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**Current job description**

Professor Linos Vandekerckhove works 0.5 FTE as Infectious Diseases Specialist at one of the largest University Hospitals in Belgium and 0.5 FTE Principal Investigator of the HIV Translational Research Unit. The current group consists of 7 PhD students, 2 postdocs, a lab technician and 2 trial nurses.

**Why do you want to be a board member?**

I think my current job including both clinical and basic research will allow me to contribute in a significant way to the ESAR mission.

**What is your contribution to ESAR?**

I have been involved in the tropism guidelines (major contribution) and TELe study. Due to several personal reasons I've been less involved the last 3 years

**What is your vision for ESAR?**

Continuously bringing innovative research from patient cohorts in a European collaborative effort towards the scientific community. New tools next to resistance testing and deep sequencing like total HIV DNA quantification, cell associated RNA quantification are becoming available and will have to be explored. My vision for ESAR is to increase scientific collaborations through Europe by further combining clinical data and basic research tools.