

GUIDELINES

EADV Guidelines development

The European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) invites spontaneous applications from EADV members for the development of high-quality European clinical guidelines and recommendations in the field of dermatology and venereology.

This call aims to support the standardisation and harmonisation of high quality European dermatological guidelines for improving dermatological care, patient outcomes, and strengthen evidence-based clinical practice across Europe. Guidelines will be published in the JEADV.

Proposals must relate to the objectives of the Academy and focus on:

- Development of new European clinical guidelines
- Updates of existing guidelines

Application process

The application must be submitted electronically through the myEADV portal. All documentation requested shall be collected and submitted to the EADV by the applicant. All documentation must be in English.

The project application template is structured according to the following subheadings:

1. Objectives	Weight 2
2. Work plan and timetable	Weight 1
3. Target Audience	Weight 1
4. Background	Weight 1
5. Methods	Weight 2
6. Consensus development plan	Weight 3
7. Dissemination plan	Weight 2
8. Guideline group composition	Weight 2
9. Conflicts of interest	Weight 1
10. Evaluation criteria and definition of success/failure	Weight 2
11. Budget	Weight 1
12. Short CV and list of relevant publications by proposer and leading collaborators	Weight 3

Eligibility Criteria

Applications will be considered eligible only if all the following conditions are fulfilled:

Applicant Eligibility

- The Applicant must be an active EADV member at the time of application and throughout the duration of the project. The applicant must be the Project Leader/Convenor.

Project Eligibility

- The proposed project must focus on the development of a new clinical guideline (maximum duration: 18 months) or an update of an existing guideline (maximum duration: 12 months).
- The topic must address a relevant clinical need in dermatovenereology and be aligned with the strategic objectives of EADV.

Group Composition Requirements

A complete guideline group must be proposed, including:

- Convenor
- Methodologist
- Fellow
- Two (2) patient representatives
- Two (2) young investigators
- One (1) health professional
- Additional members via open call, where applicable

The guideline group must:

- Include experts from at least five (5) different countries
- Include no more than 25 total members
- Respect the rule that no member may serve on more than three (3) active guideline groups simultaneously.

Conflict of Interest Requirements

- All proposed members must submit a Conflict-of-Interest Declaration (COI).
- Any new or updated conflicts of interest arising during guideline development must be declared to EADV without delay.

Methodological Eligibility

Projects must demonstrate:

- Use of recognised guideline development methodology
- Use of structured clinical questions
- A clear plan for systematic literature review and evidence grading.
- A structured and transparent consensus development and voting process.

Evaluation criteria

Scientific and Clinical Relevance

- The guideline topic must address a significant clinical need or gap in dermatovenereology practice.
- The project should demonstrate potential to improve patient care, diagnosis, or treatment outcomes.
- Alignment with current dermatovenereological priorities or emerging trends.

Methodological Rigor

- Use of a recognised, transparent, and rigorous methodology for guideline development (e.g., GRADE, AGREE II).
- Inclusion of systematic literature review and evidence grading.
- Clear plan for consensus-building among experts.

Multidisciplinary and International Collaboration

- Inclusion of a multidisciplinary team including clinicians, researchers, and patient representatives where appropriate.
- Involvement of experts from multiple countries to ensure broad applicability and acceptance.
- Collaboration between EADV members or affiliated experts.

Feasibility and Work Plan

- Clear, detailed timeline and milestones for guideline development.
- Feasibility of completing the guideline within the proposed timeframe.
- Defined roles and responsibilities for team members.

Impact and Dissemination Plan

- Strategy for dissemination of guidelines to clinicians, healthcare providers, and stakeholders.
- Plans for publication in the JEADV and presentation at conferences.
- Consideration of how the guideline will be updated and maintained.

Budget and Use of Funds

- Transparent and realistic budget, demonstrating efficient use of funds.
- Justification of expenses related to meetings, literature reviews, administrative support, and dissemination.
- No overlap with other funded projects or commercial sponsorship conflicts.

Ethical Considerations

- Declaration of conflicts of interest for all contributors.
- Compliance with ethical standards in guideline development.

Contribution to EADV Missions

- The project should support the overarching goals of improving dermatovenereological knowledge and patient care in Europe.
- Enhancing harmonisation of dermatological practice across Europe.

Tenure

New guideline development may have a maximum duration of up to 18 months. Guideline updates may have a maximum duration of up to 12 months.

Guideline development starts the year after application submission deadline. This is following a formal evaluation of the application process by the EADV.

Level of Support

EADV will fund approved guideline development proposals up to a maximum budget of:

- EUR 45'000 for new guidelines
- EUR 30'000 for guideline updates

Eligible costs include, for example:

- Coordination and project management costs
- Meetings (in-person or virtual)
- Literature research and systematic reviews
- Methodologist/administrative/technical support
- Travel expenses
- Dissemination and publication-related costs

Rules and Conditions

1. An investigator may submit only one application as Project Leader per call.
2. An investigator cannot apply as Project Leader if they are already leading an ongoing EADV-funded guideline project.
3. Members of the EADV Board and Committees may apply but may not receive personal financial compensation from the project funds.
4. EADV executive officers are not eligible to apply as Project Leaders.
5. No commercial sponsorship or overlap with other funded projects is permitted.
6. Funding will be first allocated at the end of the submission year.
7. The funding period starts at the beginning of the year that follows the application submission deadline. To consider this for the project time plan and budget.

Progress/Final Report

Funding recipients are required to submit (in English)

- a progress report that conveys what sub-goals have been accomplished
- a final report at the end of the project period on the work undertaken

The report must be uploaded to the myEADV portal.

Publications

Outcomes must be:

- Submitted for presentation at the EADV Congress via abstract submission
- Published in the **JEADV**