

## Call for expressions of interest for hosting the EASSW 2021 Conference

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The European Association of Schools of Social Work (EASSW) is calling for expressions of interest from Schools of Social Work and Universities for organising and hosting the 2021 EASSW conference for social work educators, practitioners, service users and students.

The overall focus of the conference will be on social work education. More specific themes will be developed together with the host. The conference is planned to take place in **May or June 2021**. Specific dates will be discussed with the organizer. The conference is expected to attract 500–900 participants and would preferably take place in a university setting keeping the cost down and thereby making it possible for more people to attend.

The successful applicant should address the following specifications and criteria:

1. Must be in current membership with EASSW
2. Give evidence of the financial viability of the host organizations;
3. Give evidence of organizational capacity to host and organize international conferences, including management of abstracts,
4. Capacity for translation in the official languages of EASSW and any regional language that would encourage and facilitate fuller participation to the conference.
5. Indicative themes. Note the final theme is decided by the Programme committee
6. Proposed venue (preferably a University Setting) with information about the capacity to host plenaries, symposiums and workshops and to provide access for people with disabilities;
7. General information about hotel accommodations, including low budget possibilities and proposals for social events;

Furthermore, proposals should present information regarding the following points

- a) The main motivation for your Institution in hosting the EASSW conference in 2021
- b) Potential benefits for the Social Work Education at your School/University, in your Country or part of Europe in hosting/organizing the EASSW conference.
- c) Your previous experiences in organizing national and international/European conferences.
- d) Intention/plans of involving other partners in the organization of the conference. In particular, indicate whether you intend to use a professional agency for operating the conference or you intend to work with in-house resources and give details in relation to your choice.

- e) An estimation of your national/city authorities that will support the EASSW conference and the kind of cooperation you expect to receive from social work professional bodies in your country
- f) An estimation about the possible impact of the conference to wider public in your country and how do you intend to organize public communication (press releases, social media and connection with Eassw social communication) and it's use for the social work profession, including conference website and social media
- g) Expected contributions in kind and financial support from the sources other than registration fee (sponsorship, donations...)
- h) Information regarding logistic of the conference as: international and local travel connection, payment of the conference venue wifi access at the conference venue, local organizing committee, available working rooms for the conference staff etc.

**Please send expressions of interest to the President of EASSW, Nino Zganec, and to the Secretary, Teresa Bertotti, by 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2019 to the following address: [membership@eassw.org](mailto:membership@eassw.org)**

**Proposal will undergo a process of screening and selection by the representative of the Executive Board of the EASSW.**