



NoRo - a reference centre for RD

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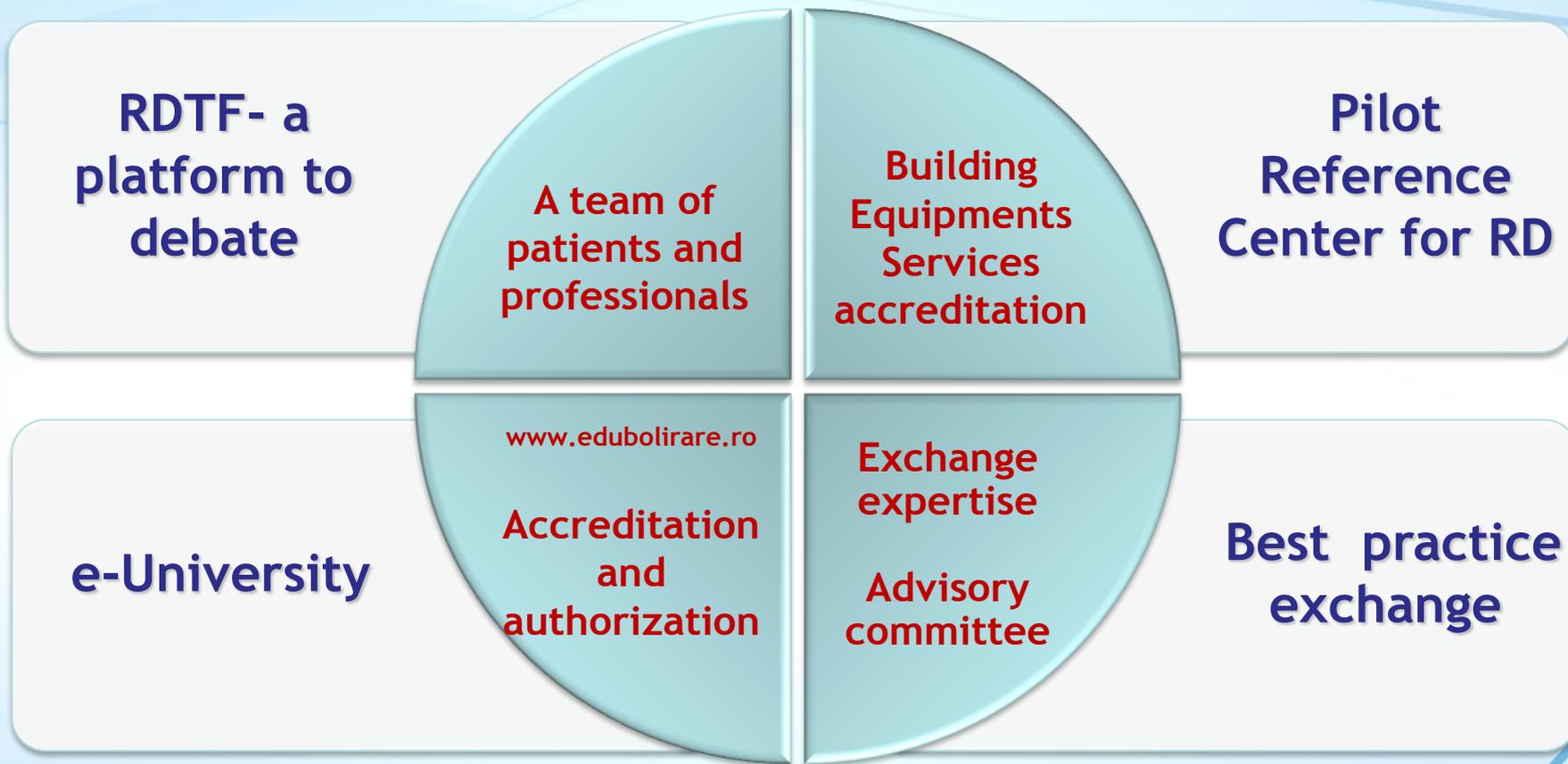
- 01. Romanian Prader Willi Association (RPWA)
- 02. FRAMBU - Centre for rare diseases - Norway
- 03. Norwegian PWS Association
- 04. Ministry of Health Romania
- 05. Medical University Timisoara
- 06. Romanian Genetics Society
- 07. ACASA Foundation
- 08. City Hall Zalau
- 09. County Council Salaj
- 10. St. Family Church
- 11. Romanian National Alliance for Rare Diseases

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Needs assessment:

- ▶ Under diagnosis → low number of patients/disease;
- ▶ lack of visibility → NO monitoring system;
- ▶ no designated centers of expertise → NO place for evaluation;
- ▶ distance among patients and professionals;
- ▶ lack of awareness on patient and health provider level;
- ▶ only few patients are eligible for treatments;

NoRo's goal & objectives



Improved quality of life for people affected by rare diseases (RD) in Romania



- **Patient access to a multidisciplinary team of experts**
 - **Combination of research and care**
 - **Coordination between professionals**



Sharing knowledge and best practice



- **Training activities for patients and careers**
- **Activities to empower patients and collaboration with other patient organisations**



TEAM - Together everybody achieve more!



Quality standards in our services



Pilot Reference Centre for RD - response to the needs of the patients



eUniversity
Information for general public and training for professionals
Authorized and accredited



- **A global approach (holistic, comprehensive) integrating medical and social aspects**
- **Education, information and communication**



NPRD - Information is a source of learning, but unless it is organized, processed, and available to the right people in a format for decision making, it is a burden, not a benefit.



