

## Motivation Letter – ESC Audit Committee (2026–2030)

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**Dear Members of the ESC Elections Committee,  
Dear Colleagues,**

It is a great honour to present my candidacy for the **ESC Audit Committee for the 2026–2030 term**. My motivation is rooted in a deep commitment to the mission of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and in the belief that strong governance, transparency, and ethical leadership are essential to the continued success and credibility of our organisation.

In my role as **President of the Lithuanian Society of Cardiology**, I have had the privilege of working closely with colleagues across Europe to advance ESC priorities and strengthen cardiovascular care at the national level. Serving on the **Executive Board of the Hospital of Lithuanian University of Health Sciences Kauno klinikos** since 2018 has given me substantial experience in financial oversight, compliance processes, risk management, and organisational development within one of the largest academic hospitals in the Baltic region. These responsibilities have shaped my understanding of how clear structures, sound decision-making, and openness support the long-term stability of any professional organisation.

I have been an **active contributor to the ESC Atlas of Cardiology**, collaborating with ESC leadership to ensure accurate and reliable national data. The Atlas plays a vital role in shaping European cardiovascular policy, benchmarking performance, and demonstrating the value of ESC-led initiatives. Through this work, I have seen how high-quality data and transparent processes contribute to trust – both inside the Society and among external partners.

I also support the development of future cardiovascular leaders through my involvement in the **European Heart Academy Alumni Task Force** and as **Scientific Programme Director of the Kauno klinikos Leadership Academy**. These activities reflect my long-standing belief that strong leadership and ethical conduct are essential for the future of our profession.

If elected, I will bring to the Audit Committee a balanced and analytical approach, a collaborative spirit, and a genuine dedication to ESC values. **I am committed to supporting the Committee's mission of ensuring strong governance, fair processes, and the highest ethical standards across all ESC activities**. Above all, I hope to contribute positively to an organisation that has given so much to all of us – scientifically, professionally, and personally.

It would be an honour to serve the European Society of Cardiology in this capacity, and I thank you sincerely for considering my application.

Warm regards,  
Prof. Tomas Lapinskas