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To: National Societies in EFORT  
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EFORT EU Affairs Committee members  
EFORT Board and Executive Committee

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**RE: Upcoming call for candidates to enter Expert Panel in the Medical Device Regulation process**

Dear Members of the EFORT Community,

The European Commission has shared the announcement of its call for clinical experts to participate in expert panels on medical devices and in vitro diagnostic devices. The call will be published later this year.

The new Medical Devices Regulation will regulate the development, authorization and post-market surveillance of medical devices. A new element under this regulation is the establishment of **expert panels** that will play a role in assessing high-risk medical devices and advising regulators.

It is essential that a broad variety in experts from different disciplines will be represented in these panels to ensure that the safety of medical devices on the European market is guaranteed. The call, including information about conditions and reimbursements, will soon be launched.

This letter is to encourage EFORT's membership network and in particular all National Societies and Specialty Societies to already identify potential candidates and prepare for the European Commission call for recruitment in advance.

Therefore, may we ask you to look for your most experienced and best "EU-versed" experts who have a definite interest to assist the EU Commission in the upcoming expert panels. We would kindly ask you to send EFORT name/surname, position, institution, qualifications and e-mail addresses, so that EFORT can gain an overview of applying candidates. The above information should be sent to the attention of EFORT's Immediate Past President, Ass. Prof. Dr. Per Kjærsgaard-Andersen at [eu@efort.org](mailto:eu@efort.org).

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In the attached documents you can read more about both, the process and expectations to becoming members of the expert panels.

The EFORT Board is monitoring the process, through collaboration channel within the Biomedical Alliance, as well as through direct contacts to Officers in the EU Commission. The EU recognises EFORT as the official organisation covering health related aspects in orthopaedics and traumatology.

The EFORT Board strives to build a list of the most experienced specialists to be chosen from by the EU Commission through their selection process during this late autumn.

The entire process is not yet exactly known. We expect up to six subgroups in the area of orthopaedics, traumatology and rheumatology. Each subgroup should include 6-8 experts, among which 2-3 are expected to be clinicians with expert knowledge.

As soon as we will have more detail and the call will be opened, we shall send an update of information.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

On behalf of the EFORT Board

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