



The ESVS is calling for candidates for EVST councillors 2026 from Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, Romania, Switzerland and Turkey.

**Election for EVST Councillor:** is open to trainee members only.

### **About the EVST**

The aim of the EVST is to promote knowledge and skills for trainees in vascular surgery. The EVST activities and projects may focus primarily on European trainees and European countries. However, the reach of the EVST includes trainees from countries outside of Europe. The EVST aims to improve networking between vascular surgery trainees, to allow opportunities for them to connect with one another, enabling them to share experiences in different educational strategies, and to develop educational activities in collaboration with the ESVS and its Academy.

The current main activities of the EVST, in this context, are to organise workshops and sessions in meetings (in particular the ESVS Annual Meeting) adapted to the interests of trainees in vascular surgery. In addition, EVST run a mentorship programme and are present and actively promoting trainee interests at National Society meetings. The Council is the decision-making body of the EVST.

### **Responsibilities:**

The job description of an EVST Councillor includes the following responsibilities:

- An EVST Councillor must be a member of their National Society.
- Actively promote the Society and work towards increasing the EVST membership in your country and through your National Society.
- Being an ambassador and a source of information about vascular surgery in your country and giving a regular short report to your National Society about EVST, including for example, promoting the European Training Centres Database, EVST sessions coming up and any other activities.
- Councillors may be requested to share details about vascular care in their countries, and their National Society network links.
- Councillors are obliged to attend 2 or 3 EVST Council meetings per year to discuss ongoing or new projects and support in the organisation of educational, scientific and social events. They cover their own costs to attend such meetings (except the Annual Meeting). Council meetings are *usually* held in April, June and during the Annual Meeting in September. Three consecutive absences will result in a Councillor being asked to step down.
- The Annual Meeting of the ESVS is the most important meeting, during which the EVST gets the opportunity to actively participate in the meeting, including the organisation of scientific and educational sessions. Councillors receive a grant to cover some costs for the ESVS Annual Meeting.



Those wishing to apply for the position of EVST Councillor are invited to submit their application through the ESVS website. Candidates are asked to provide information about their background, career stage, and motivation for applying for the role. The information submitted may be made public and will be shared with voters, to better inform them of the candidates' profiles before casting their vote. Candidates must provide a letter of good standing from their National Society or National Medical Agency at the time of applying.