



Online European Forum Meeting 2025-2026

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 19.00-20.30 CET

Agenda

1. Welcome – Carola van Zanen-van Rijn, chair EU Forum Committee 2024-2026
2. Minutes October 1st , Minute taker Muriel Marsh, Norway.(Thank you)
3. Educational Topic , October 14th Ethics of AI, Dorina Girbova 2025 review
4. St Lucia Day, 11 December 2025, deadline to send in movies is December 1st 2025
5. Suggestions for a theme for the Conference in Norway.
6. Update conference in Norway.
7. Incoming mail and messages.
 - News from the Europe Regional Director
8. Other Educational Topics, planning
9. Artist in the Spotlight (December Germany)
10. Our in person meeting in Norway, May 2026.
11. Every member reports about their own country and issues they want to address.
12. Other business

The next meeting will be December 3th, 2025, 19.00-20.30 CET to prepare the St Lucia meeting.



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

European Forum Committee meeting 12th November 2025, 19.00 CET

Present at the Zoom meeting were Carola van Zanen van Rijn, Marie Antoinette Hubers de Wolf, Muriel Marsh, Viborg Ása Bjarnadottir, Diana Bell, Thi Finkemayer, Henna Perätalo, Ann Kathrin Swärd and Beverly Hall-Maughan. Kadri Mettis was unable to take part in the meeting.

1. Welcome: Carola welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially **Beverly**, our International President.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the 1st of October. The minutes were approved.

3. The Educational topic 14th October, a review. Dorina Girbovan's lecture was well received by many members. MA has learnt how to edit the video and will do so before it is published on the European website.

4. Santa Lucia Day, 11th December: 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 they make their cards. Maximum time, including introduction is 5 minutes.

5. Conference Theme Suggestions for 2027: While the EFC will make the final decision, they invite members to share their ideas. Here are some of the titles that were presented during the meeting:

- Women in leadership: breaking barriers and empowering change
- Empowered minds, intelligent futures!
- Beyond borders: exploring global perspectives on education.
- Shaping the future of education, trends and insights for tomorrow.
- Futureproofing education

Carola furthered the following titles after our meeting

- Education and learning, unlocking opportunities for all.
- Digital transformation: navigating the new frontiers.
- Global collaboration in education

MA encouraged us to further brainstorming with our members, and to find 3-4 different themes we can agree upon. Important to think of younger members and relevance for them in addition to respecting how rapid change is within the field of education. We will attempt to decide at the meeting in January.

6. Update on Conference in 2027: The Norwegian board has confirmed that they will invite participants to Kristiansand in 2027. At present the members working prefer an earlier date in June, the w/e 10th-13th June 2027. The members of Epsilon Chapter are eager to find suitable venues centrally in the town. Kristiansand is very popular in the summer, and accommodation will be cheaper prior to the start of the school holiday a week later. They also wish to have a

clearer idea of sharing of responsibilities; a Conference blueprint is suggested! MA invited herself to the next State board meeting, on Teams the 15th of January, where she will answer questions that have arisen.

7. Incoming mail and messages: Carola reminded us of deadlines for Ignite (former Golden gift) 1st December 2025. The newsletter Euforia is now published and will be placed on Basecamp by MA. Many interesting articles here.

Carola also thanked Henna for sending the completed financial report that also is published on Basecamp.

News from the Regional Director: MA had just returned from meetings at HQ with the administrative board. They had good meetings and there is a lot of work with the update of the Byelaws that will be relevant for all members. These changes will be voted upon at the Convention in Colorado in 2026. She hopes many members will take part then. Both she and Beverly reminded us of the vision of increasing membership by 100 members per State by May 2029, something that is a fun objective but maybe not realistic! MA opted for 100 new members in Europe by May 2029!

“Member in the Spotlight” has Marie Louise Nordesjö from Sweden on the front page of the DKG.org page. She is a very worthy member who has a long and illustrious DKG membership! All are encouraged to read about her.

8. Other Educational Topics: Thi suggested the speaker Germany had had at a meeting in Rastede recently. Her theme was about promoting memory culture, especially the Stumbling blocks (“Stolpersteine”) that certain European countries have placed in towns and cities in remembrance of Jews deported and killed during the Second world war. Sabine Krause, the German SOP, has written a little about this topic in the November issue of Euforia.

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

10. 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**. There are good rail connections from the airport into central Oslo and good public transport options to Bjørg’s house. The meeting is the weekend 8th-10th May 2026. If you wish to come earlier, feel free to, but let Muriel know. Members wishing to meet up with DKG members from Hadeland can also get in touch with Muriel.

11. Member countries report:

- **Iceland** is marking its 50th anniversary enthusiastically. Despite bad weather and a trip across mountains, a successful seminar was held in Selfors in the autumn. Alpha Chapter, the first in Iceland has celebrated itself as well as inviting non-members to the festivities. They are looking forward to new and interesting activities and an increase in membership in the new year.
- **Germany** has members very scattered around the country and have chosen to have meetings on zoom. The minutes from the EFC meetings are distributed to all members.
- **Netherlands**. MA and Carola together with Marika from Germany took part in the retreat in Florence, Italy that Louise Evans invited to during her lecture in Brighton. She has also become a DKG member of the Netherlands! Congratulations!
- **GB** have creativity as a theme this year and will be coming together for a Christmas card- making- meeting at Dianas home. They were also very pleased with a recent zoom meeting about home schooling.
- **Finland** has established new state committees and has a theme of Creativity and beyond for the DKG year.
- **Norway** has had its first in person board meeting recently. Questions concerning the Conference have been addressed in agenda point 6. The board has taken the initiative to update information flyers etc that are used to promote DKG and spread to workplaces. Chapters have good levels of activities and all will invite for Christmas meetings.
- **Sweden** has a new board and has invited Beverly to take part in their next board meeting on the 26th of November. Chapters have had good meetings this autumn, but Ann Kathrin repeated the concerns certain members still have of the situation in education and research in the US after measures taken by the current administration. A book review published in the Bulletin was particularly mentioned. Beverly encouraged members to come with their opinions and get in touch with her. Beverly reminded all to inform members, especially new and younger ones of the scholarship options available to them in the DKG system.

10. Other business: Read Euforia and spread the news! Remember to send in Lucia Day videos by the 1st of December to MA. Inform members of Lucia meeting 11th December.

11. Next meeting: 3rd December 19.00 CET. This is to ensure that all states have Lucia Day videos in place!

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

The meeting was adjourned at 20.15 CET

Muriel Marsh (Norway) 14.11. 2025