



Shortening the path to rare disease diagnosis by using newborn genetic screening and digital technologies

ACT Panel – updates

CNA meeting

08/02/2024



# Introduction

## Screen4Care Project

Shortening the path to rare disease diagnosis by using newborn genetic screening and digital technologies

- 5-year project funded by IMI (public private partnership)

## EURORDIS' involvement in the S4C Project

- To facilitate networking through its stakeholder Newborn Screening Working Group.
- Stakeholder workshops on NBS (NBS Forum)
- Patient Advisory Board
- Rare Barometer Survey on NBS
- Focus groups
- .....



# Newborn Screening Working Group



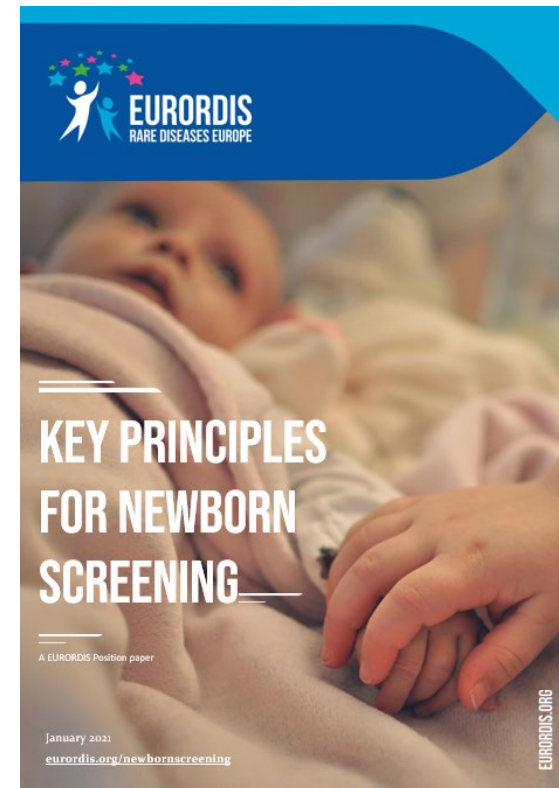
- 30+ Members
- 15 countries
- A multistakeholder working group

## Position Paper available in 13 languages

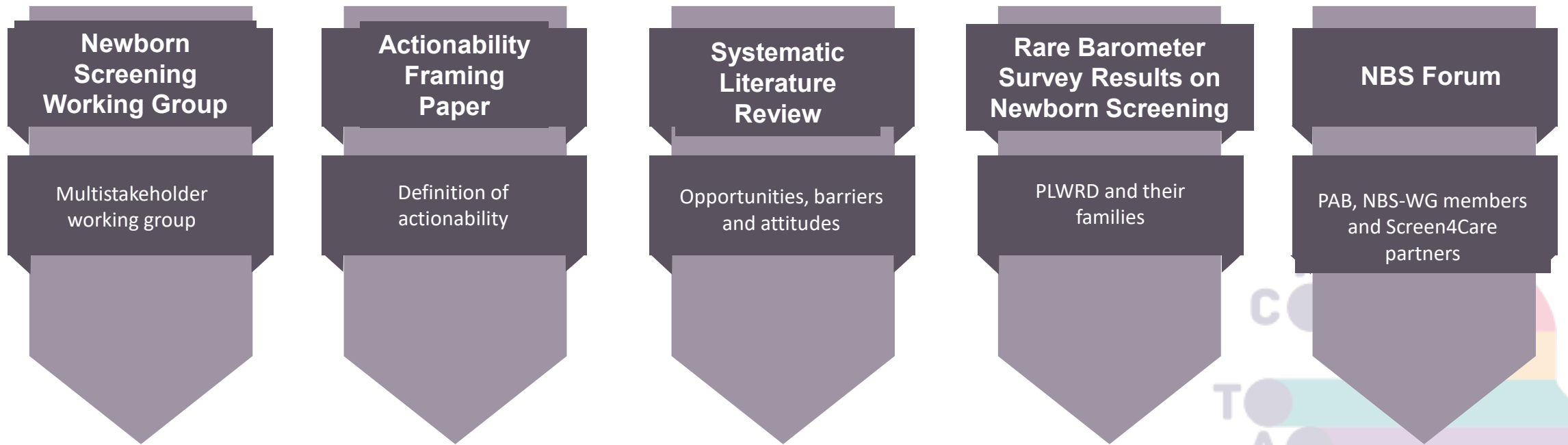


1. *Screening should identify opportunities to help the newborn and the family as broadly as possible. That is, screening should identify actionable diseases including treatable diseases.*

