

## Application for the position of Vice President of the ESC in the mandate 2024-2026

To the Chair of the ESC Nominating Committee, Professor Stephan Achenbach  
and to the Members of the Nominating Committee

Dear **Professor Stephan Achenbach**, Chair of the ESC Nominating Committee 2022 – 2024,  
Immediate ESC Past President,  
Dear **Esteemed Members** of the Nominating Committee,

I herewith would like to submit my application for the position of **Vice President of the ESC in the mandate 2024-2026**.

As previously stated, it has been my dream to become a member of the ESC Board and I have grown up over the last 30 years through identifying my mentors and models inside of the ESC at that time, every Congress was the perfect place to see and be seen and I have looked to the Heart House like to a place of pilgrimage – with a kind of religiosity based on proof, not only belief.

I described myself as a preventive cardiologist, advocating lifestyle changes alongside the best evidence-based medical interventions in order to achieve a prolonged, well-deserved good life, if possible, free of cardiovascular diseases.

I am carrying proudly the European values (having Eastern roots, Western training, Northern look and Southern habits) and I am convinced that together, despite of our challenging times:

- we can put in practice **successful projects**, having the **skills to create and to develop strong partnerships**;
- we can improve the **leadership at a National and European level**, having a combination of **communication & networking experience and healthcare expertise**;
- we can keep **Cardiology** in the center of medical sciences, having a broad **understanding of medical, social and political aspects that CVD actually means in Europe**.

Regarding my priorities, I would like to highlight the superiority of modern cardiology which comes from its strong base and its connections to a high level of civilisation. I also believe that good partnerships are the ultimate solution to a world where divisions and discrepancies are unfortunately too common. This is why in our current environment, translating and unifying are the key strategies and we must transform our diversity into a powerful advantage.

Identifying the main priorities for the next years (**impactful communication, evidence generation, leadership expertise and collaborative work**) I am sure that together we can bring added value to each of the past 5 pillars of European Society of Cardiology strategy:

### **Membership:**

- **bringing more members**
- **recommending prominent healthcare professionals for FESC application**
- **increasing awareness**

### **Research:**

- **improving the connection with other scientific societies**
- **building-up interdisciplinary clusters**
- **expanding the ESC influence internationally**

## Education:

- developing regional courses
- facilitating the access to ESC resources
- improving the visibility of KOL from all ESC constituent societies

## Congresses:

- helping to keep ESC Congress as the most important cardiovascular medicine venue
- innovating the congress structure
- managing for a better representativeness across ESC constituent societies

## Advocacy:

- improving connectivity with patient organizations
- highlighting ESC activities in our communities
- expanding the ESC model in order to have advocacy activities in each ESC constituent societies

In this regard, in concordance with the “Six Strategic Aims of the ESC Strategic Plan 2023 2028”, I will actively contribute to:

1. **Build-up** A Welcoming Society with Fair and Transparent Governance (Nurture inclusivity, diversity and clear structures for collective decision-making);
2. **Guarantee** A Trusted Knowledge Effectively Delivered (Provision of robust and unbiased, validated information in creative formats via communication channels adapted to the needs and preferences of a global audience);
3. **Consolidate** A Membership Experience Rich in Rewards and Benefits (Continue to build a strong community with valued year-round membership benefits for cardiovascular healthcare professionals in ESC National Cardiac Societies and across the world);
4. **Advocate** A Focus on Person-Centred Healthcare (Emphasise the patient perspective in research, training and education, as well as guidelines and scientific documents);
5. **Develop** A High Quality Data and Research (Support of collaborative research and active contributions to high quality data collection);
6. **Militate** for Environmental Sustainability (Mindfulness of the environmental footprint and active pursuit of environmental sustainability across all ESC activities).

I am happy and honored to continue and to upgrade my activities within the ESC Board and I am looking forward to improving cardiovascular health and to bringing together the enthusiasm and efficiency of the European Society of Cardiology!

Sincerely,

Professor Dan Gaita

Timisoara, 17 November 2023