



# VISION

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## TIME OUT in Luxembourg

The E.D.E. decided to organize a « TIME OUT » for the 11th European Congress which will take place from 24th to 26th of September 2009.

« TIME OUT » will be also the title of the congress.

At the present time, the developments in the field of residential care homes are characterised by an unbalanced rapport between demand and offer as well as between quality and quantity, finance and organisational problems, an unclear regulation, consequences of fusions, training problems and finally bad reputation and a great number of other problems which put at risk the quality of services in residential care homes and in institutions of health services for the elderly.

A comparison between different European countries shows that many of them are only few interested in experiences of neighbouring countries and follow the same « inappropriate » developments.

It is high time for the E.D.E. that a TIME OUT provides an opportunity to different participants from different countries to put their ideas in order. For this reason, the E.D.E. chose the Hemicycle in Luxembourg as location for the next congress. This is the congress hall of the European Parliament which is equipped with microphones for all participants to ensure an optimal communication.

At the moment, the E.D.E. is trying to hire as many interpreters as possible, so that the participants (subject to the condition that there will be a sufficient number of representatives for each country) could communicate in their own language.

You can soon get more information on the E.D.E. website and in the Newsletters

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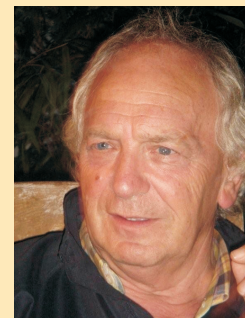
This is the 12th edition of the electronic Newsletter of the E.D.E. : E.D.E. VISION.

This newsletter will inform you about the current developments within the European care centres and in particular about the position of directors/managers. The E.D.E. also intends to adopt a position on real issues in European politics in the context of care for the elderly.

E.D.E. VISION's primary purpose is however to inform you about projects of the E.D.E. and its member countries.



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## Time Out !

***Doing our work better, faster, cheaper is not good enough any more - we have to stop and find a different way.***

The Congress is taking place when price inflation and higher demand for care services are causing great strains.

Solutions are challenging and fluid.

For example, demographics mean more old people, they need varying degrees of help.

Families are less able to cope, more professional assistance is required with a wider range of skills. Naturally these solutions must be agreeable to the responsible bodies and institutions. As Directors we are mindful of these challenges and intend to act, to know the problems and provide suitable procedures and improvements before a situation becomes unmanageable. Your knowledge and experience would be most welcome, so come to Luxembourg and take part in the discussions.

And while you are here, take the opportunity to visit our lovely country, see its attractions and make friends with like minded colleagues from other European countries.

Talk to your colleagues, your friends, to inform and persuade them that together everything is possible.

We can make our goal a happy and contented future for every old person.

Send an e-mail to the office of the E.D.E. [info@ede-eu.org](mailto:info@ede-eu.org) and show us your active interest.

Don't miss the unique opportunity to change the future and be the speaker of institution, your region or your country.

## New delegates



**Daniele Raspini**  
ANSDIPP



**Vilhelms Zivers**  
Latvian Association

## Egon Simson leaves the E.D.E.

Since the 1st of July 2008, Egon Simson (Estonia) is not a member of the General Board any more.

After 19 years work as a home director and 13 years activity as a chairman of the ESJN, he decided for a new function. With Egon Simson, the E.D.E. loses a very important partner. We wish him a lot of success in his new job.

The new chairman of the Estonian Association for Home Directors and representative of Estonia in the General Board is Vambola Sipelgas who is already known within the E.D.E.

