



The ERC Newsletter is an informative publication providing regular updates on the latest developments and achievements in the field of resuscitation. It covers a wide range of topics, from scientific advancements to events and news highlights from the ERC and its affiliated organisations. The newsletter is a valuable resource for anyone interested in staying up-to-date with resuscitation science and practice. Whether you are a resuscitation science enthusiast, healthcare professional, or simply interested in our activities, the ERC Newsletter is a must-read.

The ERC Congress

The Countdown to Resuscitation 2026 Starts Now



What if the next idea, connection, or breakthrough that changes your practice is waiting for you in Milan?

From cutting-edge science and life-saving innovations to inspiring speakers and hands-on learning, Resuscitation 2026 is where the global resuscitation community comes together to shape the future of saving lives.

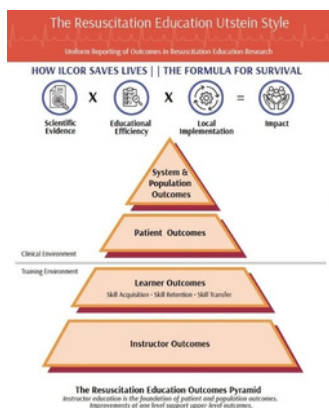
 Milan, Italy
 17-19 September 2026

Hundreds of professionals Three unforgettable days One opportunity you don't want to miss - ERC Congress: Resuscitation 2026.

Do not forget to check the special registration fees for Low and Lower-Middle Income Countries.

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Science & Education



The International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) and member councils such as the European Resuscitation Council and the American Heart Association have published the Utstein statement, providing guidance for uniform reporting in cardiac arrest research.

The statement represents the first global standard for reporting outcomes in Resuscitation Education. It provides a unified framework for defining and measuring outcomes across studies, helping to address long-standing inconsistency in the field.

[Read the Full Statement Here](#)

Upcoming Webinars



OPEN WEBINAR

Community Response Systems
• Call-First Strategy and Dispatch Systems
• Community First Responder Systems in Europe
• GoodSAM App

Moderators:
Jan Hoefnagel
Sander van Goor

Speakers:
Caroline Malta Hansen
Bibiana Metelmann
Mark Wilson



June 23 at 19:00 Brussels Time: Topic - Community Response Systems.

Registration Link:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qN0DGbq2Q5uQq1YkwztKcQ

In the Spotlight - Advancing Global Research, Empowering Local Impact in Low and Lower-Middle Income Countries

The European Resuscitation Council is committed to fostering scientific excellence worldwide by supporting Low and Lower-Middle Income Countries. Through donations, collaboration, knowledge exchange, and access to cutting-edge research networks, ERC initiatives help strengthen research capacity, create new opportunities for talented individuals in the field, and contribute to addressing global challenges by advancing the message of saving every life through CPR.

Donations



In April 2026, the European Resuscitation Council (ERC) supported a national CPR training initiative in Ghana through donating essential resuscitation training equipment.

The training program was implemented by Global Life Savers Inc. in collaboration with the Ghana Police Service and the National Ambulance Service. This initiative aims to enhance first response capabilities by equipping police officers with the skills and confidence needed to respond effectively in cases of cardiac arrest.

Police officers are frequently among the first to arrive at emergency scenes, often before medical services. Their ability to initiate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in the first critical minutes is essential to improving survival outcomes. Through this programme, several hundred officers were trained using a structured approach that combined theoretical instruction with hands-on, simulation-based learning.

ERC Certified Courses in Mozambique



Portuguese Resuscitation Council/ERC certified ILS/ALS courses delivered for the first time in Mozambique Republic - CPR care across low-resource settings

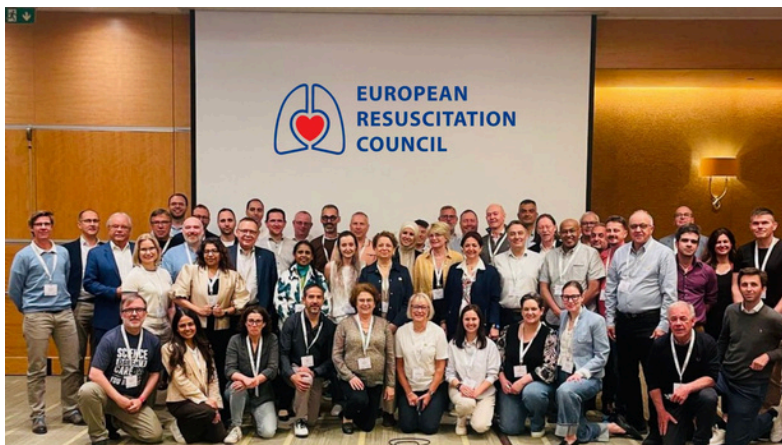
Within the framework of bilateral cooperation between the Portuguese Armed Forces and the Mozambican Armed Forces, the Armed Forces Medical Services Teaching and Research Centre (UEFISM) developed a training program with the Military Health Department of the Republic of Mozambique.

