

**Call for nominations for Committee Members of the
EFAD European Specialist Dietetic Network (ESDN) for Obesity**

EFAD is calling for nominations of specialist dietitians who wish to contribute to the work of the committee for the ESDN Obesity with the following qualities:

- Insight in the organisation of healthcare in primary care settings
- Good network in Healthcare and other gremia (politics, Europe, communication)
- Being able to communicate in spoken and written English
- Knowledge of obesity management and prevention and the role of the dietitian in this field
- Affinity with political and policy making processes
- Preferably having experience in obesity management by treating patients.

We wait applications from any of the countries below: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey.

Some of the advantages of committee membership will include:

1. Increased knowledge of EU policy in the field of Obesity
2. Recognition as an EFAD expert
3. Possibility of representing EFAD or ESDN as an expert
4. Access to a network of specialists

Committee members will not be reimbursed for their work, but any previously approved expenses incurred on behalf of EFAD will be reimbursed.

Terms of Reference for ESDN Committee members

Purpose: To promote the role of the dietitian in the specialist field

1. To develop and update position papers and briefing papers on the role of the dietitian in the specialist field
2. To develop advanced competence statements for dietitians working in the specialist field
3. To liaise as appropriate with other European professional groups and monitor the developments in education and LLL of other health professionals in the specialist field
4. To liaise with other EFAD committees to develop the specialty in Education, Research and Professional Practice.
5. To develop research proposals (research questions, design, and methodology) in order to promote the participation of dietitians in EU and other research projects.

Membership of the ESDN Committee will be for 4 years (2020 – 2024). The committee will meet virtually approximately every 4-6 weeks.

As members of an EFAD committee the “terms of reference for standing committees” outlined in the governance document (see appendix 1) apply. In addition there are specific terms of reference for committee members of each ESDN (see appendix 2).

Selection Criteria

- A qualification in dietetics
- Have at least 5 years of experience (practical and/or research) in the specialist field. An advanced practitioner/specialist may also be considered an expert
- Be able to demonstrate advanced competence in the specialist field (see European Dietetic Advanced Competences (EDAC)¹ for definitions and competences)
- Insight in the organisation of healthcare in primary care settings
- Good network in Healthcare and other gremia (politics, Europe, communication)
- Affinity with political and policy making processes
- Be supported by two referees to provide further evidence of expertise
- Willingness to actively contribute to the work of the ESDN Committee
- Membership of an EFAD member organisation (or a Higher Education Institute eligible* for, and planning to apply for, EFAD Education Associate Membership when possible)
(Note: if the supporting HEI does not join EFAD the candidate will be asked to resign their position)

Selection process

- The Executive Committee will decide which of their members will be involved in the selection panel.
- After the deadline for nominations has passed all nominations and supporting documentation will be forwarded to the selection panel.
- The selection panel will check the nominations with the respective NDA.
- Their decisions will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for approval.
- The decision of the Executive Committee is final, and discussion with candidates or nominating organisations will not be entered into.
- All candidates will be informed of the decision of the Executive Committee by email.

*** “Education Associate membership” is open to all Higher Education Institutions in Europe that are:**

- recognized by the NDA member(s) of EFAD in their country (where these exist)
- teaching dietitians that are recognised by the National Legal Authority
- teaching (or working towards teaching) dietetics at the level described in the following standards² at point of qualification:
 - European Academic and Practitioner Standards for dietitians
 - European Practice Placement Standards for Dietetics
 - Revised Dietetic Competence and the 6 Domains of Competency
 - European Pedagogic Standards for Dietetic Practice Placement Teachers

¹ <http://www.efad.org/en-us/reports-and-papers/efad-standards/>

² <http://www.efad.org/en-us/reports-and-papers/efad-standards/>

Nomination for members of ESDN Obesity Committee

Candidate's name: _____

Details of Nominating Association/HEI

Name of nominating Association/HEI

Signature

Name of person signing

Position in Association/HEI

Please note that the nominating organization might be asked by the EC to cover the expenses of their nominee, to facilitate the work of the ESDN.

Nomination procedure

Nominations must be accompanied by:

- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of motivation
- Letter of recommendation from an EFAD member National Dietetic Association or Higher Education Institute (HEI). Should an HEI's nominee be selected, that HEI will be expected to apply for "Education Associate Membership" of EFAD
- Two references providing evidence of expertise

Deadline for nominations – 10 August 2020

Please send your nomination with all accompanying documents to:

Judith Liddell
EFAD Executive Director
secretariat@efad.org

APPENDIX 1

From **Guidelines for EFAD Committees, Networks, Experts & Representatives**

Standing Committees

Definition

The term "standing committee" in this document refers to the Executive Committee (EC), the Professional Practice Committee (PPC), the Research and Evidence Based Practice Committee (RES), the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee (LLL), the EFAD Conference Organising Committee (ECOC) and the EFAD Conference Programme Committee (ECPC).

Other "ad hoc" committees or task and finish groups may be established by the EFAD Executive Committee on a temporary basis as required.

Purpose: The role of the committees is to implement the policies and decisions of the EFAD General Meeting and Executive Committee, as described in the EFAD Strategic Plan³, including embedding European Dietetic Advanced Competences, the Lifelong Learning strategy and taking forward the work of DIETS.

Selection of committee members is guided by the "EFAD *Policy on Selecting Representatives, Committee Members and European Specialist Dietetic Network members*"

Committee members are expected to undertake preparation and reading of papers and background documents etc. and to attend regular committee meetings.

