Call for panel members of ESCMID guidelines projects in 2027-2028

ESCMID is currently seeking candidates willing to serve on the panel(s) for the following project(s):

1. ESCMID guidelines for screening, infection control and environmental containment strategies for *Candida auris* in acute care settings
2. ESCMID guidelines on antiviral and monoclonal antibodies for the prevention and treatment respiratory viral infections in immunocompromised patients
3. ESCMID guidelines for vaccination of healthcare workers against respiratory vaccine-preventable infections
4. ESCMID guidelines on the use of MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry and machine learning for antimicrobial resistance detection and bacterial typing in clinical microbiology
5. ESCMID guidelines for the management of intravascular catheter-related infections

Key functions

Panel members will participate in the development of the guidance document, which include the following tasks:

- Revision of the protocol for the guideline project;
- Development of PICOs, with definition of the specific scope and focus of the guideline;
- Assessment of systematic reviews and related literature;
- Application of evidence-to-recommendation framework to issue specific recommendations;
- Revision of the manuscript, taking responsibility for its content.

The detailed terms of reference of ESCMID guidelines panellists are available here. The panel will also provide progress reports to the Guidelines Subcommittee and the Guidelines Director on a regular basis. It is expected that the panel will take approximately two years to complete its work. The projects are expected to kick-off in February/March 2027.

Qualifications and requirements

The ideal size of the panel should be around 9-15 members from different (predominantly European) countries. Of these, **3 to 5 members** will be selected by this open call for each project. Experts will not be eligible to be part of a guideline panel if they are already members of the panel of another ESCMID guidelines project.

Background or expertise in the chosen topic, and in one or more of the following areas would be desirable:

- Knowledge and demonstrated experience in evidence-base medicine;
- Experience in using systematic review methods;
- Experience in using the GRADE approach in GL development.

ESCMID has a clear policy on Conflict of Interest (CoI) of guideline panel members. Please refer to the Guidelines manual for details. The drafting group shall include no more than 50% of members with direct or indirect financial CoI.

The panel should include both specialists in the narrow field under discussion, and people with a wider perspective. Gender, country and, whenever applicable, clinical specialty balance should be ensured.

All panel members are strongly recommended to complete the online training on the GRADE approach from Cochrane/McMaster University, available here.

Interested and qualified individuals are invited to send the following documents to guidancedocuments@escmid.org by **10 November 2026**:

- **Cover letter** (max. 2 pages) indicating the **chosen topic**, and stating their motivation, qualifications, expertise and experience
- **Short CV** including list of 10 most relevant publications
- **PDF export of the CoI declaration filled in online at the following link: MY.ESCMID.ORG** (Login in with your ESCMID credentials and fill in the online form. A short guide is available here).

The Guidelines Subcommittee will review and select candidates' applications; the final appointment will be made by the ESCMID Executive Committee. More information about the process can be found here.