Dear colleagues and members of IASSW board,

Since our January meeting EASSW has to report the following:

a) EASSW Bi-annual conference – ECSWE 2025

- The next ECSWE conference it will be held in Salzburg from the 23rd until the 26th of June 2025 by Salzburg University of Applied Sciences and its topic will be **"Contemporary Challenges of Social Connectedness**". More information can be found in the following address <u>www.ecswe2025-salzburg.ac.at</u>.

b) EASSW podcast

-Additionally, EASSW has established a new activity (podcast) in order to reach out our members and keep them update in topics related to SWE and practice. The first podcast of the series is titled "Social Work Education in postcommunist countries". You will be able to access it in our Facebook page (#easswpodcast).

c) International Social Work Day 2024

-EA was represented in various activities for the **celebration of the International** Social Work Day in Geneva, organised by the UNIRSD and the Social Work School in Geneva and Fribourg and in Sofia organised by the Bulgarian Association of Schools of Social Work.

d) Small Projects funding

-It has been decided that for 2024 the call will be open until funds are given. We can also accept proposals from IASSW members who collaborate with members from the European region. It has been submitted a proposal to the IASSW research committee to fund such join projects.

Yours faithfully,

Christos Panagiotopoulos President of EASSW

