

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).
- **Approval:** Accession to the DCVA requires approval by the Program Management Team.

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, data infrastructure and public affairs and communication).
 - Access to specific valorization and implementation activities.

For additional information or questions, contact the Program Management Team via info@dcvalliance.nl.