- *Avoid the diagnostic odyssey*
- *Plan for the newborn's care and therapy*
- *Make informed decisions on future pregnancies*
- *Support research*



## The process



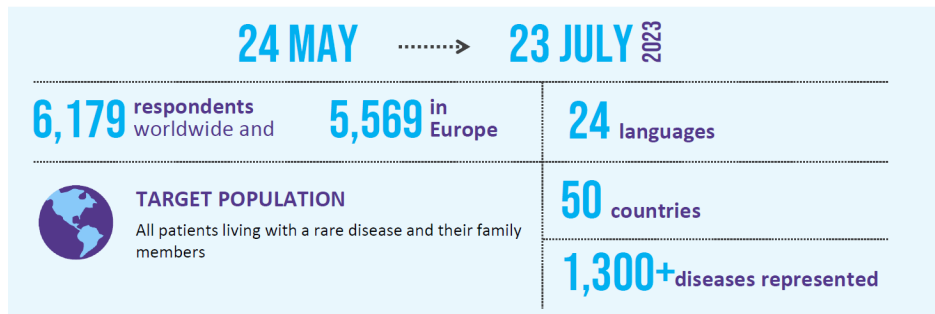
Criteria for actionability & choosing conditions

# RB Survey on Newborn Screening

## SHAPING THE ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE



### ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE



## CARERS STRONGLY SUPPORT NEWBORN SCREENING

**8/10** Carers would have liked the person they care for to be diagnosed at birth

Rare on Air podcast with Iuliana Dimitriu:  
Her 7-years-long odyssey for her son to have a confirmed diagnosis of Coffin-Lowry syndrome, and how she thinks that early diagnosis could have improved his health and everyday life.



→ [eurordis.org/rare-on-air](http://eurordis.org/rare-on-air)



Q: If it is or were possible, I would have liked the person I care for to be diagnosed at birth (agree + strongly agree). N=3,002



# NBS Forum

- 1.8 NBS Forum
- Lead : EURORDIS & Pfizer
- 3 online meetings
- 3 F2F meetings
- NBS Forum Agreements

Share the updates from the S4C project  
The landscape of gNBS  
Define the criteria on actionability

- 40 participants
- 20 NBS Forum members
- 20 Screen4Care members
- NBS Follow up



## ACTION plan

1. Define 4 to 5 areas of actionability
2. Compose a 'Screen4Care Actionability Information Package' combining Eurordis barometer findings, task 3.1 preference study results from the systematic literature search, and NBS forum discussion outcome, including the definition of areas of actionability and possible sources of information
3. Get agreement from NBS forum and S4C task 3.2b members ()
4. Send out call for nominations to (first half of December)
  - NBS forum members
  - EURORDIS partners - NBS WG
  - S4C members, S4C Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), S4C Ethical-Legal-Societal task force (ELST)
  - ERNs
5. Combine all information and input to generate 'ACT starting list' (second half of December)
6. Apply disease-specific criteria on the 'ACT starting list' (onset, severity, knowledge, penetrance, NGS applicability) (second half of December)
7. Finalize with representative list of actionable diseases



## Areas of Actionability

From the break-out groups during the NBS Forum meeting on October 9th

### Groups of actionable diseases – disease characteristics

- Availability of intervention beyond psychosocial support such as physiotherapy, symptom control (seizure control), hearing aids, prevention of complications,... with a positive impact on quality of life in general.
- For diseases associated with long diagnostic odyssey, often with multi-organ involvement

