

EFORT Activity Report 2024

EFORT Annual Congress

The EFORT Annual Congress continued to serve as an important meeting point for the orthopaedic and traumatology community. It offered a comprehensive scientific and educational programme, with a total of 290 sessions delivered by 957 faculty members. The event featured 1,530 submitted abstracts, 568 oral presentations, 375 ePosters, and 587 exhibition stands. Over all 3,200* international participants attended the event. In addition, the congress included 85 symposia and instructional lectures, 4 industry satellite symposia, 2 mini satellites and 4 World Surgery Tour sessions by Rimasys.

*from which 2332 paid registrations, 501 VIP registrations, 320 industry (allowance coming with booth purchase package)

EFORT Open Reviews (EOR)

In 2024, EFORT Open Reviews (EOR) demonstrated strong academic performance, receiving 195 article submissions. The journal achieved an Impact Factor of 4.3 and ranked 11th among all orthopaedic journals. EOR remains a key platform for the dissemination of open-access, peer-reviewed content in musculoskeletal science and clinical practice.

EFORT Webinar Series

EFORT hosted a total of nine webinars in 2024, providing free, high-quality education on topics such as joint instability, smart implants, fracture fixation, and infection management. The most attended webinar, “Surgical Approaches for Acetabular Fracture Fixation”, recorded 821 live attendees and 447 replay views. Close behind was “Management Options for Acute Prosthetic Joint Infections” with 788 live views and 427 replays. Overall engagement was strong across the series, reinforcing its role as EFORT’s core structured digital learning platform.

EBOT Exam

The EBOT exam assesses knowledge and skills through a written test of 100 multiple-choice questions and a 30-minute oral exam covering Lower and Upper Limb, Spine, Paediatrics, and Basic Science. The oral exam is offered in English, with French and Spanish versions supported by national societies.

A free Interim Exam allows candidates to practice via a network of centers across Europe.

In 2024, 123 candidates took the written exam, with 103 passing (83.7%). Of those taking the oral exam, 61/67 passed in Lisbon (English), 10/13 in Brussels (French), and 13/22 in Madrid (Spanish).

Under Prof. Enrique Gómez Barrena's leadership, following Prof. George Mineiro, the EBOT exam remains a benchmark in Orthopaedics and Traumatology in Europe and beyond.

EU Affairs

In 2024, EFORT continued its work on the Medical Device Regulation and promoted the outcome of the CORE-MD project (www.core-md.eu/results) at the European level. It also participated in applying for European grants. EFORT participated in the CORE-MD Final Conference (Brussels, 15 March) which attracted researchers, policy makers, representatives of EMA, European Commission and Parliament as well as patients and industry. Recommendation from this EU-funded project have been taken on board by competent authorities and will lead to new policy documents.

EFORT participated in the meetings of the Medical Device Coordination Group which sets recommendation on the Medical Device Regulation. It also participated in various sub-groups of the MDCG such as the Clinical Investigation and Evaluation group or the New Emerging Technologies. Besides this, EFORT is involved in EMA's expert panels as many members are participating in those panels to represent Orthopaedics and Traumatology Surgeons.

Through the Biomedical Alliance, EFORT has participated in various European initiatives such as the European Health Data Space, the AI act, the Research Committee, the Regulatory Affairs Committee. EFORT Past President, Per Kjærsgaard-Andersen is co-chair of the Regulatory Affairs Committee.

Communications & Digital Outreach:

EFORT Today

EFORT's main newsletter, EFORT Today, was published in 17 editions during 2024. Distributed to over 25,000 subscribers, it achieved 440,570 deliveries, with 9,256 unique views, a 35.7% open rate, and a 6.2% click rate—demonstrating consistent engagement with the orthopaedic community.

Web Presence

EFORT's public and congress websites recorded nearly 2.5 million visits in 2024. The majority of visitors came from Europe (68.96%), with significant traffic also from Asia (12.83%) and North America (7.75%). Western Europe accounted for 48.31% of European visits, followed by Southern (29.26%) and Eastern Europe (15.99%). Most visitors were aged 25–44, and 56.3% were male—highlighting EFORT's continued success in reaching a targeted professional audience.

Social Media

EFORT's presence across Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter/X, and YouTube remained strong in 2024. The organisation generated over 1 million impressions—a key metric indicating how often content was displayed on users' screens. By year-end, EFORT had approximately 40,000 followers across all platforms, reflecting sustained visibility and relevance in the digital space.