

EuroELSO Research Promotion/Endorsement of Research Projects Rules

This document exclusively addresses the endorsement of research. Scientific conferences and the endorsement of courses by Euro ELSO are not included within this scope and should be addressed independently

1. Global Overview

Aim: The EuroELSO Research Endorsement aims to generate, facilitate, integrate, and support research conducted by members or research groups of EuroELSO or collaborating individuals or groups. This program is managed by the Steering and Scientific Committees of EuroELSO.

Eligibility for Submission: Any research investigators and research groups affiliated with ELSO, operating in Europe and geographically connected, can propose and apply for project endorsement. The Steering and Scientific Committees will decide on any questions concerning eligibility and/or feasibility.

Eligible Activities: The Steering and Scientific Committees target scientific and educational research activities relevant to the EuroELSO community. This may include single research projects, surveys, or activities by research groups.

Benefits Overview: The endorsement or research proposal process includes:

- Review and discussion of the scientific project by field experts designated by Steering and Scientific Committees
- Propose, generate, and conduct research activities following the interest of EuroELSO activities, reputation as well as scientific recognition within the worldwide ECLS-related clinical and scientific communities.
- Entertain or conduct fundraising or grant applications to designated funding bodies as well as using EuroELSO dedicated research grants to promote and sustain such research activities.
- Listing on the EuroELSO Endorsed Projects webpage.
- Announcement in the Euro ELSO Newsletter.
- Permission to use the Euro ELSO logo with the statement: "Endorsed by the European Branch of Extracorporeal Life Support Organization (EuroELSO)" on documentation, emails, and publications.

2. General Principles and Obligations for Contributors

Endorsed or self-generated research projects are partners and must follow these principles and obligations:

- Adherence to ethical conduct in research and clinical practice.
- Acting in the best interests of patients and the scientific community.
- Supporting EuroELSO's goals to enhance patient care through research and education.
- Contributing to the long-term objectives of EuroELSO.

- Enhance scientific recognition of EuroELSO as a scientific entity and research contributor as well as generator.

3. Insight into the EuroELSO Support Package

The support package offers:

- **Scientific Expertise:** Project review by at least two field experts and potential dedicated online meetings for further discussion (e.g., methodology, endpoints..).
- **Communication:** Space on the Euro ELSO website for project description and researcher communication, as well as promotion in the Euro ELSO newsletter.
- **Annual Congress:** Opportunity to present the endorsed study via poster or oral presentation.
- **Multi-Centre Study:** Proposal, design, and finalization of multi-center studies (either retrospective, prospective observational, or randomized) within the European and adjacent countries.

4. Contractual Agreements

Specific principles and obligations include:

- Endorsed projects/research groups remain independent, with no transfer of rights to Euro ELSO.
- Euro ELSO can terminate endorsement if the project is terminated, ethical concerns arise, or the project fails to meet legal and ethical standards.
- The lead investigator must provide updates to the Euro ELSO Steering Committee every six months.
- Euro ELSO is not responsible for any legal or clinical consequences of the project.
- The leading center should be an ELSO center, or the principal study investigator an individual ELSO member

Publication of Endorsed Projects: Publications must acknowledge Euro ELSO endorsement with the statement: “The research project/study/trial/survey was endorsed by EuroELSO.” Documents and results do not represent official statements of EuroELSO.

5. How to Apply for Euro ELSO Endorsement

Eligible candidates should send a two-page explanation of their protocol including at least:

- a) What is the Research question
- b) Use the PICOST style framework
 - **P** - Patient, Problem or Population,
 - **I** - Intervention,
 - **C** - Comparison, control or comparator,
 - **O** - Outcome(s),
 - **T** - Timing, duration, or date of publication (e.g. measured at 1-month of follow-up, published between 1990 and 2000),
 - **S** - Study type (e.g., randomized controlled trial, cohort study, etc.), ethics approval, statistical plan...

If competing applications of equivalent quality are received, EuroELSO will recommend and facilitate collaboration. Preference may be given to groups best fitting EuroELSO's objectives.

Projects must be led by a European primary investigator and conducted in at least two EU countries. The Steering and Scientific Committees will review applications within 10 weeks of submission and present the endorsement/research result during the Steering/Scientific Committee meeting. Applicants may submit their project in advance for advice on eligibility and presentation.

Applicants must provide:

Research Protocol (including the list of contributors their role as for publication, who is in charge as the corresponding author, first and senior author. project summary, objectives, study conception and design; methods, acquisition of data, and statistical plan for analysis and interpretation of data).

- Project organization and coordination details.
- Timelines, ethics approval, collaborators, and partnerships.
- Financial support and grants
- Information on the research group's composition and expected deliverables.

Applications are confidential until final approval. If rejected, data will not be processed further.

6. Evaluation of Applications

Applications are assessed by reviewers appointed by the Euro ELSO Steering and Scientific Committees. Applicants may be asked to revise the project before a final decision is made, which requires approval from the Steering and Scientific Committees of EuroELSO. Please send your application to euroelso@interplan.de.