mctx/clicks?url=https%3A%2F%2Feuropeanmovement.eu%2Femi-a-european-union-response-to-covid-19-eurmove%2F&xid=3e143a2ec2&uid=53074061&iid=252ad8674c&pool=cts&v=2&c=1686416869&h=fa17b1215847e1f38d91f6365aa6aacd3a71ada8f2c31ea93b057ff162b6c6a5) the EMI supports the introduction of a European minimum wage, as well as a European unemployment insurance and a European employment contract. They can help bring workers’ rights in Europe to the same standards. Citizens in Europe are now facing an inflation crisis that leaves them even more vulnerable, in the context of a continuing pandemic and a war in Europe. Member States must then coordinate efforts to strengthen workers’ rights while supporting those left out of the labour market. The EU should also ensure that frontline workers fighting this crisis are adequately protected, safeguarded and remunerated. The EMI also advocates for stronger collective bargaining rights, as we elaborate in our policy positions on “[Digital Sovereignty and Citizens’ Rights](https://us12.mailchimp.com/mctx/clicks?url=https%3A%2F%2Feuropeanmovement.eu%2Femi-digital-sovereignty-and-citizens-rights%2F&xid=3e143a2ec2&uid=53074061&iid=252ad8674c&pool=cts&v=2&c=1686416869&h=e71b898dd65a55333d08f44ece0bc6887f250ce0003fc71b701c98188ecc66bf)” and “Moving Towards a Sustainable Europe”. Collective bargaining and employee participation are indeed two industrial relation patterns that need to be used for companies and employees to thrive in a sustainable economy. The right to full employment protections, including the ability for employees to unionise and bargain collectively, must be available to all Europeans regardless of their sector.   **Case studies towards Green Transition in EU regions** A grouping of five case studies reports an in-depth analysis across five regions from across the European Union representing a diversity of approaches to using S3 for Green Transition: the Basque Country in Spain, the Centro region in Portugal, the region of East and North Finland, the region of Western Macedonia in Greece and the region of West Netherlands. [more](https://us12.mailchimp.com/mctx/clicks?url=https%3A%2F%2Fs3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu%2Fw%2Fcase-studies-towards-green-transition-in-eu-regions&xid=3e143a2ec2&uid=53074061&iid=252ad8674c&pool=cts&v=2&c=1686416869&h=74fb8b7c98c6afdfe5a251356d7489cd9904fdefee0d6b9550b0b2d8c15001e7)  **Energy security | Ukraine | European Peace Facility**  The European Parliament will be in summer recess until the end of August. On Tuesday, energy ministers will hold an extraordinary meeting to discuss security of energy supply in the EU and all the necessary measures that need to be taken in preparation for winter, while on Thursday Commissioner Paolo Gentiloni will meet with Mr QU Dongyu, Director-General of FAO, in Rome.   ****Council of the European Union****On Tuesday, energy ministers will hold an extraordinary meeting to discuss security of energy supply in the EU and all the necessary measures that need to be taken in preparation for winter, as security of energy supply in the EU is at further risk of deteriorating in the wake of the Russian aggression against Ukraine. On Thursday and Friday, the Czech Presidency will host an informal meeting of the European Peace Facility Committee to address its budget, common costs of military missions and operations, assistance measures for capacity building and assistance measures to finance military aspects of partner’s peace support operations. [more](https://us12.mailchimp.com/mctx/clicks?url=https%3A%2F%2Feuropeanmovement.eu%2Fnews%2Fweekly-european-agenda-25-07-2022%2F%23council&xid=3e143a2ec2&uid=53074061&iid=252ad8674c&pool=cts&v=2&c=1686416869&h=fb5062cb37ee685625937972336c3c05db9225dfddb8825731d0146b7f01b046)    The Next EKTG Newsletter will include similar material. 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