

Motivation Letter

I wholeheartedly share and support the ESC's mission 'to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease'.

As Chairman of the Department of Cardiology of Mater Dei Hospital, Malta, and during my term as President of the Maltese Cardiac Society from 2013 to 2023, I have worked hard towards this aim. I have introduced numerous innovations in the care of the cardiac patient ranging from Cardiac MR and CT to left ventricular assist devices to percutaneous mitral valve interventions and pulmonary vein isolation for AF ablation.

I have built a team of young energetic and skilled cardiologists and branched out the Department of Cardiology into subspecialties of Clinical Cardiology, Interventional Cardiology, Advanced Imaging, and Electrophysiology and Pacing. I have also set up numerous new specialized cardiology clinics.

I have organized regular public awareness campaigns. I lobby with local politicians to put prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease high on their agenda.

These efforts are bearing fruit. The State of Health in the EU Malta Country Health Profile 2021 reports that 'the age-standardized mortality rates per 100,000 population for cardiovascular diseases fell by more than 50% from 2000 to 2018' contributing to a marked increase in life expectancy in Malta over the past decade. However, cardiovascular disease remains the leading cause of death for men and women in the Maltese archipelago. More appropriate action needs to be taken not only on a national level but also on a global level.

The role of member of the nominating committee of the ESC for the years 2024-2026 will give me an excellent opportunity to ensure that the future leadership of the ESC will follow on the excellent work of their predecessors and strive to achieve all the ESC praiseworthy objectives.

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