



ECCO Call for New Study Projects 2027

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 Research Committee of ECCO (ResCom) is once again organising a National Study Group meeting at the next 22nd Congress of ECCO in Copenhagen.**

Date: March 3, 2027

Time: 18:15 – 20:15

Place: Bella Center Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark

During the meeting, slots are kept for **the presentation of new study project proposals**. ResCom 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**.

1st 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-variates not exceeding 4 pages.

The project will be reviewed by ResCom and we will come back to you either supporting or declining the presentation at the IBD National Study Group Meeting at the 22nd Congress of ECCO.

Should you wish to have your projects discussed at the 12th 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**

2nd stage

Beginning of 2027, 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
October 15, 2026	Submission deadline
October 19 – November 16, 2026	Review and evaluation by ResCom
November 16, 2026	Notification and feedback to the submitters
December 1, 2026	Deadline for submitters to review proposal according to feedback received
January 6, 2027	Submission of full protocol by P.I.
ECCO'27 – March 3, 2027	Presentation of the new study project proposal
March 15, 2027	Submission of Second Stage proposal
March 23, 2027	ResCom Review



April 2027	Governing Board Approval
April 2027	Dissemination of the Research Project <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email to National Study Representatives and ECCO National Representatives• ECCO Newsletter• ECCO News 1/2027
October 2027	First report on the project, in case
Every six months until publication	Next reports on the project

Application criteria

If you are interested in submitting a study proposal and presenting it at the 12th IBD National Study Group meeting, please take into consideration the following information:

- Applicants need to be individual ECCO Members (= ECCO Members 2027).
- 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 ResCom 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 ResCom does not represent an ECCO endorsement for the projects.

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If you have trouble, please contact a.devide@ecco-ibd.eu
ECCO is looking forward to your application!

Best regards from the Research Committee,
Julien Kirchgerner, Iago Rodriguez-Lago, Kostantinos Karmiris, Paul Henderson,
Richard Pollok, Brigida Barberio, Mette Julsgaard, Konstantinos Papamichail, Olga Nardone

**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. ECCO Office will delete data securely after the end of this project*