

Professors Emeriti Network

Professors Emeriti Ethical and Legal Aspect Group

In line with the consensus of [Professors Emeriti Network](#), with the objectives of the functioning and action of the [European Association of Professors Emeriti](#), in line with the statements of the [European Commission in the GREEN PAPER ON AGEING Fostering solidarity and responsibility between generations](#) (Brussels, 27.1.2021 COM, 50 final), Professors Emeriti Network nominates the *Expert Working Group* on:

Ethical and Legal Aspect from Professors Emeriti and Retired Researchers Contribution in Public Goodness

Addressing the effects of ageing by improving and strengthening intergenerational solidarity is one of the solutions to ensure that everyone can participate in doing something good for the community. The formal and social status of professors emeriti in Europe varies widely, reflecting cultural and traditional attitudes towards the elderly in general. Intergenerational learning, including mentoring or experience sharing, enables young and old to build mutual solidarity in joint efforts to find better solutions. In parallel with the policy response to the socio-economic impact in the welfare of society, there is a need to discuss how professors emeriti can contribute to the establishment of intergenerational collaboration. This means that retired academic experts should be given basic options to be participants in the public goodness.

Professors Emeriti Ethical and Legal Group will collect data, coordinate exchanges and promote discussion as follows:

- to examine and discuss on professors emeriti status and universities' practices in relation to professors' emeriti,
- to focus, among the data collected, on minimal standards and approaches that can be shared by all universities,
- to prepare a joint statement on the role of professors' emeriti in intergenerational cooperation and mutual solidarity in public goodness.

The basis for further work of the group will be formed by its members in a joint document, which will be presented at the at the second congress of the European Association of Professors Emeriti - EAPE *The Capital of Knowledge*, which will be taking place in Naples on April 28-30, 2022.

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