



EMEUNET participation in EULAR Task Forces (version 4, update April 2020)

Since 2014, EULAR task forces that wish to generate/update EULAR recommendations are required to include two EMEUNET members.

What is the rationale of this programme?

The reason for this programme is to teach young investigators how to generate/update EULAR recommendations. A systematic literature research is **not** the primary task of the young investigators in the task force (one or two fellows are already involved in the task force to complete this duty).

Who can apply?

The application process will be open to all EMEUNET members. After we have received all applications, we proceed with an internal review process.

How is the selection performed?

In this review process, one member from the steering committee (often the chair), the education subgroup leader and additional education subgroup member will score the applications according to the different sections of the application form and the CV and publication list. A total score will be generated by simply adding the single scores for each item from each scorer. Please note that age is not among the assessment criteria, however it is expected all participants will be under 40 years of age.

If a candidate has been part of two or more EULAR taskforces in the past, they will be excluded from the selection process unless no other eligible applicants. If a candidate has been part of 1 EULAR taskforce in the past and scores the same as another candidate who has not had a chance to participate in the taskforce, preference *may* be given to the latter.

If one of the three scorers wishes apply for the task force, an additional member (either from the steering committee or the education subgroup) will be sought instead to score the applications to avoid conflicts of interest.

How are the final candidates selected?

Convenors of the EULAR task force will have two options:

1/ EMEUNET selects the final two candidates, providing the final scoring to the convenors for transparency.

2/ Sometimes, the convenors of the task force will ask EMEUNET to provide more than two applications, so they can select the two most appropriate candidates to participate in the project. In that case, we will send them the best 4-5 applications (depending on the quality in general).

Your chances to become a member of a EULAR task force to generate/update EULAR recommendations are actually very high (usually around 20%). So if you are interested, please apply. And if it doesn't work out at the first application, it may with the next one! Have a look at the application form; it will be very little work for you.

Any points to consider before I apply?

Please note some calls for participants maybe for taskforce proposals prior to EULAR approval. For non-approved calls there is a possibility you may be selected for the taskforce but the EULAR proposal for the call is not approved. Information on if the taskforce is approved or not will be in the original application email, however please do contact us if you have any queries about this aspect.