

# Maria Haas

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## *WG Member*

The EC of the European Ostomy Association EOA – a union of national ostomy associations asked me to apply as patient for the working group on colorectal cancer. Now 67 years old I am living with an ostomy for more than 40 years. Disease and surgery were important for many decisions during my professional and my private life.

Living in Germany, married. Retired from professional work since September 2020.

## **VOLUNTARY WORK**

**DEUTSCHE ILCO E.V.** (Ostomy and Colon Cancer Association of Germany)  
Member of the National Board (1986 - 2003), vice-chairwoman for 7 years; since 2004 patient's representative in different national bodies and committees in the health system (e.g. development of "S3-guidelines" on colorectal cancer; development of guidelines for colorectal cancer centers and CCC; guidelines for the supply of ostomy appliances; 2019 German patient representative for the final screening of Quality Indicators for the IPAAC Joint Action colorectal cancer).

## **EUROPEAN OSTOMY ASSOCIATION EOA**

Since 2017 vice president;  
2003 - 2017 nominations representative;  
Since 2003 responsible for the EOA contact office situated in Germany

## **PROFESSIONAL WORK**

09/2003 - 08/2020 **Deutsche ILCO e.V.**-National Office: 10 years manager of the office, other tasks: public relations, advocacy work in social and health politics, editor of the association's quarterly magazine;  
10/1988 - 03/2003 **Psychosocial advice center Aachen for people with cancer**  
10/1982 - 06/1988 **Caritasverband Bistum Aachen** (welfare association of the catholic church)

## **STUDY**

Study of social work, University of applied sciences, Cologne

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