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Stephan Windecker is an interventional cardiologist and has previously (2014-2016) served as President of the European Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions (EAPCI) of the European Society of Cardiology. He chaired the Task Force on the evaluation of coronary stents commissioned by the European Society of Cardiology, whose recommendations were published in the European Heart Journal to provide guidance for new regulatory processes in Europe for stents. During the period 2016-2020, he chaired the ESC Clinical Practice Guideline Committee overseeing the development of ESC guidelines. Between 2020-2022, he served as chair of the ESC Congress Program Committee (2020-2022) and acts as ESC Vice-President in the ESC Board 2022-2024.

Prof. Windecker's principal research interests are clinical trials with focus on the evaluation of intracoronary devices and drugs for the treatment of coronary artery disease, antithrombotic therapy for patients requiring cardiac device implantation, and research related to minimal-invasive heart valve treatment including transcatheter aortic, mitral, and tricuspid valve interventions.