Towards an EU RD Partnership

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A European Partnership for Rare Diseases

• EU Partnerships bring the EC and public and/or private partners together to address Europe’s most pressing challenges

• **Concerted** research and innovation initiatives to **avoid duplication of investments and fragmentation** of research and innovation in the EU

• **Rare diseases** identified as one of the topics to be addressed as a Partnership

• Main goal of the RD partnership: improve the life of patients with a rare disease by:
  • Developing diagnostics and treatments through multidisciplinary research and innovation programmes
  • Coordinating national, local and European research and innovation programmes
  • Combining research funding and implementation of research supportive activities such as training, data access infrastructures, data standards, etc.
  • Building upon EJP-RD
  • To be launched in 2024
How the EU RD Partnership will work

OVERARCHING ACTIVITIES
- Coordination
- Strategy
- Governance

COMPETITIVE RESEARCH FUNDING AND SUPPORT
- Joint Transnational Calls
- Networking

EUROPEAN CLINICAL RESEARCH NETWORK FOR RARE DISEASES
- « In house » funding of CRN research projects
- RD Clinical Research Infrastructure
  - Data exploitation hub
  - Diagnostic research support
  - COA/PCOMs support
  - Biostatistical guidance
  - Clinical trial support
  - Other ad-hoc support services

TRANSVERSAL SUPPORT SERVICES
- Data integration
- Mentoring service
- Acceleration hub
- ELSI support services
- Capacity building

The RD Partnership implementation concept
How the RD partnership will be funded

- Co-funded partnership scheme
  - Overall estimated budget to reach the RD Partnership goal and ambition = **537 M€**
  - Competitive research funding and support = **350 M€**
  - European Clinical Research Network for Rare Diseases = **42 M€**
  - Transversal activities = **129 M€**
  - Governance and strategy = **16 M€**
  - The RD Partnership’s ambition will only be possible with a strong political engagement and high investments from all stakeholders

EU (Horizon Europe) | Co-fund | National + regional Ministries or Agencies | Private actors (charities, NGOs, industry)
How can you help?

1) Help mobilise the national rare disease community and research contacts for the national meetings in March

EJP RD management team has already contacted their national reference and some meetings are being set up ...but it is not enough! They are not sure to have contacted all the key stakeholders!

→ Share contacts of key stakeholders with the EJP RD management (via EURORDIS) so that they can invite them to the March meetings

→ Join the meetings: patients are key stakeholders!

2) Reach out to your Ministry/Research National Agency or the decision makers in your country!

→ EURORDIS will draft a template letter

→ Translate and adapt as you see fit and send! EURORDIS can co-sign if you wish

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Thank you!

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