

## **ECO2026 Prize for Public Engagement & Science Communication Application and Assessment Criteria**

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must:

- Be an eligible early career researcher, meeting the membership criteria for the EASO Early Career Network (ECN) – eligibility criteria and registration form [can be found here](#)
- Be a member of an [EASO-affiliated National Obesity Association](#)
- Have an ECO2026 research abstract that has been accepted for oral or poster presentation

### **Application Requirements**

Applicants must submit:

- The accepted ECO2026 research abstract
- A 50-word plain-language summary of their work
- A 200-word statement outlining the public engagement and/or science communication activities linked to the research

The winner must be present at the ECO2026 closing ceremony to accept this Prize.

**Application deadline:** 5 May 2026

### **Assessment Criteria**

Applications will be assessed on:

- Quality and relevance of the communication and/or engagement activities for obesity research, care, or policy
- Audience reach and appropriateness for the intended obesity-related audience
- Evidence of resulting impact, uptake, or practical use in obesity research, care, policy, or public understanding

The Prize winner will be selected based on overall alignment with these criteria.

### **Prize**

The ECO2026 Prize includes:

- Recognition during the ECO2026 Closing Ceremony
- A certificate of achievement
- Nomination for up to €4,000 in support from the EASO Development Fund for professional development, research-related activities, or attendance at ECO2027
- Feature across EASO communication channels