

National CVD Prevention Coordinators Skills and Assignments

The National CVD Prevention Coordinators (NCPCs) are appointed by the Presidents of National Cardiac Societies in the ESC member countries.

- They are in charge of implementing a CVD prevention strategy in their country, based on the current European Guidelines on CVD Prevention in Clinical Practice.
- They work closely [with ESC National Guidelines Coordinators](#), and their National Cardiac Society, for the implementation of the Guidelines.

With the launch of the 6th Joint Task Force Guidelines on Cardiovascular Prevention in Clinical Practice in 2016; the role of the National CVD Prevention Coordinators becomes increasingly important. The European Association of Preventive Cardiology (EAPC) will be responsible for working directly with the National CVD Prevention Coordinators to oversee the implementation of the CVD Prevention Guidelines.

The National CVD Prevention Coordinator should ideally:

- Be a national authority and reference in preventive cardiology in their country
- Be prepared to represent the National Cardiac Society, and have a close working relationship with its Board.
- Be familiar with the [national guidelines development process and procedures](#) and have been involved in the development, publication, promotion and evaluation of previous national recommendations on CVD prevention
- Have good collaboration skills and have a network with other health care professionals (such as primary care physicians, nurses, public health experts) and policy makers that play an important role in CVD prevention in their country.
- Have a good command of the English language (written and spoken)
- Be an [EAPC member](#) - at least regular (free) membership level

Role and responsibilities:

- To work closely with the National Cardiac Society and ESC National Guidelines Coordinator to facilitate the endorsement, adaptation, translation and publication of the European Guidelines on CVD Prevention at national level,
- To build a national multi-disciplinary group, involving both health professionals and policy makers, with other relevant partners as appropriate:
 - Working Group on CVD Prevention, Cardiac Rehabilitation or/and Sports Cardiology of the National Cardiac Society
 - National societies and organisations active in the field of CVD prevention (general practice, heart foundation, society of hypertension, atherosclerosis, diabetes, internal medicine, stroke, behavioral medicine....whenever those societies are in existence)
 - A senior representative of department of health, health services executive or equivalent.
- To coordinate the development of CVD Prevention tools at national level (e.g. to contribute to the development, adaptation and promotion of country-specific or translated version of HeartScore)
- To actively contribute to EAPC initiatives (e.g. [“Country of the Month”](#) and the “Overview” initiative)
- To participate in NCPC workshops, meetings and prevention summits
- To act as a direct and privileged contact with the EAPC for national implementation strategies
- To report on achievements on an annual basis

Duration of Mandate

The National CVD Prevention Coordinator will be appointed for duration of the 6th JTF guidelines on CVD Prevention, starting from now, and until its next update (3-4 years).