

**To: Professor Franz Weidinger
Immediate ESC Past President
Chair of the ESC Nominating Committee 2024-2026**

**From: Konstantinos Toutouzas, MD
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Dear Professor Weidinger,

Hereby I would like to apply for the position of **Councillor** of the **ESC Board 2026-28** in the forthcoming elections. I am very much aligned with the goals and focus of the ESC and I would like to use all my skills and experience to help future projects of the ESC.

Firstly, I bring an experience of my current positions of the Structure of ESC as member of the Congress Program Committee, the Advocacy Committee and Chairman Elect of the Council for Cardiology Practice of the current Nucleus and I am providing my best effort to achieve the Goals of each Committee and Nucleus. Secondly, as an ex-member of the Nominating Committee of European Society of Cardiology I have already gained valuable experience, regarding the goals and structure of the Society. Thirdly, as current President of the Hellenic Society of Cardiology, I have honed my administrative and communication skills, providing a solid foundation for the position of Councillor of ESC Board. In addition, my services as member of the Council of Hellenic Heart Foundation have provided me with excellent decision-making skills.

In my current position as Professor of Cardiology and Director of Cardio-oncology and Structural Heart Disease out-patient clinic in Hippokration Hospital and concurrently running my own private practice, I can provide insights and useful information regarding the whole spectrum of Cardiology practice in Europe.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for your time.

**Yours sincerely,
Konstantinos Toutouzas, MD**

According to the **Criteria of the Application** I hereby state that

1. I am a member of the Council
2. I am an ESC member and a member of the Hellenic Society of Cardiology
3. The CV is attached
4. I provide the Representative References

Representative References

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