

MINUTES

Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the European Hematology
Association

Thursday, 11 June 2026, 18:15 to 19:45 CEST
A9 Hall, Stockholm, Sweden

Chairs:

Konstanze Döhner, EHA President
Frank Leebeek, Treasurer

Presenters:

Konstanze Döhner, EHA President
Tobias Degsell, Guest Speaker
Frank Leebeek, Treasurer

Attendees:

84 in person EHA Members
68 online EHA Members

AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introduction

EHA President Konstanze Döhner welcomed attendees and opened the AGM. She outlined the agenda and also introduced the guest speaker, Tobias Degsell, who would provide additional perspectives during the meeting.

She acknowledged progress in hematology while highlighting ongoing challenges, including unequal access to care and increasing complexity in healthcare delivery.

The President emphasized EHA's strategic direction, focusing on:

- Accessible, high-quality education
- Strengthening research and innovation
- Reducing disparities in access to care
- Supporting community engagement and collaboration

The meeting then proceeded to the formal agenda.

2. Presentation by Tobias Degsell on Unlocking True Excellence in Medicine

The presentation by Tobias Degsell focused on how excellence in medicine can be unlocked through a combination of engagement, competence, collaboration, and trust. He emphasized that engagement and competence are key drivers of development, forming the foundation for achieving excellence.

Key Takeaways:

- Excellence is achieved through the interplay of engagement, competence, and continuous development.
- Strong, trust-based networks and collaboration enhance innovation and performance.
- The diversity of skills and perspectives is critical for tackling complex challenges.
- Building resilience requires embracing discomfort, challenges, and ongoing learning.

3. Annual report 2025

At the AGM, EHA President Konstanze Döhner presented a short video summarizing the [2025 Annual Report](#), highlighting what was achieved together with the support of members, volunteers, and partners across the global hematology community.

The video showcased key results from 2025, including progress in membership growth, EHA2025, education, research support, advocacy, and financial stewardship.

Following the video, it was emphasized that the Annual Report reflects EHA's collective efforts to advance its mission. This includes strengthening engagement within the global hematology community, expanding education and training opportunities, investing in research and innovation, and building strong partnerships with national societies and international stakeholders.

Attendees were reminded that the video presented only selected highlights. Members were encouraged to explore the full [2025 Annual Report](#) for a more comprehensive overview, including detailed insights into how EHA's resources are used and the organization's financial health.

4. Financial report 2025

Frank Leebeek, EHA Treasurer, gave a short update on Financial Report for 2025.

Balance Sheet

Assets	31.12.2025	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
Fixed assets	682	793	366
Current assets	4,575	3,437	4,136
Cash and equivalents	29,597	30,090	31,334
Total Assets	34,854	34,320	35,836

Equity & Liabilities	31.12.2025	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
Equity	21,732	23,820	28,711

Long term liabilities	6,255	5,360	1,483
Current liabilities	6,867	5,140	5,642
Total Liabilities	34,854	34,320	35,836

Statement of Income and Expenses

	Actuals 2025	Budget 2025	Actuals 2024
Income	25,641	26,719	24,936
Expenses	27,934	29,512	30,095
Gross Result	(2,293)	(2,793)	(5,159)

Financial Income	205	309	267
Result	(2,088)	(2,484)	(4,892)

Reservation Special Purpose Reserve			
Withdrawal from Special Purpose Reserve			500
Net Result	(2,088)	(2,484)	(4,392)

- The full management report on the general affairs of the association and on its management (Annual Report) is available at the Executive Office
- Details to the items on the balance sheet and the profit and loss accounts are available for viewing at the Executive Office
- The auditor's report concerning the truth and fairness of these documents is available for viewing at the Executive Office

Budget 2026

Amounts	Budget 2026	Actuals 2025	B26 %A25	Budget 20245
Income	28,885	25,641	112,7%	26,719
Expenses	30,439	27,934	109%	29,512
Gross Result	(1,554)	(2,293)	67,8%	(2,793)

Financial Income	300	205	146,3%	309
Net Results	(1,254)	(2,088)	60,1%	(2,484)

Approval Procedure

The EHA Members attending the AGM were asked to approve the 2025 financial statements, the 2026 budget, and the management accountability.

Approved unanimously by the Members

5. Updates to EHA Articles of Association

Konstanze Döhner, EHA President, presented the proposed updates to the EHA Articles of Association and outlined the rationale, process, and outcomes of the amendments.