During the month of May, UEFISM was part of the Portuguese Capacity Building Mission in the Republic of Mozambique, through which, as a school accredited by the Conselho Portugues de Ressuscitação (CPR)/European Resuscitation Council (ERC), it delivered, for the first time in that country, certified courses in Immediate Life Support (ILS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS).

The objective was to raise awareness and train the health professionals in low-resource settings about the need to take the first steps in increasing their response capabilities in pre-hospital and intra-hospital medical emergencies.

ERC Events

ERC General Assembly



Twice a year, the ERC Board Members, Extended Board Members and the Team come together for our General Assembly—an important moment to reflect on our achievements, exchange ideas, and shape the future of our mission. So, on June 11, 2026, we met to review the impact of our initiatives, celebrate successes, and define new objectives that support our commitment to spreading life-saving CPR and resuscitation skills worldwide. It is also a time to strengthen collaboration, encourage open dialogue, and reinforce our shared dedication to excellence.

A heartfelt thank you to every member of the ERC community for your passion, professionalism, and teamwork. Together, we continue to drive innovation, advance resuscitation science, and make a meaningful difference in saving lives.

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ERC CPR Workshops at the ESC Congress in Ljubljana



The European Resuscitation Council successfully held CPR Workshops during the European Society of Cardiology Congress in Ljubljana.

Over two days, we trained approximately 100 participants in both Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) techniques. This accomplishment would not have been achievable without the tremendous support from the Slovenski Reanimacijski Svet, whose partnership was vital in the organisation and execution of these workshops. A sincere thank you also goes to our devoted instructors for their commitment and to the #ESC for allowing us to facilitate these important sessions.

Get Trained Save Lives



Football unites millions of hearts, and in critical moments, CPR can save a life. Through the Get Trained Save Lives campaign, UEFA and the European Resuscitation Council have been working together since 2023 to raise awareness about the life-saving importance of CPR and rapid response during football events.

A prepared fan, volunteer, player, or even a coach can become a lifesaver. Learning CPR is simple and powerful, and it can make the difference between life and death.

With this message, the ERC was present in Oslo, Norway, during the Women's Champions League Final, Leipzig, Germany, during the Europa Conference League Final, Istanbul, Turkey, during the Europa League and in Budapest, Hungary, during the Champions League Final with a Get Trained Save Lives booth. The energy at these events was electrifying, and together, we taught the fans the life-saving skill of CPR.

[Know More About the Initiative](#)

Exciting Updates from the National Resuscitation Council(s)

Annual Meeting of the Austrian Resuscitation Council



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Guidelines Congress of the Swedish Resuscitation Council

The Swedish Resuscitation Council organised the two-day Guidelines Congress in Gothenburg on May 26 & 27. Over two days, 3100 participants attended inspiring lectures focused on the new guidelines. Magnus Kviske, artist and performer from Sweden, opened the conference with a fantastic performance, '11 Minutes,' which set the tone for the days ahead.

On the first day, all lectures were held in plenary sessions, while the second day allowed participants to choose between healthcare and community focus areas. A total of 56 lectures were presented. The event also included six workshops and a CPR quality testing opportunity. The traditional CPR competition took place on the first day, with four teams competing. Team ROSC, the winners of the CPR competition in Rotterdam, were recognised alongside this year's winning team, Ambulansen Uppsala.



On the second day, the ERC representative shared the ERC's perspective on cardiac arrest and building a community of lifesavers.

Jan Gelberg received the Stig Holmberg Medal for his contributions to pediatric CPR training materials.

ERC Advanced Life Support Courses in Kosovo by the Turkish Resuscitation Council



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The ERC Advanced Life Support (ALS) Course in Kosovo was held on 25–26 April 2026 in Prishtina, at the Simulation Centre of the Faculty of Medicine. The course was conducted under the leadership of Professor Sule Akin, who served as Course Director. The faculty included four experienced instructors from Türkiye and seven instructors and instructor candidates from Kosovo, reflecting the continued growth and strengthening of the national ALS instructor network.

Prior to this, the ERC Advanced Life Support (ALS) Course in Kosovo was successfully conducted on 21–22 December 2024 in Prishtina, at the Simulation Centre of the Faculty of Medicine. The course organiser for both courses was Professor Antigonja Hasani.

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