### Importance for reproductive choices

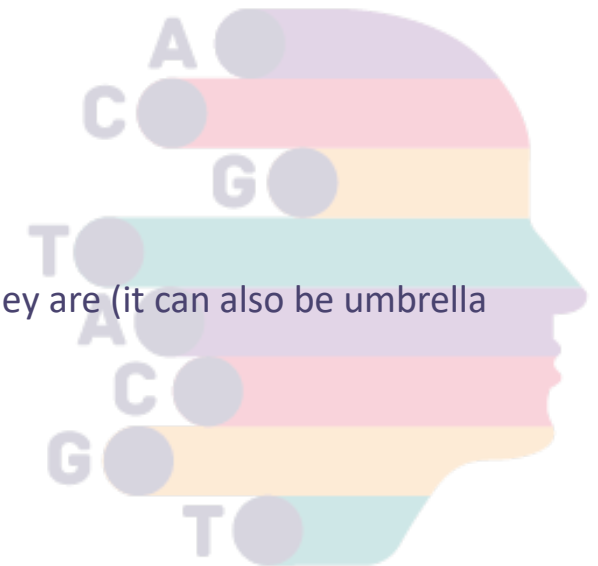
- Guided by lists of diseases screened in pre-implantation genetic testing?
- Or broader and guided by lists of diseases screened in carrier testing?

### Availability of support

- Availability of Centers of expertise, ERNs, Patient organizations or communities, how resourced they are (it can also be umbrella organization)

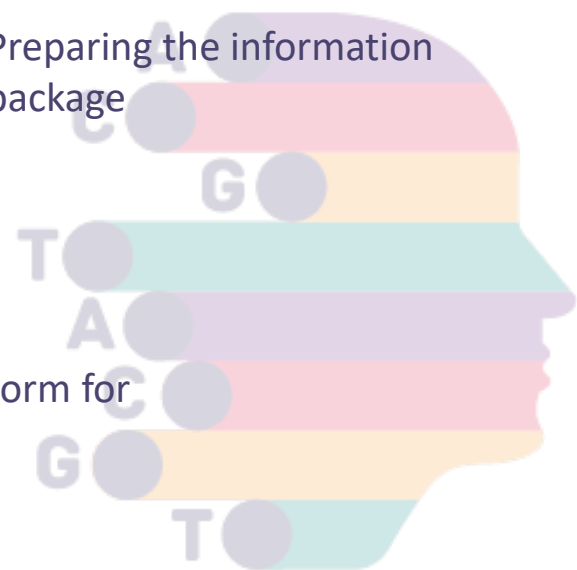
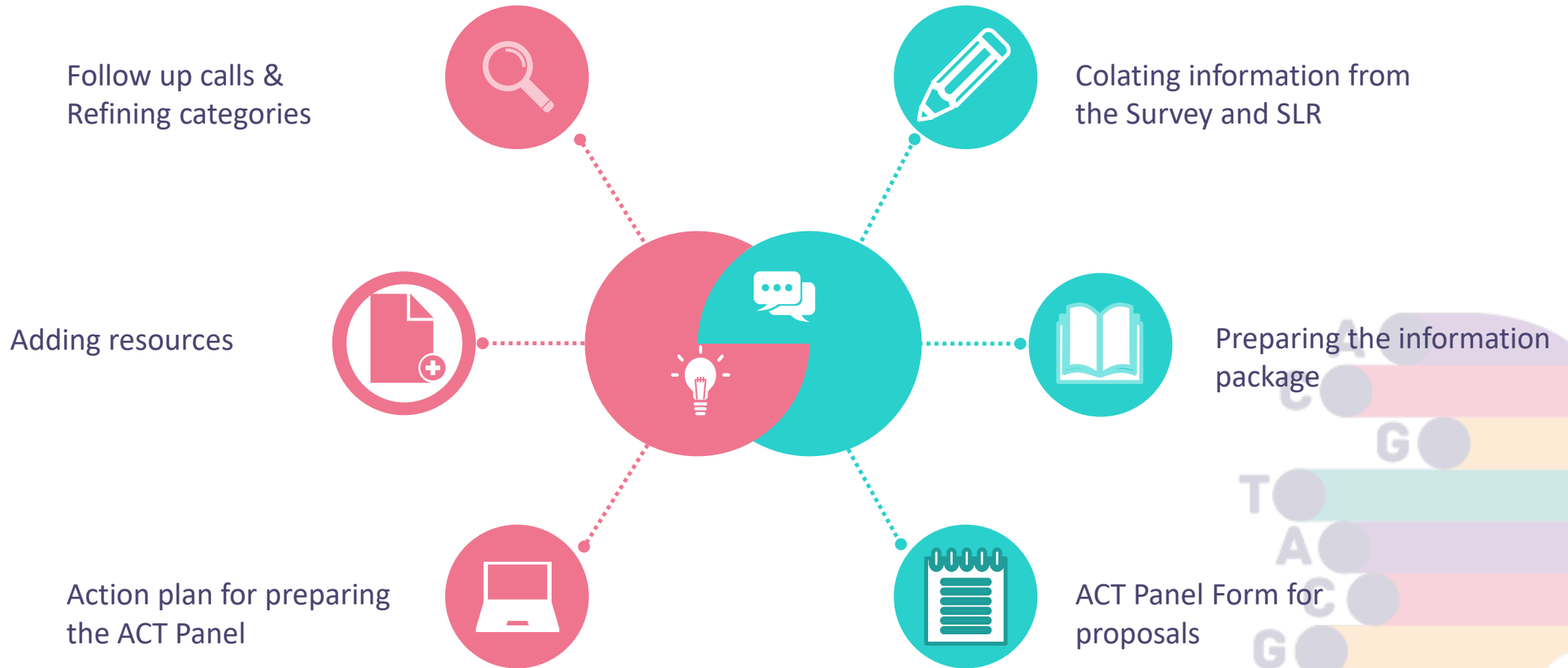
### Research and development

