



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 D: Specialised Healthcare



Track B: Diagnosis, Research and Prevention



Track E: Preparing Reimbursement Decisions



Track C: Evidence-Based Holistic Care



Track F: Mental Health



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 and Free Networking		
12:45 - 13:45	UCB Symposium: Navigating the Many Paths of the Diagnostic Odyssey		
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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<p>09:00 - 10:30</p> <p>Three Parallel Sessions</p>	<p>D1: Strategies to Improve Access to Specialised Healthcare for People Living with a Rare Disease</p> 	<p>E1: A State of the Art of the HTA Regulation (HTAR)</p> 	<p>F1: Rethinking Mental Health in Rare Conditions: From Undefined Challenges to Collaborative Solutions</p> 
<p>10:30 - 11:00</p>	<p>Coffee Break and Free Networking</p>		
<p>11:00 - 12:30</p>	<p>Poster Pitches</p>		
<p>12:30 - 14:00</p>	<p>Lunch, Free Networking, and Corporate Donor Symposium</p>		
<p>14:00 - 15:30</p> <p>Two Parallel Sessions</p>	<p>D2: Rethinking Access to Specialised Healthcare for PLWRD - What Should We Measure?</p> 	<p>E2: Preparing Reimbursement Decisions - Practical Consequences and Perspectives on the Future</p> 	
<p>15:30 - 16:00</p>	<p>Coffee Break and Free Networking</p>		
<p>16:00 - 17:15</p>	<p>Closing Plenary</p>		