The European Association of Preventive Cardiology (EAPC) is a branch of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) created in 2004 to promote excellence in research, practice, education and policy in cardiovascular health, primary and secondary prevention.

VISION

With this document, EAPC aims to define principles of collaboration between the Association and ESC member societies (National Cardiac Societies); ESC Affiliated Cardiac Societies as well as International Partners (Scientific Societies in the field of preventive cardiology) to help reducing the burden of cardiovascular disease on a global scale.

This collaboration shall be based on scientific exchange, provision of expert advice and development of networking opportunities. EAPC and its international partners would mutually benefit from increased visibility.

Opportunities of collaboration will include, but are not limited to:

- **Education**: Organisation / endorsement of educational events, joint sessions at scientific conferences.
- **Research**: Publication of joint papers, opportunity to translate EAPC scientific documents
- **Advocacy**: Support population level changes to promote cardiovascular health, support national and international advocacy initiatives, by offering expert advice and visibility
- **Membership**: cross promotion and punctual special offers on EAPC membership; establishment of an international partner network, which could lead to the development of an institutional membership.
OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen and facilitate collaboration with Prevention, Rehabilitation and Sports Cardiology Working Groups of National Cardiac Societies in ESC member countries.
- Engage discussions on opportunities for collaboration with Prevention, Rehabilitation and Sports Cardiology Working Groups in ESC Affiliate Cardiac Societies.
- Develop international collaboration with Scientific Societies in the field of preventive cardiology, by establishing an intercontinental partner network
- Contribute to a wider dissemination of ESC Guidelines and EAPC recommendations, with joint scientific sessions
- Encourage worldwide participation in EAPC activities and use of EAPC scientific and educational products via the partner network

ESC NATIONAL CARDIAC SOCIETIES & WORKING GROUPS

56 National Cardiac Societies are the founders and principle constituent bodies of the ESC.

Opportunities of collaboration with EAPC include, but are not limited to:

- Nomination of a National CVD Prevention Coordinator
- Joint Sessions at Society /Working Group conferences
- Recommendation of EAPC expert speakers for conferences and educational events
- Cross-promotion
- Opportunity to contribute to EAPC *Prevention in Your Country* reports
- Opportunity to translate EAPC scientific documents
- Opportunity to apply for EAPC endorsement (scientific conferences and educational events)
- Opportunity to adapt SCORE / HeartScore at national level.
ESC AFFILIATE CARDIAC SOCIETIES & WORKING GROUPS

ESC has developed collaborative relationships with 43 ESC Affiliated Cardiac Societies. Opportunities of collaboration with EAPC include, but are not limited to:

- Organisation of Joint Sessions at Society / Working group conferences
- Recommendation of EAPC expert speakers for conferences and educational events
- Cross-promotion opportunities
- Opportunity to apply for EAPC endorsement (scientific conferences and educational events)
- Opportunity to contribute to EAPC *Prevention in Your Country* reports

EAPC GLOBAL NETWORK

The EAPC Global Network is a precious resource for organisations involved in the promotion of excellence in research, practice, education and policy in cardiovascular health, primary and secondary prevention on a global scale. The network is an inclusive, not exclusive organisation.

Any scientific society active in the field of cardiovascular prevention, rehabilitation or sports cardiology can join this network.

We hope that this network will facilitate finding collaborating partners in research, for example surveys on a worldwide level.

Responsibilities

**International partners**
- Join the EAPC Global Network by filling in a form (below an example) including name organisation, country of organisation, contact information, website
- Encourage their members to participate in EAPC activities and to use EAPC scientific and educational products.

**EAPC**
- Provides assistance by finding the right expertise and using relevant networks.
- Provides visibility of the EAPC Global network: specific *EAPC Global Network* pages are created within the EAPC web pages on the ESC Web Site, to show details of participating organisations (to be updated yearly).
Opportunities of collaboration include, but are not limited to:

- Organisation of Joint Sessions at Society / EAPC conferences
- Recommendation of EAPC expert speakers for conferences and educational events
- Cross-promotion opportunities
- Opportunity to apply for EAPC endorsement (scientific conferences and educational events)

For specific collaborations other than listed above, a Memorandum of Understanding can be prepared between EAPC and International Partner(s).
HOW TO CONTACT EAPC?

Joint Sessions:
Proposals should be addressed to eapc@escardio.org, including:
- Event name
- Event date
- Event location
- Organisers
- website address
- Proposed topic

The EAPC will contribute to the definition of the session programme and will suggest up to two expert speakers.

Unless specified otherwise, travel expenses and accommodation of EAPC Faculty should be covered by the inviting society.

Joint sessions will be under the responsibility of the EuroPrevent Congress Programme Committee

Recommendation of Expert Speakers:
Requests should be addressed to eapc@escardio.org, including:
- Event name
- Event date
- Organisers
- website address
- Preliminary programme
- requested topic
- Information on travel policy for speakers

EAPC will suggest up to two expert speakers. Suggestions will be under the responsibility of the EuroPrevent Congress Programme Committee

Endorsement of Scientific / Educational events
Please refer to the EAPC endorsement policy, which follows the ESC blueprint for endorsement.

Proposal for joint publications / requests for scientific document translation
Please contact eapc@escardio.org

EAPC Global Network
To join the EAPC International Network, please fill in the online application form available at https://escardio.formstack.com/forms/eapc_global_network_application_form