- Pending or active clinical development on the particular disease





# ACT Process



# Early results from the RB Survey on Newborn Screening



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## ACTIONABILITY FOR NEWBORN SCREENING: PROPOSED LISTS OF CRITERIA AND DISEASES

A Rare Barometer contribution  
Screen4Care - WP3.2b

November 2023



### SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL 2

#### RECOMMENDED LIST OF CRITERIA FOR ACTIONABLE DISEASES

Based on the results of the Rare Barometer surveys on the opinion of PLWRD on newborn screening and on the diagnosis journey of PLWRD, it is recommended that the RDs included in the ACT-list are in priority:

- RDs with a paediatric onset, including childhood (2-10 y.o.) and adolescent (10-17 y.o.) onset.
- Severe RDs and those for which diagnostic tests have a high penetrance.
- RDs that are more prevalent in women.
- Complex RDs affecting several body parts and systems.
- RDs with outbreaks (clinical signs or symptoms that come and go).
- Metabolic, developmental, skin and neurological RDs.
- RDs for which medical and social support are available in the country of screening: centres of expertise; social, financial and psychological support.

It is also recommended that the Screen4Care NBS pilot takes into account the specificities of country differences in the opinion of PLWRD on newborn screening, and especially:

- The low acceptance of the principle of NBS from German respondents.
- The relatively high suspicion over the positive effects of NBS in France.

#### INDICATIVE LIST OF ACTIONABLE RARE DISEASES

##### METHODS AND LIMITATIONS

The list of actionable RDs presented below is indicative and non-exhaustive. It only considers RDs with at least 20 respondents either in the Rare Barometer survey on the diagnosis journey of PLWRD or in the Rare Barometer survey on the opinion of PLWRD of NBS for RDs, and should be completed based on the criteria defined in section 2, and on resources listed below.

Table 4 presents:

- (1) Orphancode of the RD.
- (2) Name of the RD.
- (3) RDs with more than 20 respondents in the NBS survey. The colour corresponds to the prioritisation of the RD depending on: transmission type, age of onset (Orphanet), classification, point prevalence; opinion on NBS for oneself / the person they care for; opinion on NBS for actionable diseases; opinion on actionability criteria; opinion on possible consequences of NBS.
- (4) RDs with more than 20 respondents in the diagnosis survey. The colour corresponds to the prioritisation of the RD depending on: point prevalence, percentage of

patients living with the RD who experienced diagnostic delays (more than 1 year between first medical contact and confirmed diagnosis), age of the patient at symptom onset (declarative: mean and median).

(5) RDs that are part of the 54CTREAT-panel.

