



September 23, 2024

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
ENGAGE Vice Co-Chair

Dear ENGAGE members,

We are pleased to announce the upcoming elections for the position of Vice Co-Chair which will take place during the **ENGAGE General Assembly meeting, in Rome in February 2025.**

The position of Vice Co-Chair was set up in 2021 to facilitate the continuity of work within the EEG. This seat alternates between the Co-Chair-Elect and immediate Past Co-Chair, depending on which one is in office.

The ENGAGE Co-Chair is elected by the General Assembly and will serve four (4) years comprising subsequent terms as follows:

- one (1) year as Vice Co-Chair (effectively, Co-Chair-Elect),
- two (2) years as Co-Chair,
- and then one (1) additional year as Vice Co-Chair (effectively, immediate Past Co-Chair).

Thus, the positions of Past Co-Chair and Co-Chair-Elect alternate seats on the EEG and are together known as the Vice Co-Chair.

According to the ENGAGE bylaws, the EEG is to consist of four members nominated by the ESGO Council, and four members representing patient advocates elected by the ENGAGE General Assembly, and two members representing patient advocates nominated by Nomination Committee. All these are volunteer positions which require willingness and the capacity to participate in the ENGAGE leadership, lead diverse ENGAGE projects, and



occasionally travel for ENGAGE. The Co-Chair-Elect will help the Co-Chairs of the ENGAGE Executive Group and will become ENGAGE Co-Chair in 2026.

The ideal candidate for the Vice-Co-Chair position needs to

- have leadership and management skills and proven experience in the not-for-profit sector as a patient advocate.
- be available to represent ENGAGE on various occasions and attend the ESGO Council meetings (twice a year) as the ENGAGE Co-Chair becomes an ESGO Council member.
- Expect an average workload between 4 hrs up to 15 hrs/week, including teleconferences.
- Have an advanced level of English (spoken and written) is required.

Therefore, **any motivated ENGAGE member (=patient advocacy group) wishing to work in the EEG as Vice-Co-Chair/Co-Chair is welcome to propose a candidate in the elections**. Each ENGAGE member can nominate its representative as a candidate for the elections; however, and according to the bylaws, each country can only be represented by one member in the EEG.

All candidates standing for election will be given 5 minutes to make a presentation (powerpoint/presentation display technology will be available on request) prior to the onsite voting during the General Assembly. The Co-Chair-Elect will be declared elected by a simple majority of all ENGAGE members present.

Interested ENGAGE members should send their candidate's statement of motivation (250 words) with a photo to the Nominations Committee at the following email address eva.streglova@esgo.org by 15 November 2024. The motivation statement should explain their motivation for wanting to become a Vice Co-Chair/Co-Chair and propose future goals and vision.

The name, photo, and motivation statements of all candidates for all positions will be made published on the ENGAGE website after November 15th, 2024. By submitting the nomination



for the EEG election, the candidate agrees to the publication of his/her name, photo, and motivation statement on the ENGAGe website.

We strongly encourage you to become actively involved in the ENGAGe organisation and to nominate the best members of your patient advocacy group to stand for election.

Get involved and help shape the future of our organisation!

We look forward to **receiving a nomination** from your group by the end of the day on 15 November and to **seeing you all** in Rome for the ENGAGe Vice Co-Chair election!

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

Kim Hulscher
ENGAGe Co-Chair

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ENGAGe Co-Chair