The time commitment can be expected to be between 1 & 2 hours a week.

The work of the committees is supported by the Secretary General and administrative assistant.

Committee members will not be reimbursed for their work, but any previously approved expenses incurred on behalf of EFAD will be reimbursed.

Terms of Reference for Standing Committees

1. Hold regular (virtual) meetings, which are recorded in agendas and minutes posted on the EFAD web site
2. Provide an annual report (for inclusion in the EFAD annual report), describing their work on development of the dietetic profession in their specialist field, including any research, publications or guideline development
3. Present annual work plans, including budget, to EFAD Executive Committee for approval at least 6 months before the year commences

³ EFAD Strategic plan: <http://www.efad.org/en-us/about-efad/strategic-plan/>

4. Communicate work of committee through EFAD's newsletter and EFAD website, conference and e- journal.
5. Follow the EFAD publishing policy and use the EFAD logo on all publications and documents
6. Only enter into collaboration agreements which are in line with the "EFAD [policy for sponsorship and collaboration with industry](#)"⁴
7. Ensure that consultation procedures for external enquiries are simple and transparent
8. Maintain a list of members on the EFAD web site
9. Monitor and evaluate the work of the committee against EC approved performance indicators
10. Set-up small task and finish groups as appropriate to support the development and delivery of the committee's work plans

Guidelines for Standing Committees on reporting and quality assurance

1. Publish the agenda for each meeting, with all accompanying documentation, on the EFAD web site at least one week before the meeting
2. Inform all committee members where the agenda and supporting documents can be accessed at least one week before the meeting
3. Inform all committee members of the date and time of each meeting four weeks before the meeting
4. Publish the minutes for each meeting on the EFAD web site no more than two weeks after of the meeting
5. Submit a report on how the committee is meeting its deliverables to the Executive Committee each month
6. Submit a report for inclusion in the EFAD Annual Report each year
7. All documents must contain the EFAD logo and show the date of preparation.

Responsibilities and Duties of EFAD Standing Committee Members

The duties and obligations of committee members and co-opted committee members are to:

1. Implement the Strategic Plan⁵ and Annual Work Plans⁶ as directed by the Executive Committee

⁴ EFAD Policy for Sponsorship and Collaboration with Industry: <http://www.efad.org/media/1044/efad-guidelines-for-sponsorship-and-collaboration-with-industry-2014.pdf>

2. Develop policies/strategies and procedures
3. Participate actively in all Committee meetings. There will normally be a maximum of two face-to-face meetings a year, of up to 2 days duration and a short virtual meeting in each month that does not have a face-to-face meeting
4. Contribute to the GM, EC & own committee agendas, identify and propose areas of work and direction of the committee, guided by the work plans
5. Respond quickly to enquiries from the committee chair and other committee members
6. Ensure that deadlines are met
7. Represent EFAD when asked to do so by the committee chair or the Executive Committee and report back to the Executive Committee
8. Liaise with other Committees of EFAD to ensure a seamless and transparent approach to effective use of resources and implementation of initiatives.
9. Committee members who are also the delegates for their association should continue to carry out the duties and responsibilities described for EFAD Delegates

⁵ EFAD Strategic Plan available on <http://www.efad.org/en-us/about-efad/strategic-plan/>

⁶ EFAD Annual Work Plans available on http://www.efad.org/media/1651/efad-standing-committees-workplans-2018_final.pdf

APPENDIX 2

Terms of Reference for EFAD European Specialist Dietetic Networks (ESDN)

Purpose: To contribute towards meeting and advancing the aims, missions, values and Strategic Plan of EFAD and promoting EFAD policies. The ESDNs will also be used to embed European Dietetic Advanced Competences and the Lifelong Learning strategy

1. Enable dietitians with an interest in a specialty field to exchange views and experiences
2. Progress the development of European excellence in dietetics and nutrition and especially in the speciality area eg through research, evidence based practice and development of policy and other guidance documentation
3. Develop and embed European specialist dietetic competences
4. Identify experts who can represent EFAD and dietetics in related scientific and/or professional events and in other areas as needed (press conferences/interviews etc).
5. Develop and teach Lifelong Learning courses
6. Promote an evidence-based approach to dietetics and nutrition

ESDN members will not be reimbursed for their work, but any previously approved expenses incurred on behalf of EFAD will be reimbursed.

Responsibilities and Duties of members of EFAD ESDNs

1. Support EFAD to achieve its mission and vision with respect to excellence in dietetic practice through encouraging an evidence-based approach to dietetics, especially in their own specialty field.
2. Give independent critical insights on strategies and policies which EFAD wishes to initiate to increase stakeholders' knowledge about the dietitian's role in making a difference to nutritional health and reducing inequalities.
3. Contribute to the growth and development of their specialty field through:
 - development of the specific professional skills for dietitians
 - integration and development of practical and theoretical knowledge within a specialist field
 - development and teaching of Lifelong Learning courses, in liaison with the EFAD Education and Lifelong Learning committee.
4. Identify and initiate research opportunities, in liaison with the EFAD Research committee.
5. Actively participate in ESDN workshops during the EFAD conference and in discussions on the website.
6. Contribute to the writing of an annual report and work plan development.
7. Develop the scientific evidence and innovation for their field of interest, through literature searches, research and writing of reports and publications.
8. Assure sustainability of the ESDN, including electing a deputy lead and appointing minute-taker for each meeting from the ESDN committee.