

## ECCO Call for New Study Projects 2026

**Deadline for submission is October 15, 2026**

### Context and aim of the project

In order to keep building on the contact that was established the previous years and aiming to foster collaboration among IBD National Study Groups in the framework of clinical studies further, **the Clinical Research Committee of ECCO (ClinCom) is once again organising a National Study Group meeting at the next 21<sup>st</sup> Congress of ECCO in Stockholm.**

Date: February 18, 2026

Time: 18:30 – 20:40

Place: Stockholmsmässan, Stockholm, Sweden

During the meeting, slots are kept for **the presentation of new study project proposals**. ClinCom can help you establishing a network, and performing a critical review of your studies to optimize study protocols and to help avoid redundant or scientifically questionable research efforts.

The assessment of a clinical research protocol encompasses a **2-stage process**.

### 1<sup>st</sup> stage

During the first stage, applicants are called upon to provide a study synopsis including background, design, objectives, outcome parameters, major inclusion and exclusion criteria, statistics, and co-variables not exceeding 4 pages.

The project will be reviewed by ClinCom and we will come back to you either supporting or declining the presentation at the IBD National Study Group Meeting at the 21<sup>st</sup> Congress of ECCO.

Should you wish to have your projects discussed at the 11<sup>th</sup> National Study Group meeting, **you are kindly invited to send your project proposals using the first stage's template of ECCO by October 15, 2026. Please download the first stage's template [here](#) and send it back to the following email address: [ecco@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco@ecco-ibd.eu)**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> stage

Beginning of 2026, the principal investigators who will present their study projects at the IBD National Study Group Meeting will be invited to submit a full protocol of their studies using an [ECCO second stage's template](#).

### Timeline

DATE	ACTION
<b>October 15, 2025</b>	Submission deadline
<b>November 11 - 17, 2025</b>	Review and evaluation by ClinCom
<b>November 17, 2025</b>	Notification and feedback to the submitters
<b>December 1, 2025</b>	Deadline for submitters to review proposal according to feedback received
<b>January 6, 2026</b>	Submission of full protocol by P.I.
<b>ECCO'26 - February 18, 2026</b>	Presentation of the new study project proposal
<b>March 16, 2026</b>	Submission of Second Stage proposal
<b>March 23, 2026</b>	ClinCom Review

<b>April 2026</b>	Governing Board Approval
<b>April 2026</b>	Dissemination of the Research Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email to National Study Representatives and ECCO National Representatives</li> <li>ECCO Newsletter</li> <li>ECCO News 1/2025</li> </ul>

### Application criteria

If you are interested in submitting a study proposal and presenting it at the 11th IBD National Study Group meeting, please take into consideration the following information:

- Applicants need to be individual ECCO Members (= ECCO Members 2026).
- The study should be multicentric, executed predominantly in Europe.
- It should be a study with a simple and practical design, in which the great advantage of sharing with the IBD National Study Groups is recruiting a high number of patients. In this sense, ideally the study should be observational, non-interventional and retrospective. Randomized Clinical Trials are not recommended as these studies generally require a highly complex design.
- Proposed by an independent researcher.
- The investigation must be independent of the industry interests.
- Studies that use UR-CARE for data collection are encouraged

### FINAL NOTE

ECCO is happy to facilitate the IBD National Study Group Meeting at the ECCO Congress to enhance international collaboration. The main contribution of ClinCom to these projects is scientific review and dissemination. However, ECCO does not provide financial or logistical support to these studies. Review of project protocols by ClinCom does not represent an ECCO endorsement for the projects.

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If you have trouble, please contact [a.devide@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:a.devide@ecco-ibd.eu)  
*ECCO is looking forward to your application!*

Best regards from the Clinical Committee,  
Maria Chaparro, Murat Törüner, Tanja Kühbacher, Julien Kirchgessner, Kostantinos Karmiris

*\*Data processing consent and retention: By sending an application, you agree to the data processing for the above-described project: ECCO Office stores applicants' personal data of this application for the project timeframe. You have the right to object at any time at [ecco@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco@ecco-ibd.eu). ECCO Office will delete data securely after the end of this project*