

EUROPEAN  
AGEING  
NETWORK

former EDE|EAHSA



# NEWS

THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION  
FOR DIRECTORS AND PROVIDERS  
OF LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY

THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION  
OF HOMES AND SERVICES FOR THE AGEING



MARCH - MAY 2018

## French FNAQPA calls for a more social-centered elderly care

The French EAN member **Fédération Nationale Avenir et Qualité de Vie des Personnes Agées** (FNAQPA) calls for a more social and less medical centered approach in elderly care. A paradigm shift, co-creation and social care are key in response to future challenges, FNAQPA says in a statement following a round table discussion organised by the French Health Minister.

Elderly care facilities, in French known as EPHADs, are at a crossroad of medical and social concepts. Main challenges are posed by today's social and citizenship concepts, regulations, attractiveness, prevention and neurodegenerative diseases. According to FNAQPA elderly care facility residents have to be facilitated in developing a new social life concept for their end-of-life stage. Elderly care services providers therefor have to re-design their housing concepts and to review the elderly care home models.

### **New name**

FNAQPA also calls for changing the name of **EPHAD** (établissements d'hébergement pour personnes âgées dépendantes, or houses for older dependent people) as this acronym and its connotations are stigmatising and un-attractive. FNAQPA has organised a contest to select a more adapted name for the new concept and proposes "Elderly homes" instead.