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## Letter of motivation

I would like to apply for the position of ESC Councillor in the term 2024-2026.

Now after effective term as the President of The Polish Cardiac Society (PCS) I am serving as immediate Past-President and the member of the board. I have been involved in numerous PCS's activities for last 20 years, starting with a member of the board and secretary of The Polish Cardiac Society in 2001. During my term as the President of PCS I have established fruitful relations with Members of Parliament and also representatives of regulatory institutions including Ministry of Health which facilitated the processes of reimbursement of new therapeutic options.

Since 2022 I am a member of ESC Cardiopolicy Group which was established to promote solution of cardiovascular problems at the European Commission and European Parliament. I advocated to establish "**beating the heart disease**" plan for Europe to diminish disparities related to sex, age and geography.

In the past I was involved in European Heart Rhythm Association activities as a member of National Society Committee and Congress Programme Committee (chairman of "AF Clinical group" during one term). I was also a member of writing committee of "Pathways for training and accreditation for transvenous lead extraction: a European Heart Rhythm Association position paper".

I am strongly in favour of the team work and discussions to select optimal way to take decisions and to obtain common agreement in crucial directions of development of the ESC.

I would like to focus on establishing new level of cooperation between national cardiac societies and ESC and promoting solutions which could improved patients' access to Class 1 diagnostic tools and therapeutic modalities in all member countries as well as involved all NS in various ESC activities under the motto:

### **"Common ESC sensitive to local needs"**

I am ready to devote my personal and professional time to various activities of the ESC and its bodies, as I did when I was the President of The Polish Cardiac Society, as well as to cooperate with all board members and highly support the ESC President to facilitate the development of the Society.

I hope that my current knowledge and experience in the field of medical system organization and awareness of current problems in European arena including universal medical policy and establishing European Health Data Space could be useful for the ESC.

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