I. Committee composition and election procedure.

1. The SEID committee will have 7 members: a Chair and 6 ordinary members;

2. The Chair must be the Renal Science Chair/Chair of the Administrative Offices;

3. Ordinary members are: the ERA-EDTA President, the Clinical Nephrology Governance Chair/Chair of the Registry, the CEPD Chair, the SAB Co-Chair, the Chair of the Scientific Committee of the ERA-EDTA Congress held in the same year as the SEID and the Chair of the Scientific Committee of the ERA-EDTA Congress held the following year;

4. All Committee members will remain in the committee for the duration of their terms;

5. Communication among members of the SEID committee will normally be organised via the Internet;

6. During voting held within the committee, in case of an equal number of votes/scores, the Chair has the casting vote.

II. Duties of committee members.

1. The main objectives of the SEID are the following:

a. Cooperation among ERA-EDTA committees/bodies, in particular between the WGs and the ERA-EDTA Registry/ERBP, with respect to:

a.1 Scientific exchange (e.g. projects, publications, grant applications);

a.2 Education (e.g. interactive CMEs).
b. Implementation of basic/translational science into the ERA-EDTA committees/bodies;

c. Recruitment of young investigators, particularly from the YNP, especially into the ERA-EDTA WGs;

d. Acquisition of industry support (e.g. unrestricted grants).

2. The SEID Committee will prepare the general programme of the SEID taking into account the main objectives mentioned above: the programme must then be approved by the Council;

3. In particular, with regard to the CME activity, the SEID Committee must evaluate the proposals for topics and speakers submitted by the various ERA-EDTA committees/bodies. Priority will be given to those proposals that are based on a significant interaction among WGs, other ERA-EDTA committees/bodies and/or other specialties;

4. The CME programme held at the SEID must be harmonised with the CEPD programme held during the Annual Congress: repetition from the CEPD programme may be accepted if the session was very well accepted (large number of participants, good feedback, etc.);

5. The SEID committee is supported in its activities and duties by the ERA-EDTA Group;

6. The SEID Chair must normally give a report to the Council at each meeting;

7. If possible, the SEID committee members will meet each year during the ERA-EDTA Congress and, in between, if needed, will organise teleconferences in order to coordinate its activities;

8. For the rules regarding the reimbursement policy for SEID committee members who participate in face-to-face meetings, for example organised at the time of the annual ERA-EDTA Congress, one must refer to the "General Rules for ERA-EDTA Committees";
9. Diplomas for SEID committee members. For this matter one should refer to the appropriate section in the "General Rules for ERA-EDTA Committees";

10. All ERA-EDTA SEID publications, if any, and initiatives must clearly mention the fact that the SEID is an official body of ERA-EDTA. The sentence approved by Council related to this matter is: “This article (to be adapted accordingly) was written by (to be adapted accordingly) on behalf of the ERA-EDTA SEID which is an official body of the ERA-EDTA (European Renal Association – European Dialysis and Transplant Association).

III. Various.

1. Attendance.

A part from the invited participants and/or speakers, only ERA-EDTA members can attend the SEID. A fee will be charged to help cover the expenses, a discounted fee will be available for type A and B members.

2. Travel Grants.

SEID participants can receive Travel Grants to attend. Travel Grants are only for type A and B members. In order to apply for a Travel Grant an appropriate form must be filled in by all applicants. For the full details regarding the rules and the application click here (http://www.era-edta.org/2019_01_08_SEID_Travel_Grants.docx).

3. Organisation of SEID.

The logistical and practical aspects of the SEID will be organised by the ERA-EDTA Operative Headquarters/Group.

4. SEID Speakers.

The SEID Speakers should receive the same benefits as the annual ERA-EDTA Speakers: all the details can be found in the appropriate section of the “Specifications for Organising the ERA-EDTA’s Congresses and Meetings”.

Last approval by the ERA-EDTA Council done by email vote on February 13, 2019 (recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting held in London (U.K.), February 21-23, 2019).