- The proposed amendments aimed to improve clarity, governance, and legal alignment, while maintaining the core purpose of the Association.
- Internal approvals were obtained from the EHA Board and the Good Governance Committee, and the amendments were reviewed by a Dutch notary.
- Members were informed of the proposed changes and the AGM agenda in early May.
- Voting was conducted electronically, in accordance with the Articles of Association requirements.
- Electronic voting was open from 14 days before the AGM, May 26 to June 2, 2026.
- Voting outcomes were verified on June 3, 2026, submitted to the Board, and formally provided to the Secretary for inclusion in the AGM.

The seven proposed amendments were presented to the membership to amend the Articles of Association in accordance with the draft deed, covering membership structure, governance terminology, board continuity, nomination procedures, governance safeguards under Dutch law, technical corrections, and authorization for implementation.

The outcomes of the voting were presented as follows:

- Change 1: Membership Structure & Statutory Alignment
Resolution 1: 96,6% in favor, 3,4% against
- Change 2: Governance Terminology & Meeting Definitions. **Resolution 2: 97% in favor, 3% against**
- Change 3: Board Continuity and Rotation
Resolution 3: 91,8% in favor, 8,2% against
- Change 4: Nomination Procedure Clarification
Resolution 4: 89,7% in favor, 10,3% against
- Change 5: Governance Safeguards (WBTR)
Resolution 5: 95,9% in favor, 4,1% against
- Change 6: Technical and Legal Corrections
Resolution 6: 97,2% in favor, 2,8% against
- Change 7: Authorization, granting the Board the authority to implement the approved amendments
Resolution 7: 98,1% in favor, 1,9% against

In accordance with Article 20(3) of the Articles of Association, the Business Meeting can only adopt a resolution to affect an amendment of the Articles of Association by a majority of at least two thirds of votes cast. It was confirmed that all proposed amendments received the required two-thirds majority and were therefore approved by the members.

Resolution Results Overview

Resolution	Updates	Yes	No	% Yes	% No
Change 1	Membership Structure & Statutory Alignment	450	16	96,6%	3,4%
Change 2	Governance Terminology & Meeting Definitions	452	14	97%	3%
Change 3	Board Continuity and Rotation	428	38	91,8%	8,2%
Change 4	Nomination Procedure Clarification	418	48	89,7%	10,3%
Change 5	Governance Safeguards	447	19	95,9%	4,1%
Change 6	Technical and Legal Corrections	453	13	97,2%	2,8%
Change 7	Authorization, granting the Board the authority to implement the approved amendments	457	9	98,1%	1,9%

The voting results presented reflect all valid votes cast during the electronic voting period prior to the AGM and are not limited to members attending the AGM.

The EHA President confirmed the voting results and that the resolutions were validly adopted. The AGM resolved:

- to amend the Articles of Association of the Association, in conformity with the draft deed prepared by KRAGD Notarissen at The Hague, The Netherlands, under file number 2026.010807.01;
- to appoint each employee of KRAGD Notarissen at The Hague, The Netherlands, to execute the notarial deed of amendment to the Articles of Association of the Association and to register the amendment with the Dutch Trade Register; and
- that these resolutions were adopted with the required two-thirds majority of votes cast in accordance with Article 20(3) of the Articles of Association.

The next steps were outlined as follows:

- Execution of the amended Articles of Association by a Dutch civil-law notary
- Filing with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce

- Implementation phase, including updates to internal systems, governance documentation, and communication to members

6. Looking Ahead

Konstanze Döhner, EHA President, formally closed the AGM and reflected on the outcomes of the meeting and the future direction of the Association.

The President outlined that EHA would continue to focus on translating its strategic priorities into tangible impact for the community. Key areas of focus include:

- Strengthening knowledge sharing across the community, ensuring that education, clinical guidance, and scientific developments remain accessible and relevant for everyday practice.
- Supporting an environment that enables innovation to thrive, with the aim of advancing patient care outcomes.
- Expanding collaborative research efforts and sustained investment to accelerate the translation of scientific discoveries into clinical applications.
- Promoting equitable access to advancements in hematology across different regions and healthcare settings.
- Continuing to invest in the EHA community by fostering collaboration, dialogue, and long-term engagement.

Members were encouraged to engage in the upcoming EHA Congress program and to benefit from both scientific content and networking opportunities.

The President thanked all members for their ongoing commitment to EHA and wished participants a successful and inspiring EHA2026 in Stockholm.

The meeting was formally closed.