

Regulations of the Sub-Committees of EULAR's EMEUNET Committee

1 General Provisions

1.1 Name of the Committees and establishment

The EMEUNET Sub-Committees (Education, Social Media, Peer Mentoring, Visibility and Global Affairs, Newsletter, Country Liaison - hereinafter each "**Sub-Committee**") have been established by the EULAR Board in accordance with the statutes of EULAR and the by-laws of the Committee.

1.2 Statutes, By-Laws and regulations

The statutes of EULAR, the by-laws of the Committee and these regulations shall apply to the Sub-Committees. In case of conflict between the provisions of the statutes and the ones of the by-laws, the provisions of the statutes shall prevail; in case of conflict between these regulations and the by-laws, the provisions of the by-laws shall prevail.

1.3 Objectives of the Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committees supports EULAR's and the Committee's objective, with the aim to organise and promote EMEUNET's activities.

The Sub-Committee Education has the objective to improve the clinical and scientific knowledge among young rheumatologists and researchers (trainees and specialists included), working in the field of rheumatology in Europe and beyond.

The Sub-Committee Social Media has the objective to reach out to young rheumatologists through the use of Twitter and Facebook for sharing information from conferences and meetings of interest; to keep young rheumatologist in the world informed and involved in educational, clinical and research activities.

The Sub-Committee Peer Mentoring has the objective to help young rheumatologists to increase access and information, to interact with mentors and leading clinicians/researchers in the field of rheumatology and to encourage the exchanges between peers.

The Sub-Committee Visibility and Global affairs has the objective to increase awareness around the world about EMEUNET.

The Sub-Committee Newsletter has the objective to keep young rheumatologists and researchers in the field updated on activities and latest news of EMUNET, as well as any upcoming events, new projects and other information that could be considered as useful.

The Sub-Committee Country Liaison has the objective to promote and to distribute EMEUNET / EULAR information, to encourage and support the country liaisons and to keep its network active, to prepare and update EMEUNET advertising materials, to increase the visibility of the country liaisons and their actions.

The Sub-Committees do not pursue gainful or self-help purposes.

2 Members of the Sub-Committees

The members of each Sub-Committee must be young rheumatologists, rheumatology trainees, and researchers with an interest in rheumatology.

Members of each Sub-Committee are nominated by the Chairmanship of the EMEUNET Committee. Each Sub-Committee can have up to 15 members.

Before March of each year, a call is launched among all EMEUNET members to join the Sub-Committees.

Each candidate must send to the Chairmanship of the EMEUNET Committee his/her CV and fill an application form highlighting the specific knowledge and experience useful for a specific Sub-Committee.

The members of the Sub-Committees are nominated by the Chairmanship of the EMEUNET Committee for a term of 3 years, starting at the first EMEUNET Assembly meeting after their nomination, generally in June at the EULAR congress. Nomination for a second term is generally not possible, extension can be granted by the Chairmanship of the EMEUNET Committee in specific occasions.

The members of a Sub-Committee have the right to participate, speak and vote at the meeting of the Sub-Committee. The members have also the right to participate, speak and make proposals at the EMEUNET Assembly.

The members of the Sub-Committee have the obligation to act in compliance with the statutes of EULAR, the by-laws of the Committee, these regulations and any other regulations of EULAR or of the Committee.

3 The Meeting of the Sub-Committee

3.1 Composition

The Meeting of the Sub-Committee is composed of its members and of its Leader.

The members of the Chairmanship of the Committee and of the members of the Presidency of EULAR have the right to attend the meeting of the Sub-Committee. They have the right to speak and to make proposals at the meeting; they have no right to vote.

The chairperson of the meeting of the Sub-Committee may allow further persons to attend the meeting. They have no right to speak nor to vote.

3.2 Resolutions and quorum

The meeting of the Sub-Committee may pass resolution within the field of its objectives. It passes its resolutions by the simple majority of the votes.

The consent of all members of the Sub-Committee to a proposal is equivalent to a resolution of the Meeting, provided no member of the Sub-Committee requests a meeting and provided such consent is given in writing or by electronic communication means.

No resolutions may be made on proposals relating to items on the agenda that were not duly notified.

3.3 Meetings and convocation

The Meetings of the Sub-Committee can be convened as and when required.

The Leader of the Sub-Committee convenes the meeting of the Sub-Committee at least 20 days in advance by regular mail or by electronic communication means to the last communicated address of the members of the Sub-Committee, together with the agenda of the meeting of the Sub-Committee.

The meetings may also be held, partly or totally, by telephone or video conference or by other means.

The Leader of the Sub-Committee takes the chair of the meeting, in his/her absence any member of the Sub-Committee nominated by the Leader.

The members of the Sub-Committee, the Chairmanship of the Committee and the EULAR Board are entitled to receive the minutes by regular mail or by electronic communication means.

4 The Leader

4.1 Nomination of Sub-committee Leader

The Leader of the Sub-Committee is nominated by the Chairmanship of the Committee. Only Members of the Committee can be elected as Leaders. The Leader is elected for a term ending either together as his/her term as Member of the Committee.

4.2 Competences of Sub-committee Leader

The Leader manage the Sub-Committees and report to the EMEUNET Committee.

He/she has the following competences:

- a) overall management of the Sub-Committee;
- b) preparation of the meeting of the Sub-Committee;
- c) report to the EMEUNET Chairmanship;
- d) participation to the Meeting of the EMEUNET Committee as Members of the Committee.

5 Volunteerism

Neither the Leader nor any member of the Committee may receive a salary.

6 Entry into force and transitory provisions

These By-Laws enter retroactively into force on 1st January 2021.

The Chair of the Committee nominates Members of the Sub-Committee and defines their term of office together with their nomination so that every year approximately one third of the term of the Members of the Committee ends.

Current EMEUNET working group members will continue their term as Sub-Committee Members; they have the right to terminate their membership with retroactive effect on 1st January 2021 if they do not wish to accept to become Sub-Committee Members. Their term ends when foreseen at the time of their appointment as working group members.

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On behalf of the Board of the European Alliance of Associations for Rheumatology



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