

BJA-ESAIC Grant 2027 – Sustainability

Eligibility criteria– The British Journal of Anaesthesia Charity (BJA Charity) & European Society of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care (ESAIC) Grant

The BJA Charity and the ESAIC will allocate: one Sustainability grant (80K€; 40K€ from BJA Charity; 40K€ from ESAIC).

1. Aim

The BJA-ESAIC Sustainability Grant aims to support research focused on developing more environmentally sustainable practices in anaesthesiology, intensive care, pain and perioperative medicine.

2. Who can apply?

All applicants for a grant in the framework of the Grant Programme must be a qualified member of an institution in one of the countries that is represented in the ESAIC Council as defined in the By-laws of ESAIC.

3. Project Eligibility

Applicants should be familiar with the [ESAIC's Glasgow Declaration on Sustainability in Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care](#). The Declaration states the key areas where the greatest gains may be made in terms of environmental sustainability: medication use, energy use, and circularity in processes and waste. These are shown in more detail in the figure below (also available in the declaration)

Medication use	Energy use	Circularity in processes and waste
Medicine choice Reducing medicine wastage Low-flow anaesthesia Limiting the use of F-gases and nitrous oxide	HVAC optimisation Lighting Electrical equipment Sustainable energy generation Preventing energy loss	Circularity in processes Medical devices Medicine waste management Waste water management Reusable items Recycling

The [ESAIC Consensus document on Sustainability](#) is also relevant to the application as it details the 3 scopes that the healthcare industry carbon footprint can be divided into (direct emissions, energy related indirect emissions and the supply chain and waste management). In order to be eligible for the grant, the project must come under at least one of these scopes.

The project should clearly link environmental outcomes to patient safety and clinical care quality.

All research applications submitted to ESAIC **must clearly** demonstrate that their design, methodology, and implementation incorporate and reflect the scope and guiding principles of the [Mellin-Olsen Declaration on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#).

3.1 Eligibility criteria:

The project:

- Must address sustainability **within anaesthesia, intensive care, perioperative medicine, or pain medicine**.
- Must fall under at least one of the scopes below (see section 3 for more details) :
 - scope 1 refers to direct emissions
 - scope 2 represents energy related indirect emissions
 - scope 3 refers to the supply chain and waste management

4. Use of the Grant

4.1 Institution

Grants are awarded to an academic institution or hospital, not to individuals or to departments.

Each Grant must be used only for purpose of the specific Grant.

The Head of Department has to confirm in writing that the relevant resources of the department are made available to the applicant (see “letter of recommendation”). This is optional if the Head of Department is the Principal Applicant.

In justified cases the Grant might be transferred to another institution, if the Principal Applicant changes his/her position to another institution. Transfer of the Grant requires approval by the Steering Committee.

4.2 Work performance location

The work has to be performed in one of the European countries that is represented in the ESAIC Council or from which the National Society is a Society Member. Collaborative studies among different countries may be supported however winning institution must be based in one of the European countries that is represented in the ESAIC Council or from which the National Society is a Society Member. In this case, it is highly advised to receive recommendation letters from all the institutions participating in the study.

5. Short Abstract Application – How to apply?

NOTE: It is not allowed to apply with the same proposal on the same year to several grants supported by ESAIC.

5.1 How to fill in the application form

Applicant must use the Online Short Abstract application form. All applications must be written in English. Please write as simply as possible and avoid language mistakes. If English

is not your first language we recommend that you have your application reviewed by a native speaker before submission.

Abstract text should not exceed 3500 characters:

Title: limited to 200 characters

Project address developing more environmentally sustainable practices in anaesthesiology
500 characters

Objective(s): limited to 300 characters

Intervention(s): limited to 500 characters

Key inclusion and exclusion criteria or Methods: limited to 500 characters

Outcome: limited to 500 characters

Statistical Analysis: limited to 500 characters

Budget details: limited to 500 characters

5.2. Short Application deadline

Short Abstract forms must be submitted no later than **04OCT 2026, 23h59 CET** for the BJA-ESAIC Sustainability Grant. Late applications are not accepted.

6. Full Application – How to apply?

6.1. How to fill in the application form

Applicant must use the BJA-ESAIC Sustainability Grant **Application Form** and follow the guidelines and format recommendations precisely. See section 6.3 below for more details on how to fill in BJA-ESAIC sustainability Grant Full Application Form.

6.2. Application deadline

Application forms must be received **no later than 04 Jan 2027, 23h59 CET** for BJA-ESAIC Grants. Late applications are not accepted.

6.3. Application form format

Use the Application Form and fill it in using:

- Size 11
- 1.5 line spacing minimum
- Max. 3 A4 pages for applicant expertise
- 12 pages maximum for the research plan including the graphs & figures and excluding references.
- Max .3 Pages for the applicant's CV

When sending the complete Application Form:

- do not include colour pictures
- include all requested information in 2 documents if possible
- avoid sending an application exceeding 1 Mb.

Applications which do not adhere to the format recommendations in the detailed guidance are not considered.

64. Ethics

The application should include a statement of approval of this proposal by the institutional committee reviewing human or animal investigations or a statement that approval has been requested.

The written statement of institutional committee approval is required before receiving the Grant funding.

6.5. Submission

Only electronic submissions received at research@esaic.org are accepted.

7. Review process

Each complete and eligible Grant application is evaluated and prioritised by the BJA-ESAIC steering Committee (SC).

i- Triage

Short Application Forms undergo a first triage by members of the Steering Committee, a maximum of 15 applications are selected, reaching a threshold score of at least 3/5, for in-depth evaluation.

ii- In-depth evaluation

The shortlisted applicants are requested to submit a full application which will be evaluated and ranked using a scoring system by two external reviewers selected by BJA Charity and ESAIC Representatives.

The final decision is reached after discussion between SC members. The name of the successful applicant is approved by the ESAIC Board and then posted on the ESAIC website and communicated in the ESAIC and BJA Charity channels.

Successful and unsuccessful applicants and winners are notified by e-mail. Decision of Steering Committee is full and final. Individual comments or feedback will not be provided to participants following the announcement of results.

8. What is expected from the successful applicant?

8.1. Bank details

Grant winners will be given precise details on how to claim their award at the time of result notification.

8.2. Picture

The Grant winners should send by e-mail a good quality (300dpi) picture to be used in the ESAIC and BJA Charity Newsletter and promotions.

8.3. Euroanaesthesia Congress

The Grantee will be informed in writing by the Steering Committee and encouraged to come to the Euroanaesthesia congress and award ceremony which is held by ESAIC on an annual basis.



Both BJA Charity and ESAIC representatives will award the Grant at the ceremony. For the presentation at Euroanaesthesia, Winners should provide a very short summary (2-3 sentences) and a characteristic graph or picture depicting your research project at a glance for the Chairperson to present to the audience.

8.4. Feedback report

The Grant winner must submit a **feedback report at the end of every year until the end of the study** (using the [Feedback Report Form](#)). Failure to send the requested reports will prevent you from applying successfully for ESAIC and BJA Charity – ESAIC Grants in the future.

8.5. Publications

All abstracts, presentations and publications resulting from Grants must acknowledge the support of the Grant Programme of the European Society of the Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care and The British Journal of Anaesthesia Charity Grant winners must also inform ESAIC and provide references for each publication related to this project. The Grants winners will be requested to add their ESAIC Tracking ID (which will be provided) in the acknowledgement section and abstract of each publication.