

Subject: In-person Executive Board meeting of the Joint Action on Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes – JACARDI

Dear Executive Board Members,

We are pleased to invite you to the upcoming JACARDI Executive Board Strategic Meeting, which will take place in person on 28–29 April 2026, in Bilbao, Spain.

This meeting comes at a crucial moment for JACARDI. As we enter the final phase of the Joint Action, it is essential to align strategically on how we consolidate our results, strengthen our policy voice, and shape the pathway towards sustainability and potential extension. Over the two days, we will focus on:

- Structuring the Final Technical WP Deliverables Roadmaps, ensuring clarity and coherence in how evidence and results are presented.
- Building a common JACARDI policy voice, identifying shared policy recommendations and strengthening our policy network.
- Aligning on scientific priorities towards 2027
- Discussing the current challenges and strategic solutions to be implemented.

Your active participation in person is particularly important. This meeting is designed not only to inform, but to enable open strategic discussion, joint decision-making, and alignment across Work Packages. The complexity and importance of the topics require collective reflection and direct exchange.

We look forward to your valuable contributions and to working together to define the next strategic steps for JACARDI.

Warm regards,
the JACARDI Coordination Team

In-person Executive Board meeting Agenda – Bilbao, Spain

From Evidence to Impact: Defining JACARDI's Legacy

28 April 2026		
Time	Agenda Item	Leader
14.00-14.15	Opening Remarks: Setting the Stage Overview of meeting objectives, expected outcomes, and how the EB meeting will drive JACARDI's final phase.	WP1
Final Technical WPs Deliverables: The JACARDI Roadmaps		
14.15-14.45	Roadmap Block 1 and 2: Setting the scene Each Technical WPs is invited to present brief bullet points and key words outlining the foundations of Block 1 and Block 2 of its roadmap: How do you imagine evidence and scalability of your WP? Which key areas of intersection do you see between your WP and the other Technical WPs?	Hanna Tolonen Jelka Zaletel WP1
14.45-15.00	Coffee Break	
15.00-17.00	Roadmap Block 3: Building a Common Policy Voice Workshop Define a shared policy framework, ensuring strong interconnection across WPs, including a visual representation of alignment and complementarities. This session will be designed as a gamified, highly interactive workshop. Each WP will be invited to position its key policy messages on a shared visual board. Through a facilitated, collaborative process, participants will collectively: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map and cluster policy messages • Identify synergies and cross-WP linkages • Build a coherent and connected Block 3 policy narrative • Co-create a visual conceptual map representing the common policy voice The outcome will be a jointly constructed Block 3, both in terms of strategic policy messaging and graphical conceptualisation, strengthening future coordinated policy influence.	Hanna Tolonen Jelka Zaletel WP1
20.00	Social Dinner at ###	

29 April 2029		
Time	Agenda Item	Leader
09.00-9.15	Welcome and Wrap up	
09.15-10.00	<p>Scientific Vision 2026–2027: High-Level Policy Priorities for the Consortium</p> <p><i>Each WP is invited to contribute its high-level strategic priorities to collectively shape a shared scientific and policy vision for 2026–2027. The session will aim to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Define overarching policy and scientific priorities</i> • <i>Identify strategic policy meetings, high-level fora, institutional tables, and publication opportunities</i> • <i>Prioritise advocacy and dissemination actions with the highest potential impact</i> <p><i>The expected outcome is a consolidated high-level scientific and policy vision, supported by a plan of key strategic opportunities.</i></p>	WP1 All
10.00-10.30	<p>Planning for the Future: Possible JA Extension JACARDI Timeline & Key Milestones</p> <p><i>Provide an overview of operational timelines, highlighting key milestones both with and without a potential Joint Action extension, to support strategic planning for the consortium's next steps.</i></p>	WP1 All
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00-11.45	<p>Communication and dissemination from now on</p> <p><i>This session will focus on planning and aligning all communication and dissemination activities from now, including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Final National Stakeholder Events – sharing experiences from France (SpF) and discussing WP2's support in planning, organizing, and ensuring coherent messages across events.</i> • <i>Consolidation of Key Messages – defining final, unified messages for policy, scientific, and public audiences and support with the Final Roadmaps.</i> • <i>PR Campagins – Voting! Please, review these magazines before the meeting: The Parliament; EurActiv; POLITICO</i> <p><i>The objective is to streamline efforts, leverage lessons learned, and reinforce the Joint Action's visibility and influence.</i></p>	WP2
11.45-12.30	<p>Science to Policy programme</p> <p><i>Strengthen the translation of scientific evidence into actionable policy. Outline the schedule for Train-the-Trainers programs from now until October 2026.</i></p>	WP4
12.30-13.00	Wrap-up & Next Steps	WP1
13.00-14.00	Light Lunch	

* The schedule is presented in CET



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