



EMEUNET participation in EULAR Task Forces (version 5, update January 2022)

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 EULAR recommendations and points to consider are generated/updated. 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 only to EMEUNET members from EULAR member countries. Applicants having contributed to EMEUNET activities will be given priority (e.g., as subcommittee member or country liaisons but also mentor-mentee meetings and other EMEUNET activities). After we have received all applications, we proceed with an internal review process.

How is the selection performed?

In this review process, under the supervision of a member of the chairmanship, the education subcommittee leader and/or education subcommittee members 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 to apply for the task force, an additional member (either from the chairmanship or the committee) 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).

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.