(6) Additional notes (to be completed)

Priority of RDs with regards to a list of actionable diseases is presented through the following colour code:

- in pink, priority 1 based on criteria from the NBS and diagnosis surveys;
- in green, priorities 2 and 3;
- in orange diseases that are already included in NBS programmes in Europe – they can meet criteria for the actionability list, but should not be prioritised in the Screen4Care pilot.
- in blue, RDs that do not match the criteria from the NBS survey;
- in white RDs with less than 20 respondents in the NBS survey and that do not meet the criteria of the diagnosis survey;

#### PROPOSED LIST OF ACTIONABLE RARE DISEASES

Table 4. Prioritisation of diseases that could be included in a list of actionable rare diseases.

(1) orphancode	(2) Nomenclature	(3) NBS survey	(4) Diagnosis survey	(5) TREAT panel	(6) Notes
192	Coffin-Lowry syndrome	NBS			
230839	Classical-like Ehlers-Danlos syndrome type 1		Diag		TREAT
2332	KBG syndrome		Diag		
244	Primary ciliary dyskinesia		Diag		
263	Limb-girdle muscular dystrophy		Diag		
281	Monosomy 5p		Diag		
285	Hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos syndrome	NBS	Diag		?
286	Vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome		Diag		?
287	Classical Ehlers-Danlos syndrome	NBS	Diag		TREAT
315306	Classic congenital adrenal hyperplasia due to 21-hydroxylase deficiency, salt-wasting form	NBS			
324	Fabry disease	NBS	Diag		
33069	Dravet syndrome	NBS	Diag		
355	Gaucher disease	NBS	Diag		TREAT
365	Glycogen storage disease due to acid maltase deficiency		Diag		?
513	Acute lymphoblastic leukemia		Diag		
558	Marfan syndrome	NBS	Diag		
567	22q11.2 deletion syndrome	NBS	Diag		
636	Neurofibromatosis type 1	NBS	Diag		
637	Neurofibromatosis type 2		Diag		
646	Niemann-Pick disease type C		Diag		TREAT
648	Noonan syndrome	NBS	Diag		
666	Osteogenesis imperfecta	NBS	Diag		TREAT
71277	Classic glucose transporter type 1 deficiency syndrome	NBS	Diag		
72	Angelman syndrome	NBS	Diag		
739	Prader-Willi syndrome	NBS	Diag		
774	Hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia	NBS	Diag		
778	Rett syndrome	NBS	Diag		
791	Retinitis pigmentosa		Diag		
79276	Acute intermittent porphyria		Diag		
805	Tuberous sclerosis complex	NBS	Diag		
819	Smith-Magenis syndrome		Diag		
89936	X-linked hypophosphatemia		Diag		
90695	Non-acquired panhypopituitarism		Diag		
908	Fragile X syndrome	NBS	Diag		
95	Friedreich ataxia	NBS	Diag		
98249	Ehlers-Danlos syndrome		Diag		TREAT
98896	Duchenne muscular dystrophy	NBS	Diag		TREAT

# S4C ACT INFORMATION PACKAGE

- Screen4Care background
- Input from the systematic literature review
- Five areas of Screen4Care actionability and resources
- Executive summary of the NBS Forum meeting in Barcelona, Oct. 9th
- Early results from the Rare Barometer survey on NBS including a proposed list of actionable rare diseases according to the results of the EURORDIS Rare Barometer survey on Newborn Screening

## Distribution list:

- Screen4Care NBS Forum members
- Screen4Care members
- ERN coordination teams
- EURORDIS partners (including EURORDIS NBS-WG)
- Screen4Care Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) and Ethical-Legal- Societal impact (ELSI) members



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GA no. 101034427 SCREEN4CARE ACT-panel selection

### Proposal of genes for ACT-panel

**Contact details from person submitting the proposal**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Details on the gene suggested for inclusion on the ACT-panel**

Gene name: \_\_\_\_\_ Associated diseases: \_\_\_\_\_  
 HGNC symbol for gene: \_\_\_\_\_ Orphan-ID of diseases: \_\_\_\_\_

**Area of actionability:**

Groups of actionable diseases – disease characteristics  
 Importance for reproductive choices  
 Availability of support  
 Research and development  
 Pharmacogenetic passport