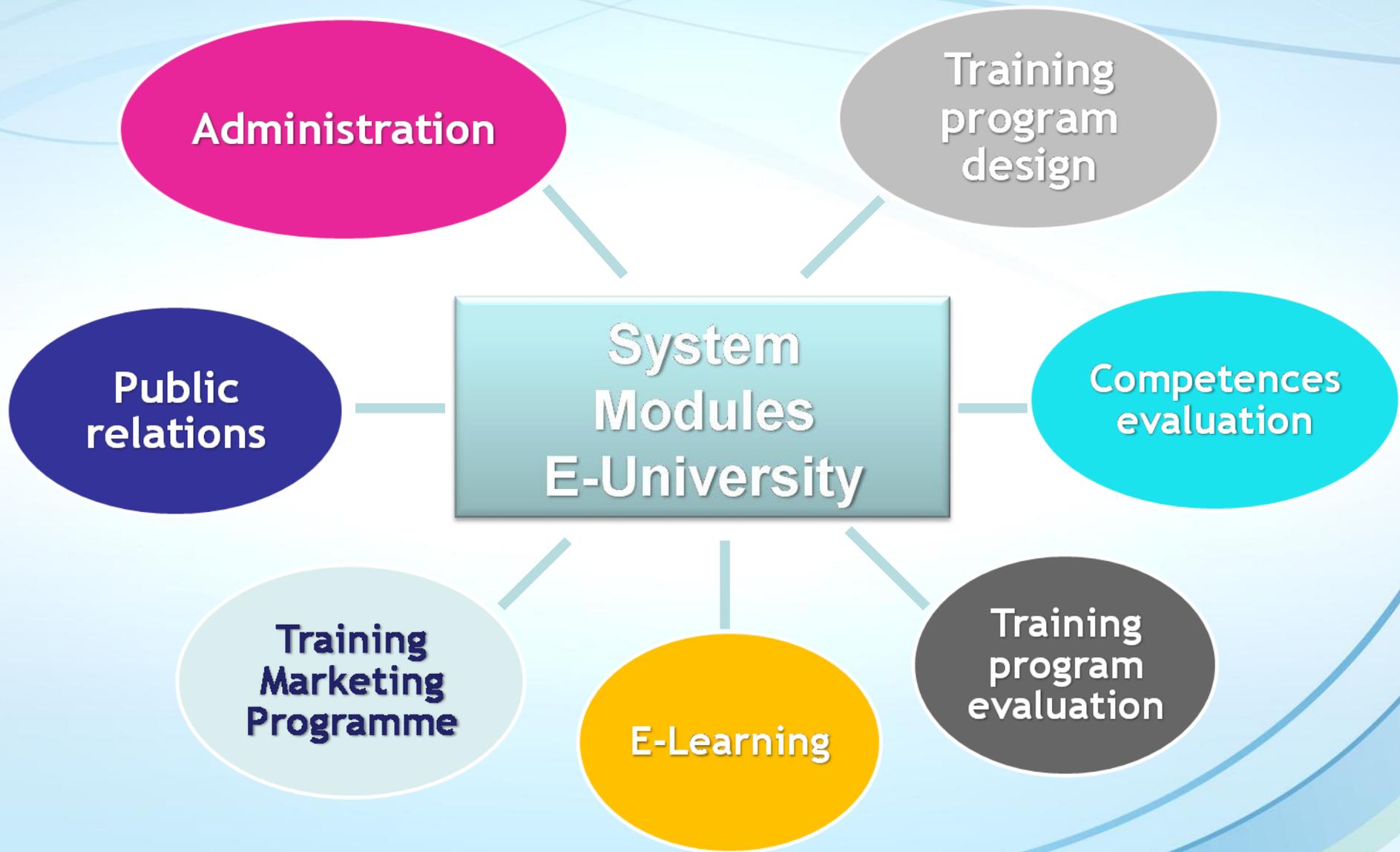
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Continuity of care:

- **Day care center (individualized therapy for 45 children);**
- **Residential service care for RD patient groups (5 days/ group/ 12 patients);**
- **Help Line**
- **Organizing videoconferences :** *equipment for Center + 7 Medical Universities in Romania (Timisoara, 2 in Cluj, Oradea, Iasi, Bucuresti, Tg Mures);*
- **Continuity of care: <http://prezi.com/yvmtrf-j3jyd/the-patient-circuit/>**
 - 1 interdisciplinary consultation/ week;
 - No more traveling for family; Distance training for patient groups;
 - Visiting families to train them at home (2 weeks / year);
 - Cooperation and exchange of best practice with schools where our beneficiaries of the Day Care Center are integrated;
 - Involving teachers from schools where our beneficiaries are studying to improve the results and ensure continuity of care;
 - Better approach of the patients and savings in the budget;
 - Improved cooperation with professionals;

Activities in the Center:

- The personalized intervention and therapy
- Medical consultation and Helpline
- Educational Activities
- Recreational and social activities
- Educational and vocational guidance and counseling
- Advice and support for parents
- Database of patients- registry
- Administration and management
- Social research
- *Day care center, Residential Center for RD & Medical Department;*
- *NoRo is accredited for both medical and social services*



General Information on the Service

Address of the Resource Center:

Zalau, Romania, Str.22 Decembrie 1989, nr.9;

Name of Service: The Pilot Reference Centre for RD NoRo

Dates: all year long

Target Population: Patients/Families/ Rare Diseases

Age-Groups: children/teenagers/adults

Countries of Origin: Romania

Languages Spoken: Romanian

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**It takes a lot of courage
to stand up and defend
your ideas, but it is
equally courageous to sit
down and
try to understand the
others...**

Thank you!