

Saint-Etienne, Feb the 2nd, 2026

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to express my interest in joining the Council of the European Renal Association (ERA) as an Ordinary Member. As a 56-year-old nephrologist, I currently serve as Head of the Nephrology, Dialysis, and Kidney Transplantation Department at the University Hospital of Saint-Étienne, France. My professional journey and deep commitment to European nephrology have motivated me to contribute actively to the governance of our society.

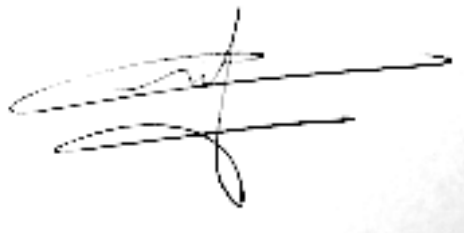
Since October 2025, I have had the privilege of serving as President of the *Société Francophone de Néphrologie, Dialyse et Transplantation*, a role that has strengthened my dedication to fostering collaboration among French-speaking professionals and their European counterparts. My academic background is rooted in the mentorship of Professor François Berthoux, former Head of our department and President of the ERA in 2000. His leadership inspired me to embrace a European vision for nephrology, where collective innovation and knowledge-sharing are paramount.

My engagement with the ERA is long-standing and hands-on. Since 2016, I have been a member of the Descartes Working Group, and in 2024, I was elected its Chair. This experience has deepened my understanding of the critical role European initiatives play in advancing nephrology research and clinical practice. It has also reinforced my belief in the necessity of restoring French representation on the ERA Council, which has been absent since 2021.

Joining the Council would allow me to leverage my expertise and network to support the ERA's mission—particularly in promoting cross-country collaboration, empowering young nephrologists, and amplifying the visibility of kidney health challenges across Europe. I believe that my blend of clinical experience, leadership, and European perspective would add value to the Council.

Yours Sincerely

Christophe MARIAT

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