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**Objectives:**

This study was mandated by the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) with the aim to better understand the gaps, barriers, and perceived and unperceived needs of cardiologists in relation to multiple aspects of the Specialty Society's offerings, including the guidelines.

**Key Points:**

Collaboration with National Specialty Societies is needed to develop country-specific adaptation of European guidelines. Resources needed to adapt guidelines, or develop contextually relevant tools, may not always be available locally. The adoption of guidelines could be optimised through translation to practice activities that are interactive and case-based.