

Professor Robert Julian Gil, MD, PhD, FESC

To: Professor Franz Weidinger, Chair of the ESC Nominating Committee,

The letter of motivation

I herewith would like to submit my application for the position of Councillor of the ESC Board in the mandate 2026-2028.

From the beginning of my professional and scientific career, I have sought to actively contribute to the development of cardiology in Poland. I have consistently pursued this goal through my work in the Polish Cardiac Society's (PCS) Working Group on Invasive Cardiology, laying the foundations for modern interventional cardiology in Poland and ensuring its systematic development. The twenty-nine editions of the Warsaw Course on Cardiovascular Interventions (WCCI), of which I am the Director, clearly demonstrate this.

Over the years, my engagement in the PCS activity has allowed me not only to understand the needs of cardiology professionals, but also to appreciate the perspectives and expectations of patients. This dual insight has significantly enhanced the effectiveness of my work within PCS, a contribution recognized not only by patients but also at the national level, as evidenced by the Gold Medal awarded to me by the President of Poland for my lifetime achievements in cardiology.

My long-standing experience in PCS has given me a deep understanding of organizational structures, international collaboration, and the mechanisms that drive professional societies. Over the past four years, my role in PCS has provided me with first-hand knowledge of the ESC's structure and operations. I greatly value the ESC's extensive educational efforts for medical professionals and patients alike, and I am convinced that I can contribute to expanding the Society's influence, particularly in countries outside Western Europe, where access to training and cutting-edge cardiovascular care can be further enhanced. Certainly, my numerous contacts and fruitful cooperation with countries of the "East" in its broadest sense can be of great help in this regard. The letters of official support I have obtained for my candidacy for the position of ESC Councillor for the mandate 2026-2028 from the Hungarian, Romanian, Czech and Bulgarian Societies of Cardiology, as well as honorary memberships from the RSICA, the ACU, the GACS, the HSC and the BULSIC are a confirmation of my recognition in that Region.

As an interventional cardiologist, my work spans vascular and structural interventions, intensive cardiac care, and the implementation of primary and secondary prevention strategies through close cooperation with patients. In this, my specializations in internal medicine, angiology and intensive care undoubtedly help me. I am eager to bring this expertise to the ESC, supporting its mission to advance cardiology at an international level.

If elected as a Councillor, I would prioritize expanding ESC's impact in the regions, where the greatest unmet needs exist in terms of both professional education and access to the latest medical advancements. I aim to foster international collaboration, increase ESC membership from underrepresented regions, and enhance the adoption of ESC guidelines and recommendations across national societies.

I would be honored to serve on the ESC Board, applying my experience in professional society leadership, patient-centered advocacy, and international cooperation to strengthen the European Society of Cardiology global role and advance cardiovascular health worldwide.

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