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13TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON RARE DISEASES AND ORPHAN PRODUCTS

RARE DISEASES IN A CHANGING & COMPETITIVE EUROPE

SHAPING POLICIES TO ADDRESS THE UNMET NEEDS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH RARE DISEASES

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

The **13th European Conference on Rare Disease and Orphan Products (ECRD 2026)** will take place **in Prague and online** on **3–4 June 2026**, welcoming hundreds of participants from all around the world.

Following an **Opening Plenary** that will set the scene by reflecting on today's rapidly evolving rare disease landscape and current policy priorities, the programme will revolve around **six thematic tracks** presented in **eleven 90-minute sessions**, with three tracks running each day.

In addition to the parallel sessions, the conference will feature **poster pitches, structured and informal networking opportunities, and other engaging formats** designed to foster collaboration and encourage knowledge sharing, in-depth conversation, and cross-sector interaction.

The **Closing Plenary** will summarise the key insights and outcomes, and chart the way forward towards an **EU Action Plan on Rare Diseases.**

The day before ECRD, **on 2 June,** EURORDIS will also run a **Pre-Conference Workshop** to present the **European Blueprint for Rare Diseases**, gather final stakeholder input, and refine the associated advocacy strategy. The Workshop will take place **in Prague only** and will not be live-streamed, unlike the rest of the conference. Participation to the workshop will be limited to ensure meaningful engagement, with a **maximum capacity of 100 attendees.**

ECRD CONFERENCE TRACKS

- **Track A: Therapies and Medical Devices, Development and Access**
- **Track B: Diagnosis, Research and Prevention**
- **Track C: Evidence-Based Holistic Care**
- **Track D: Specialised Healthcare**
- **Track E: Preparing Reimbursement Decisions**
- **Track F: Mental Health**

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DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE 2026

All times listed are Central European Summer Time (CEST)

09:00 - 10:30	**Opening Plenary**		
10:30 - 11:00	**Coffee Break and Free Networking**		
11:00 - 12:30 Three Parallel Sessions	A1: Shaping the Future of Rare Disease Therapies: Innovation, Trials and Regulation in Europe's New Biotech Era 	B1: Early Detection & Newborn Screening (NBS): Feasibility, Cost and Equity 	C1: Advancing Holistic Care for Rare Conditions: A Patient-Centred and Evidence-Based Approach 
12:30 - 14:00	**Lunch, Free Networking, and Corporate Donor Symposium**		
14:00 - 15:30	**Poster Pitches**		
15:30 - 16:30	**Networking Sessions**		
16:30 - 17:00	**Coffee Break and Free Networking**		
17:00 - 18:30 Three Parallel Sessions	A2: Medical Devices for People Living with a Rare Disease 	B2: The Journey from Rare Disease Diagnosis to Treatment 	C2: Filling the Gaps to Provide Evidence-Based Holistic Care 
18:30 - 19:30	**Welcome Reception**		

DAY 2: THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2026

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09:00 - 10:30 Three Parallel Sessions	D1: Strategies to Improve Access to Specialised Healthcare for People Living with a Rare Disease 	E1: A State of the Art of the HTA Regulation (HTAR) 	F1: Rethinking Mental Health in Rare Conditions: From Undefined Challenges to Collaborative Solutions 
10:30 - 11:00	**Coffee Break and Free Networking**		
11:00 - 12:30	**Poster Pitches**		
12:30 - 14:00	**Lunch, Free Networking, and Corporate Donor Symposium**		
14:00 - 15:30 Two Parallel Sessions	D2: Rethinking Access to Specialised Healthcare for PLWRD - What Should We Measure? 	E2: Preparing Reimbursement Decisions - Practical Consequences and Perspectives on the Future 	
15:30 - 16:00	**Coffee Break and Free Networking**		
16:00 - 17:15	**Closing Plenary**		