

# ERS Technical Standards

## Project starts

- Kick-off TC (month 1)
- The panel is finalised (months 1-2)
- Scope of the document is clearly defined (months 1-3)
- Relevant questions to be answered are finalised (months 2-4)
- Subgroups and subgroup leaders to work on each question are decided (months 2-4)
- Decisions on literature search are taken (months 4-6)
  - o Who will perform the searches
  - o Years covered in the searches
  - o Databases to be used
  - o Language and time restrictions, if any
  - o Basic inclusion and exclusion criteria
- Writing template is circulated (months 4-6)

## Six month report

- Systematic literature searches are performed (months 6-7)
- Abstract and titles are screened (months 7-9)
- Full-texts of relevant publications are collected and screened (months 7-10)
- Each group decides on the final papers to be include for each question (months 9-12)

## One year report

- Subgroup leaders prepare the first draft for their question (according to pre-specified template). (months 13-16)
- Comments on the first draft (months 16-18)

## 18 month report

- Identification of any relevant literature published since last search and incorporation of papers, if necessary (month 19)
- Final draft preparation and circulation (months 20-21)
- Final comments and incorporation (months 22-23)
- Pre-submission to ERS Guidelines director and –upon approval- submission to ERJ (month 24)

## Project ends

