



Online European Forum Meeting 2025-2026

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 19.00-20.30 CET

Agenda

1. Welcome – Carola van Zanen-van Rijn, chair EU Forum Committee 2024-2026
2. Minutes February 11 , Minute taker Muriel Marsh, Norway.
3. Update conference in Norway.
4. Incoming mail and messages.
- News from the Europe Regional Director
5. Upcoming Educational Topics.
6. Artist in the Spotlight.
7. Euforia.
8. Our face to face meeting in Norway, May 8 2026
9. Every member reports about their own country and issues they want to address.
This time we take a bit longer for this item.
Themes: membership, Education.
10. Other business

The next meeting will be April 15, 2026, 19.00-20.30 CET



The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

European Forum Committee meeting 11th March 2026, 19.00-20.00 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 Kadri Mettis.

1. Welcome: Carola welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the 11th February 2026. The minutes were approved after some minor corrections concerning the artist in the spotlight.

3. Update on Conference 2027:

Muriel informed that the Norwegian board will have its next meeting on the 12th March and an 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 sent from the EF have been distributed to the members in Norway. Muriel will inform the EF of developments and thanked both Diana and Carola for their advice on planning for the conference in Brighton last year. The SOP in Norway has sent dates to DKG HQ and the tour company have received these. MA reminded all that the incoming RD will have a lot of authority concerning the conference and that contracts will have to be signed in September. MA can also advise the new RD as she has experience of planning 2 conferences. Norway will plan for numbers between 100 and 120 participants.

4. Incoming mail and messages:

Carola has sent us all (as well as placed on Base Camp) the chart of types of membership in DKG. She has sent the EF Chair's report to HQ and has informed them that she will not be travelling to the Convention. Henna was asked and was positive to representing the EF in Colorado. As treasurer, Henna will also present the financial report and budget at the Forum meeting. The minutes from the Forum meeting at Brighton must also be approved in Colorado.

News from the RD:

MA informed that approx. 15 members from Europe will attend the Convention and she hopes all countries will be represented. MA will chair the Forum meeting.

MA informed that the administrative board will have their meetings the following week and she will inform of items at the next EF meeting.

5. Upcoming Educational topics:

Diana has already sent information about the two dates prior to Easter. Eyglo has placed the links on the European website and sent to all SOP and EF members. The dates are Saturday 21st March and Saturday 28th March at 16.30 GMT/ 17.30 CET. Details are on the website. MA has spoken to Daniella in Germany and hopes she can speak of her project as a topic in May. We discussed the topic at the EF meeting in February.

6. Artist(s) in the spotlight:

Àsa has an artist from Iceland and she has now been presented on the website until May. GB have two artists who will be presented for the summer and the start of the new EF year.

7. Euforia:

The deadline of March 5th has passed, but please send information to Kristen if forgotten. The next issue is published in April/May.

8. In-person meeting in Norway: All members of the EFC have confirmed coming to Oslo in May and all have sent travel/flight details. Muriel reminds all to send any dietary needs prior to coming and preferably by 1st May.

9. Member countries report: focus on membership and education

- **Iceland** They are very excited at welcoming Louise Evans to Reykjavík the weekend 13th-14th March! MA will attend this meeting/ workshop. There are new members joining!
- **Germany** Thi has been in Asia the last 6 weeks and has missed a book meeting. The State meeting will be held in Osnabruck 11th April. Members from NL have already been invited. Germany is concerned about their dwindling numbers.
- **Netherlands.** The Netherlands will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on the 30th of May with a party for all! Get in touch with MA or Carola for details. They will have focus on membership and are thrilled to have Louise Evans attending as a speaker and member! Shar McCowan from Canada will also be attending.
- **GB** are concerned about their numbers and difficulties in finding new members. There State meeting will be held on the 18th April, where they also will have a discussion on "How did we enter education?"
- **Finland** The State meeting will be held on the 11th April, with MA attending. They are hoping that the seminar at the state meeting will be put on-line, but still unsure.
- **Norway** has stable chapters with a small number of new members in all of them! Norway does not hold a state meeting in 2026.
- **Sweden** all chapters have good programs for the year. There are still issues with getting board members at state level, but there are good plans for the year. Sweden is a member of an umbrella organisation of all female groups in the country and have members on the board. There is currently only one Chapter with only retired members all the rest of the chapters in Sweden have many active young members. Sweden hopes that closer ties with its Nordic and Baltic member states can be taken up again.
- **Estonia** is busy preparing for the AGM in Pärnu on the 26th of April. MA will be visiting Tallinn and Pärnu prior to travelling to Finland. Kadri informed that Beta Chapter

support teacher training students as mentors/ coaches and hopes this will be rewarded with new, younger members. She hopes they can inform others of their experiences. MA informed that HQ have a focus on Collegiate members, who are the future of DKG. Kadri wishes to have an overview of all State meetings. MA has placed a list on Base Camp for the SOPs and will make it available for the EF.

10. Other business: Henna will be sending out the request of one euro per member from all countries in Europe. EF members are asked to check their numbers with their respective treasurers.

Muriel has found some old correspondence concerning the establishment of the European region of DKG. The region became independent in 1999 and will therefore have it's 30th anniversary when DKG celebrates it's 100th! She will be in touch with Beverly about digitalising the history.

11. Next meeting: 15th April 19.00 CET.

Happy Easter!

The meeting was adjourned at 20.15 CE

Muriel Marsh (Norway)

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