

**EUROPEAN  
CENTRE FOR  
GUIDELINES  
DEVELOPMENT**



**European  
Dermatology  
Forum**



# Introducing EuroGuiDe



- The EDF aims to contribute to understanding skin diseases, and improving their prevention, diagnostics and treatment.
- To help facilitate this collective effort and mutual learning process in the future, to ensure more effective use of limited resources, and to standardize the development of high quality European dermatological guidelines, the EDF has established a European Centre for Guidelines Development (EuroGuiDe).
- EuroGuiDe is located at the Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Clinic for Dermatology, Division of Evidence-Based Medicine.
- The Director, Prof. Alexander Nast, has more than 15 years experience in the field of guidelines.



- A pragmatic Manual with clear guidance on how to develop high-quality guidelines was produced.
- What is new?
  - Updated SOPs with clearly laid-out steps
  - Stronger focus on i)needs assessments and ii)dissemination and iii) implementation
  - Clear methodological requirements
  - Clear conflict of interest management strategy
  - Support from the EuroGuiDe staff



## The **EuroGuiDe Guidelines**:

a combination of a representative guideline subcommittee, presented with rigorously synthesized and appraised evidence (GRADE approach), who reach consensus in a structured way [methodological gold standard].

The **EuroGuiDe Consensus Statements** are developed through reaching consensus in a structured way, but the evidence is not searched for, synthesised nor appraised in a systematic way.

## **A transitional period of two years (2019/20):**

- *Ongoing guideline projects may be completed using currently established EDF processed and procedures. Those will be called 'EDF guideline'.*
- *Those adhering to the methods presented in this manual will be called EuroGuiDe Guideline/Consensus Statement.*

# Conflicts of Interest Management

## Transitioning Period (2019-2021)

- **Coordinator:** Must not have any personal financial conflicts of interests
- **Development group: at least 51% of the group members shall have no personal financial interests;** those with personal financial interests that are specific to the matters under discussion are allowed to participate when discussing the evidence, but will not be entitled to vote on recommendations
- **Institutional COIs are acceptable**
- COIs must be declared for the **12 months** prior to the commencement of the guidelines/consensus statements work and for the entire duration of the development process
- First/last author cannot have any specific personal financial interests
- Capacity building through transparent communication & involvement of junior doctors
- Feasibility of the long-term COI management vision will be evaluated during the transition

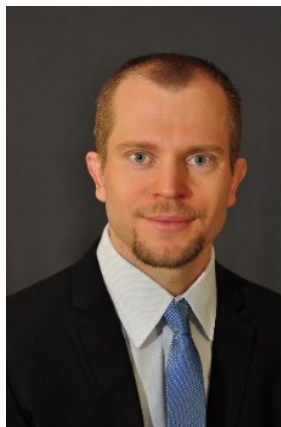
## Long-term Vision (2022-)

- **Coordinator:** Must not have any interests that are specific to the matters under discussion (personal/non-personal, financial/non-financial).
- **Development group:** Must not have any interests that are specific to the matters under discussion (personal/non-personal, financial/non-financial) & an external expert advisory group can be formed
- The subcommittee develops the guideline/consensus statement including the recommendations. The advisory group (“**EuroGuiDe Collaborating Group**”) would have an advisory role and not develop recommendations directly. Hence, member with significant COI may be acceptable. This would enable broader participation, involvement of experts and ensure implementation and foster trustworthiness of the output.

# EuroGuiDe – What is in it for you?

1. Methods support by the EuroGuiDe staff
2. Clear guidance – updated SOPs
3. Timely journal review process & publication of methods report alongside the guideline/consensus statement
4. Easy-to-complete online COI declarations form
5. Administrative support by EuroGuiDe staff

# EuroGuiDe – set-up & staff/members



Director of EuroGuide: Prof. Alexander Nast, MD



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## **EuroGuiDe Board of Directors 2018-2020\***

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