

## Guidelines for consortia

Consortia form the basis of the Dutch CardioVascular Alliance (DCVA). To qualify as a DCVA consortium, the following guidelines apply:

- **Impact:** A DCVA consortium must be research and/or application-driven with a clear societal impact, aiming to reduce the burden of cardiovascular diseases through earlier detection, better treatment, and concrete solutions for patients. The consortium's topic must align with the DCVA's ambition/objectives.
- **Collaboration:** The consortium must involve cooperation between public and/or private organizations.
- **Participants:** The consortium should include multiple research institutions (universities, university medical centers, universities of applied sciences, and/or peripheral hospitals) and public and private organizations focused on a specific theme. This creates a national thematic network.
- **DCVA Partnership:** At least one participating organization must be a formal partner of the DCVA or represented by a DCVA partner.
- **Funding:** At least one funder must be a partner of the DCVA.
- **Active Contribution:** The consortium must actively contribute to DCVA activities, such as valorization, implementation, talent development, and data infrastructure. Details of this contribution are discussed with the DCVA Program Management Team.
- **Talent Development:** The consortium must prioritize talent development, allocating part of its budget to related activities.
- **Conference Contribution:** The consortium must make substantive and financial contributions to the annual DCVA conference.
- **Visibility:** General information about the consortium and its research/project must be presented on the DCVA website ([www.dcvalliance.nl](http://www.dcvalliance.nl)).
- **Approval:** Accession to the DCVA requires approval by the Program Management Team, which may seek a scientific assessment from the International Scientific Advisory Committee (ISAC).

If these conditions are met, the consortium may formally call itself a DCVA consortium and will enjoy the following privileges:

- **National Network Access:** Membership provides access to a national network of excellence in cardiovascular research and solutions.
- **DCVA Support:** The consortium receives support from the DCVA, including:
  - Participation in network meetings.
  - Support from the DCVA pillars (valorization, implementation, talent, and data infrastructure).
  - Access to specific valorization and implementation activities.

For further assistance, please refer to the DCVA template PowerPoint:

[DCVA-template-powerpoint.pptx](#)

For additional information or questions, contact the Program Management Team via [info@dcvalliance.nl](mailto:info@dcvalliance.nl).