**Additional comments / motivation of the proposal (mandatory):**  
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**Please propose scoring according to the ACT-panel selection criteria**

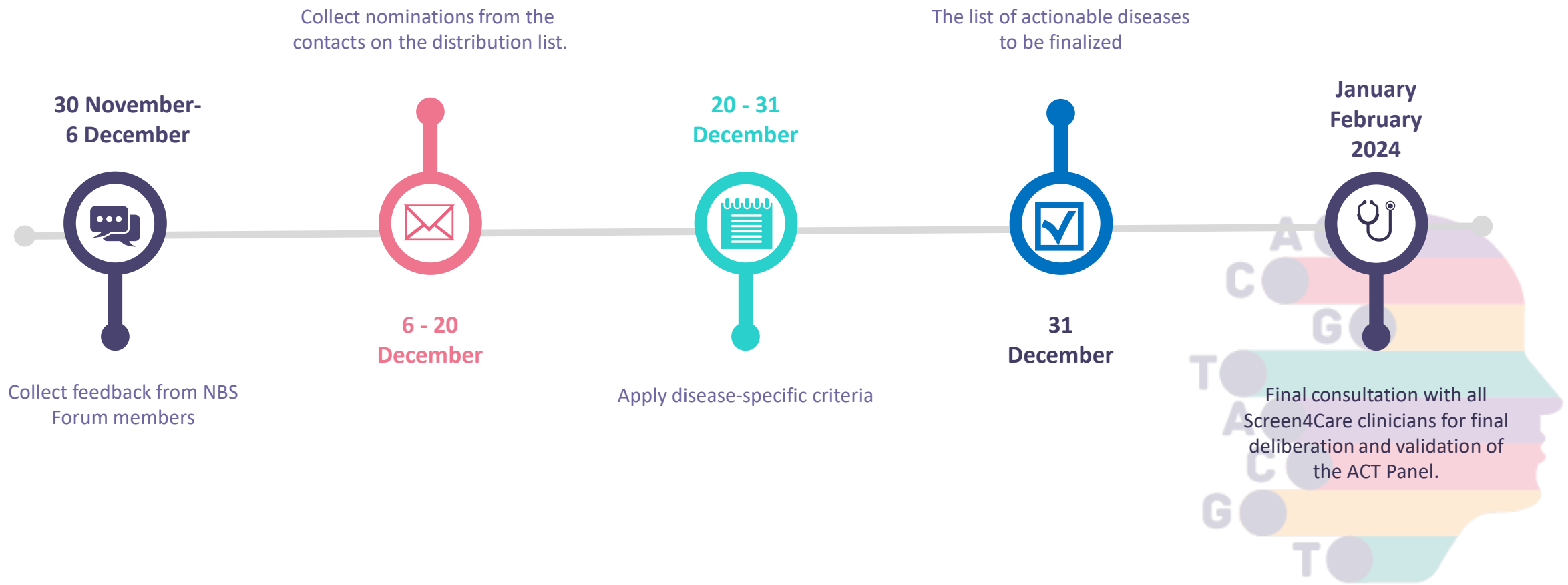
Disease onset		
X	Score	Definition
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Predominantly paediatric onset of disease
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Spectrum of onset across age groups, difficult to predict onset/limited knowledge about natural history
<input type="checkbox"/>	0	Mainly adult onset (>18 years)

Disease severity		
X	Score	Definition
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Most likely to cause significant health problem
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Spectrum of severity, difficult to predict
<input type="checkbox"/>	0	Not causing significant health problem

Penetrance		
X	Score	Definition
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Penetrance > 80%
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Intermediate penetrance (20-80%)
<input type="checkbox"/>	0	Low penetrance (< 20%)

Clinical validity		
X	Score	Definition
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Known pathogenic variants with clear genotype-phenotype correlation
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Genes with known pathogenic variants and partial genotype/phenotype correlation (as in ultrarare ds)
<input type="checkbox"/>	0	Genes with only benign or variants of unknown significance, no established geno/phenotype correlation

# TIMELINE



## ACT-Panel Update

### NEXT STEPS

- New deadline: 31 March 2024
- Finalizing the deliverable report
- Review by WP3 leaders
- Review by 3.2b task partners
- Submission of the ACT-panel

