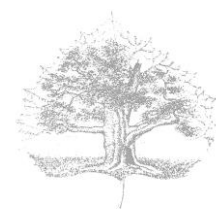




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EFOS Regular meeting and Learning seminar PUBLIC OPEN UNIVERSITY ZAGREB



09 April – 12 April 2025, Zagreb, Croatia

Hosting Organisations:

Public Open University Zagreb

Minutes

Thursday, 10/4/2025

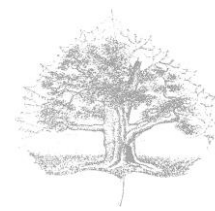
9:00 – 13:00 Public Open University Zagreb, Ulica grada Vukovara 68, room 234

EFOS meeting

9:00 – 11:00

1. Welcome words by the director of the Public open University Zagreb, *Goran Ivan Matoš*
2. Opening by the Assistant Director of the Public Open University Zagreb
Ana Majurić
3. Opening by the EFOS president, Welcome and introduction of the new participants
Nadežda Hrapková

The EFOS President thanked everyone for preparing the meeting at the Public Open University Zagreb and welcomed the EFOS members, other participants, and those connected online. She also mentioned that we have some new participants present for the first time, as it is representative from Dublin Christine O'Kelly, Carmen Stadelhofer from Ulm, colleagues from Koln, Germany and new director of POU



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Zagreb. Some participants joined us after long break – Rosemarie Kurz, who is one of the EFOS founder.

4. Approval of the Agenda: *The Agenda was approved without amendments.*

Minutes of the meeting in Alicante, October 2024:

There are no comments on the Minutes, it was approved. Katarina Grunwald

5. **Participation and apologies**, EFOS Secretary General – Katarina Grunwald

There are EFOS members who were unable to attend the meeting and have apologised: Herta and Wolfgang Spitaler (Austria), Michal Vojkuvka (Brno), Lenka Shromazdilova (Brno), Hans Schröter (Dresden), Olaf Freymark (Magdeburg), Gabriele Wesemann (Berlin), Magdalena Wnuk-Olenicz (Wroclaw), Jitka Pacltova (Liberec), Sigrid Tode Hug (the Netherlands), Monika Zaviš (Bratislava), University of Murcia

6. Report by the EFOS President

Nadežda Hrapková

The report consisted of the events, meetings and activities realised by EFOS during the years 2024 - 2025. As new EFOS members have been accepted universities in POU in Zagreb, TU Liberec, UIC Barcelona, University in Cordoba, University in Murcia, Jagelonsky University in Krakow and DCU Dublin. New individual members became Dr. Pavel Škorpil, Prague, prof. Francois Vellas, Toulouse. The EFOS president thanked for the active work to the EFOS GB members and for the participation in the activities to all our members.

The report was presented as a PowerPoint presentation (see attachment)

7. Reports from other international and national organisations:

- UN Committee on Ageing (see attachment) *Katarina Grunwald*

- AIUTA *Nadežda Hrapková*

There are AIUTA coming events for the year 2025 as it is the conference in Prague in October (13. – 14.10.2025 and cultural program on 15. – 16.10. 2025)

- BAGWiWA *Antonio Roselli*

- DANET – (see attachment) *Carmen Stadelhofer*

11:30 – 13:00

8. Financial statements

Evi Rudolph, EFOS deputy treasurer



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Evi Rudolph explained the financial situation, the income and the expenditures in 2024 and the first three months of the year 2025, as well as the members' membership policy and good payment practices.

9. EFOS News

Katarina Grunwald

The EFOS News was published and spread out to the EFOS members. When the website will be updated, it is possible to find the articles of a new issue on it. (look at the text below).

Katarina, as an editor thanked to all authors for their contributions and for allowing us to share their experiences.

10. EFOS Website

Nadežda Hrapková, Michal Vojkuvka

The EFOS website is currently hosted on two different platforms - Typo3 and WordPress. Under the main domain efos-europa.eu, there are other subdomains corresponding to individual projects (EFOSEC, VECU, EduSenNet, SeLiD).

The template for SeLiD is the latest (based on WordPress), supports responsive web design, etc. This template will be used for the new EFOS website. We will try to put as much original information as possible on the new website (including selected photo galleries, EFOS News, etc.).

11. Applications of the new members in EFOS:

- Zentrum Seniorenstudium, Ludwig-Maximilian-Universität München, Germany - was accepted*
- Technical University in Zvolen, Slovakia - was accepted*

12. Next EFOS meeting in Barcelona, October 2025

Jordi Miralbell

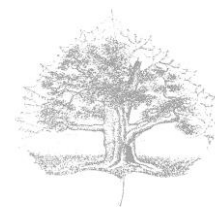
Jordi Miralbell presented the proposal for the program of the EFOS meeting in Barcelona UIC and in Calonge in October 2025. The arrival to Barcelona on 21. October, visit and EFOS meeting in Barcelona on 22. October with the transfer to Calonge. Conference on 35. anniversary of EFOS and Spanish conference in Calonge 23. – 24. October 2025. Invitation, Call for abstracts and other details will be sent soon.

15:00 - 16:30 **Public Open University Zagreb, Ulica grada Vukovara 68, room 234**

15:00 - 16:30 **Learning Erasmus Seminar “Human and nature - Environmental issues in connection with university students of all ages”**



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Tihomir Žiljak, PhD: Policy goals and benefits of learning in old age; Dimensions of learning for green transition and sustainable development

Tijana Trako Poljak, PhD: The relationship between society and environment from the perspective of environmental sociology.

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9:30 – 13:00 ***Public Open University Zagreb, Ulica grada Vukovara 68, room 234***

Best practices and reports from the EFOS members institutions

9:30 – 11:00

1. Online platform ViMA Danube and Zoom – Stronger together beyond borders by online cooperation *Carmen Stadelhofer, ILEU in Ulm, Germany*
2. Information about the event / conference in Germany. For more information ask Antonio. *Antonio Roselli, Magdeburg, Germany*
3. The Spanish Association for Seniors' Education (AEPUM) *Paula Doncel, Alicante UPUA*
4. News from the UTA at Comenius University in Bratislava *Nadežda Hrapková*

11:30 – 13:00 **Project plans and collaboration of the members - possibilities for the year 2025/26**, according to the experience of the members, participants

1. EFOS plans for 2025-2026 (EFOS Action plan, Erasmus+ accreditation and other projects – situation within EFOS with collected information, future EFOS meetings) *Nadežda Hrapková*
2. Chances and opportunities for Sociopolitical Participation in Post Professional Life / Learning in Later Life an essential issue for ageing well *Rosemarie Kurz, Graz*
3. The Age-Friendly University Movement: Transforming Higher Education for Lifelong Learning and Inclusion - the Irish approach *Christine O'Kelly, DCU Dublin*

The lectures will be added as the attachments.

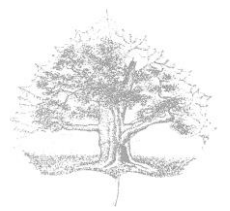
Summary and closure of the meeting

The EFOS president, Nadežda Hrapková thanked to the organisers for the well-prepared meeting, mainly to Ana Majurič, who was a main organiser from POU in Zagreb. She also



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thanked to the participants and members for their active participation and preparing the documents and presentations. Especially after many years to Rosemarie Kurz from Graz and Carmen Stadelhofer. She mentioned that the meeting was very fruitful and friendly.

*Written by Katarina Grunwald
Approved by Nadežda Hrapková*

*12. May 2025
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