

# **Eurocarers & European Conference 17-20 May 2010**

**Sebastian Fischer  
Coalition meeting 26 August 2009**



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**Coalition of Carers in Scotland**

# Eurocarers - update

- ❑ 2008 - Coalition joins Eurocarers
- ❑ May 2009 - Alan Scougal & Claire Cairns attend AGM in Athens
- ❑ 7 new people elected as President & Executive members
  - 1 Greece
  - 1 Italy
  - 3 Ireland
  - 1 Netherlands
  - 1 Scotland (Sebastian Fischer)



# Eurocarers - update

Since June 2009 ...

- Bank account established
- Membership records updated
- European Parliament Carers Interest Group established
- EC Submission on 2012 European Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between the Generations
- Dublin meeting 5/6 September



# Eurocarers aims

**EUROCARERS** seeks to advance the issue of unpaid care by:

- **Supporting the development of carers organisations**
- Providing a united voice at European level
- **Influencing policy at national and EU levels**
- Promoting awareness of carers issues
- **Dissemination of experience and good practice**
- Providing information on relevant EU policy developments
- Developing an informed research agenda



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- ❑ **Build on EUROFAMCARE report - take forward its recommendations**
- ❑ **Attract new countries and regions**
- ❑ **Show positive benefits of carer policy & support particularly in Scotland - launch of new national carers strategy**



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- ❑ **Examine opportunities for policy developments at European level**
- ❑ **Encourage national and regional development of carer-led organisation**
- ❑ **Win support for the development of a European Carers Manifesto**



# Conference Support

- ❑ **£15,000 Scottish Government**
- ❑ **£ 5,000 NHS Lothian**
- ❑ **€ 5,000 Head of European Commission in Scotland**
- ❑ **Civic Reception by City of Edinburgh Council**
- ❑ **More to follow**

