



What is ECAB?

The European Community Advisory Board (ECAB) was created in 1997 as a forum for interaction between the community of people living with HIV and AIDS and the pharmaceutical companies. ECAB operates as a working group of the EATG, having meetings with pharmaceutical companies to receive information on research / drugs in the pipeline, discuss trial designs, and also marketing strategies!

ECAB meetings can involve the following stakeholders:

- Industry
- Academic groups, universities, EACS
- Patient organisations
- Governmental bodies, regulatory bodies, HTA

When and how do meetings occur?

Although with the travel restrictions resulting from Covid-19, there has been a move to online meetings, ECAB meetings are usually held in a face-to-face setting over a weekend several times a year. When meetings are held face to face, travel and accommodation costs are covered by EATG.

ECAB Pools

Members who apply to the ECAB pools will be able to apply to attend ECAB meetings as they occur. There are two ECAB pools and each meeting will include members from both pools:

Supporting Pool: members who have participated in no, or less than 3, ECAB meetings in the past 3 years.

Expert Pool: members who have participated in 3 or more ECAB meetings.

Desired profile for ECAB participants

- Clear understanding of HIV/ Viral Hepatitis/ TB R&D science and recent pipeline
- Understanding of inclusion criteria and recruitment processes for CT
- Expertise in reviewing protocols for CT
- Fluency in English

Additional role: Meeting chair (Voluntary)

Training Opportunities

For ECAB pool members, EATG can provide training and cover certificate costs of online EUPATI modules, such as:

INTRODUCTION TO MEDICINES DEVELOPMENT

- Process of medicine discovery and development
- Role of patients and PO in medicine development
- Concepts of evidence-based medicine and outcome research

CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Clinical trial and trial management
- Trial participants' rights and obligations
- Ethics
- Statistics
- Interpretation and dissemination of results

REGULATORY AFFAIRS

¹ Berezcky T. (2013) 'The Impatient Patient, from Anger to Activism - A systematic review of the history, working models, relevance and perspective of the European Community Advisory Board', EATO, URL: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/270158403_THE_IMPATIENT_PATIENT_FROM_ANGER_TO_ACTIVISM#fullTextFileContent