



Fifth online European Forum Meeting 2025-2026

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 19.00-20.30 CET

Agenda

1. Welcome – Carola van Zanen-van Rijn, chair EU Forum Committee 2024-2026
2. Minutes March 11 , Minute taker Muriel Marsh, Norway.(Thank you)
3. Update conference in Norway. Is there a theme for the conference?
4. Incoming mail and messages.
 - News from the Europe Regional Director
5. Educational Topic in May?
6. Euforia
7. Our in person meeting in Norway, May 2026.
 - Agenda for our Face to Face meeting. Do you want to add something?
8. Every member reports about their own country and issues they want to address.
9. Other business

The next meeting will be our Face to face meeting in Oslo, Norway, May 9, 2026



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

European Forum Committee meeting 15th April 2026, 19.00-20.00 CET

Present at the Zoom meeting were Carola van Zanen van Rijn, Marie Antoinette Hubers de Wolf, Muriel Marsh, Vilborg Ása Bjarnadóttir, Diana Bell, Henna Perätalo, Ann Kathrin Swärd, Kadri Mettis and Beverly Hall-Maughan. Thi Finkemayer could not attend.

1.Welcome: Carola welcomed everyone to the meeting. MA attended the first half of the meeting.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the 11th of March 2026. The minutes were approved. Carola had corrected after comments from Ann Kathrin.

3. Update on Conference 2027:

Muriel informed that the Norwegian board would have its next in-person meeting 20th-21st April in Kristiansand. Norway wishes to have its state meeting in conjunction with the Conference to increase numbers from Norway attending. The themes will be discussed at the board meeting, and a short summary will be sent EFC members. The members of the board in Kristiansand have been in touch with 3 hotels in the centre of town and have an appointment with a company concerning booking procedures for the conference. The Norwegian board will visit these premises during their meeting. Beverly informed that the tour company have not started planning for a Norwegian tour yet. This may be either prior to or after the conference.

4. Theme for the Conference:

This will be discussed as per above and all Chapters in Norway have been asked to come with input. The order the EFC presented the themes in was well accepted. A wish to include refugees and schooling/ integration has also been raised as a theme that is very current. More information at our in-person meeting in May.

5. Incoming mail and messages:

Carola has sent all members the agenda for our meeting in May + a copy of the Byelaw changes. These are also available on the DKG News. She encourages all to read the changes. Any issues that are not on the agenda for the 9th May should be sent Carola as soon as possible.

News from the RD:

MA is very busy with the Byelaws and Gapp changes which the admin board will present in Colorado. She has also attended the state meeting in Finland and visited members in Estonia. She also promoted the 50th anniversary of DKG Netherlands on the 30th May. Carola will send the invitation to those who wish to attend.

The Forum meeting in Colorado will be attended by ca 15 members. Monies from HQ to Europe will still be 400€/ country. There will be an increase in available funds for the new RD to cover Zoom meeting account and travel during the biennium. This will augment the 1€/ member in Europe that we have for the RD's travel expenses.

Beverly asked the EFC to promote the European Conference in Norway at the Convention in Colorado. Muriel will ask Helga Bates, the State president if she can do this.

6. Upcoming Educational topics:

MA has spoken to Daniella in Germany and hopes she can speak of her project as a topic in May.

7. Euforia:

The new edition was the editor's last job as she will leave the position immediately. The position is vacant, and Kristin can assist when a new editor is appointed. The April edition was very interesting and will be published on Basecamp for the SOPs.

8. In-person meeting in Norway: All members of the EFC have confirmed arrival times in to Oslo. Muriel reminds all to send any dietary needs prior to coming and preferably by 1st May. A question about the 1€/ member monies to be taken in cash to this meeting received a positive reply. Henna informed that four countries had transferred monies already.

11. Member countries report: focus on membership and education

- **Iceland** Very positive meeting with Louise Evans.
- **Germany** Thi was not present but MA informed that the state meeting had gone well.
- **Netherlands.** The Netherlands will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on the 30th of May with the theme "We women have impact!" They will have focus on membership and are thrilled to have Louise Evans attending as a speaker and member! Sha McCowan from Canada will also be attending. All are welcome to attend. Carola will send the application form.
- **GB** Their State meeting will be held on the 18th of April, where they also will have a discussion on "How did we enter education? «They will also discuss the suggested changes to the Byelaws.
- **Finland** The state meeting was held with MA attending. Muriel commended the Finnish board with their Zoom lecture from Tia Neal in the US. Henna told us that members of the board will be visiting Pärnu in Estonia shortly.
- **Norway** does not hold a state meeting in 2026. All focus on the State meeting in 2027 which will be a business meeting prior to the Conference. Two new members will be taken up in Kristiansand when the state board meets at the Chapter meeting.
- **Sweden** The board has had a meeting and will look closely at the SWOT analysis done on all chapters. Ann Kathrin told us of meeting up with a member from Portland visiting Stockholm. Ann Kathrin is lecturing on the drop-out problem faced in schools in Sweden.
- **Estonia** is busy preparing for the AGM in Pärnu on the 26th of April.

11. Other business: Muriel will send an overview of arrival times to Oslo for our meeting, so that members arriving at the same time can coordinate coming to Bærum by train.

11. Next meeting: *9th May in person in Bærum, Norway. Welcome!*

In Norway the 8th May is Liberation Day, marking the end of the occupation during WW2. Flags are flying but it is not a holiday.

The meeting was adjourned at 19.55 CET

Muriel Marsh (Norway)

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