

Public Affairs Committee

Committee Composition

Chair: ESE Past-President
If the immediate Past-President is not able to Chair then an alternative past or current Executive Committee member can be considered.

Full members: ESE President
ESE representative to the European Medicine Agency
ESE representative to the Biomedical Alliance in Europe (Biomed Alliance)
Chair / representative of the EDC Expert Working Group
Chair / representative of ECAS
Chair / representative of the ESE Clinical Committee
Chair / representative of the ESE Science Committee
EYES Representative*
Chair / representative of the ESE Nurse Committee**
ESE representative(s) to other policy oriented organisations (as decided by the Committee when ESE joins additional alliances)

*The EYES Representative is the outgoing representative from the Executive Committee, once their term on the Executive Committee has ended.

NB: This Committee will not be the subject of an open call for applications to join the committee. The purpose of the committee is to bring all stakeholders of the present ESE structures together to decide on the strategy related to ESE's policy and advocacy focus and coordinate its implementation.

Ex-officio members: ESE President-Elect
Representative of the ESE PAG Community
ESPE Public Affairs representative (and on condition of reciprocity from ESPE towards ESE)

Note: It is not mandatory for the President-Elect to attend committee meetings but should receive a copy of the meeting minutes.

Co-opted members: Co-opted members are for a limited period and to fulfil a specific role, subject to Executive Committee approval.

Quorum

Fifty percent (50%) of Full Members (including the Chair) +1.

Duration of Service

Chair:	Co-terminous with office.
Members:	Co-terminous with office or the representative role they have for their respective committee / workgroup or engagement with an organisation on behalf of ESE or on behalf of another organisation.
Ex-officio members:	Co-terminous with office or the representative role they have for their respective committee / workgroup or engagement with an organization on behalf of ESE or on behalf of another organisation.
Co-opted members:	Up to two years, but with the option to extend to four years in total with approval from the Executive Committee.

Reporting

The Committee reports to the ESE Executive Committee through the ESE President.

Meetings

The Committee will meet at least twice a year, with one of the meetings taking place in person at the annual European Congress of Endocrinology (ECE).

The work of the committee is very important. Committee members are expected to attend all committee meetings and to participate in committee related email communications.

Committee members who do not attend three consecutive meetings will be asked to step down, other than in exceptional circumstances.

**The Nurse representative will decide whether attendance to a meeting is required based on the agenda topics for discussion.

Remit

- Define ESE's vision, strategy and objectives with regard to its policy and advocacy oriented efforts, in line with overall ESE strategy.
- Suggest and take the required initiatives that are important to address the professional dynamics endocrinology faces in Europe and the further and future development of endocrinology as a discipline.
- Coordinate and direct our interactions with the European Institutions in the legislative processes of core interest to the Society.
- Steer and oversee our engagement with partners - stakeholders where ESE is formally represented and develop new partnerships as required.
- Coordinate the Policy and Advocacy approach and collaboration towards other European endocrine community stakeholders, including the national societies represented in ECAS, the European Specialist Partner societies, the ESE patient advocacy group community, Corporate members.
- Coordinate public awareness oriented initiatives, with specific focus on World Hormone Day.
- Take required action to inform the ESE membership about ESE's Policy and Advocacy efforts.
- Act as the focal point for policy and advocacy related media questions.

Additional notes

- All full committee members need to be paid up members of the European Society of Endocrinology.
- The Committee will liaise with other ESE Committees as appropriate.
- All papers and minutes must be treated in strictest confidence.
- The use of an AI 'otter' to join meetings/take notes at a committee meeting is not permitted unless expressly authorised by the Chair.
- All Committee members must act in the best interest of the Society.
- Any potential conflicts of interest should be declared at the start of meetings or as they arise, and the member concerned should take no part in the discussion.
- The Chair should not serve a second consecutive term of office, unless there are exceptional circumstances identified by the Executive Committee.
- The Society is committed to equal opportunities and the promotion of equality, diversity and inclusion and where possible this committee should follow the principles of ESE's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy.
- Committee membership should represent the key areas of interest; geographical spread; and gender considerations.

Current membership

Chair

Jérôme Bertherat, France, ESE Past President, co-terminous with office (2025-2027)

Full membership

Wiebke Arlt, UK, ESE President, co-terminous with office (2025-2027)

Martin Fassnacht, Germany, ESE representative to the European Medicines Agency (2025–2028)

Martin Reincke, Germany, ESE representative to the Biomedical Alliance in Europe (2025-2028)

Josef Köhrle, Germany, Chair of the EDC Expert Working Group (-2026)*

Frédéric Castinetti, France, ESE Clinical Committee Chair, co-terminous with office (2025-2029) or representative

Eleanor Davies, UK, ESE Science Committee Chair, co-terminous with office (2023-2027) or representative

Charlotte Höybye, Sweden, ECAS Representative, co-terminous with office (2024-2028)

Juan M Jiménez Vacas, UK, Past-EYES representative to the Executive Committee, co-terminous with office (2026-2028)

Kirsten Davidse, Netherlands, Nurse Committee Chair (2024-2028)

Ex-officio

Mirjam Christ-Crain, ESE President-Elect, co-terminous with office (2025-2027)

Note: Representatives for the following areas to be identified:

PAG Community representative

ESPE Public Affairs representative

ESE Team Responsibility:

Helen Gregson, CEO

Dirk De Rijdt, Director of Strategic Partnerships

Mischa van Eimeren, EU Liaison Officer