



Second online European Forum Meeting 2025-2026

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Agenda

1. Welcome – Carola van Zanen-van Rijn, chair EU Forum Committee 2024-2026
2. Minutes September 3 , Minute taker Muriel Marsh, Norway.(Thank you)
3. Educational Topic , October 14th Ethics of AI, Dorina Girbova 2025
4. St Lucia Day, 11 December 2025
5. Incoming mail and messages.
- News from the European Director
6. Other Educational Topics, planning?
7. Artist in the Spotlight
8. Our in person meeting in Norway, May 2026.
9. Every member reports about their own country and issues they want to address.
10. Other business
11. The next meeting will be November 12, 2025 same time as always.



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

European Forum Committee meeting 1st October 2025, 19.00 CET

Present at the Zoom meeting were Carola van Zanen van Rijn, Marie Antoinette Hubers de Wolf, Muriel Marsh, Vilborg Ása Bjarnadóttir, Kadri Mettis, Barbara Kern (for Diana Bell), Thi

Finkemayer, Henna Perätalo. Sweden was not represented as the new board were having a meeting at the same time as the EFC.

1. Welcome: Carola welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially **Beverly**, our International President, and **Barbara** stepping in for Diana.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the 3rd of September. The minutes were approved.

3. The Educational topic 14th October, 19.00 CET. The link to the Zoom webinar has been sent to all, as well as details published on the European website. Dorina Girbovan from Romania will have the title “The Ethics of AI”. MA will introduce her. Members are asked to spread the word and the Zoom link.

4. Santa Lucia Day, 11th December: We agreed to a theme of “*making Christmas cards*” with a short introduction and max.5 minutes video from all countries. The easiest for members is to send a video from their phones. MA wishes to have all contributions by the 1st of December. Remember that the introduction must be included in the video, so that the resulting presentation is more streamlined! Participants can wear their ugliest Christmas sweaters as well!

5. Incoming mail and messages: The webinar from the US was well received by those taking part. (Barbara from GB confirmed this).

Sweden has a new executive board and were meeting on the 1st October. Many greetings were sent to them by the EFC members. They still have many members who are sceptical to the way US politics has soured the connection to DKG. The new EFC member has not been decided. Carola reminded us all of the DKG stand as a non-political society.

News from the Regional Director: MA will be in touch with the State President of Japan and wishes to invite to a virtual meeting similar to the one we had with Canada.

MA also reminded us that we must start to think of the meetings to be held in Colorado in 2026, especially planning the Forum meeting. Information will also be found on Basecamp.

MA has the monies from GB that the recipient who won in the lottery in Brighton will receive to cover the conference registration costs in 2027. Birgitte Johnson was the lucky winner!

6. Other Educational Topics: Kadri was asked about a new topic and will confirm after the 1st December. The next date is suggested as the 20th of January 2026.

7. Artist in the spotlight: Marika from Germany will be presented as the new artist in December.

8. In-person meeting in Norway: Muriel informed that details concerning the meeting will be available after she has spoken with Bjørg in December. The members will be flying into Oslo, Gardermoen Airport. The meeting is the weekend 8th-10th May 2026. If you wish to come earlier, feel free to, but let Muriel know.

9. Member countries report: **Iceland** has started the new year with a new executive board that have met four times and have a new plan. Chapters are beginning the autumn meetings with enthusiasm. The state board has invited Louise Evans (5 Chairs, 5 Choices) to Iceland in March! **Germany** have not had any new meetings but have had a very positive weekend with the **Netherlands** in Rastede. This they hope will be repeated. The Netherlands have 2 Chapters that have met and have planned for the whole year. MA and Carola together with Marika from Germany will take part in the retreat in Florence, Italy that Louise Evans invited to during her lecture in Brighton. **GB** have a trip to The Old Bailey planned, where they will be invited to see the courts from the witness position. **Finland** and **Estonia** did not have any new news. The new board in **Norway** has met digitally for the first time recently. The President confirms that the Conference in 2027 will be in Kristiansand S, in the south of Norway. The town has good communications with Europe and is also a very popular holiday spot by the sea. The board will be considering the time of year and venue as soon as possible, together with the theme. Their chosen month is June, and the hope is to invite around the 20th. MA noted that as soon as the date has been agreed upon with the board and EFC, HQ can arrange a trip either prior or after the conference. The board meets in person at the end of October. **Sweden** has a new board and will inform MA of their officers.

10. Other business: **Euforia** will be published in November. Members are asked to submit articles as soon as possible and preferably before 10th October.

Beverly reminded us of the month of October as the breast cancer awareness month. DKG have a virtual meeting place “*Roses of hope*» for all who have or have experienced breast cancer.

MA informed of the Visionary networks that have been established on the international DKG site. Unfortunately, the meeting times do not comply with Europe! She encouraged us to think of establishing our own and making it accessible to the US et al. Please ask your members- the network can be about anything you are passionate about.

Carola invited all to think about the theme for our next European Conference in 2027. This will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

Henna informed that the monies from GB that were divided three ways have now been received to the EFC account. The amount is in excess of 2000 euros.

11. Next meeting: 12th November 19.00 CET.