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Supporting clinical studies across borders

ECRIN IN NUMBERS

2013 awarded the ERIC status

13 ECRIN Member / Observer countries

130+ clinical trial units

70+ trials in ECRIN's portfolio

6.5 average number of countries per ECRIN-supported trial

50+ projects to develop ECRIN capacity, tools and expertise

SUPPORTING CLINICAL STUDIES ACROSS BORDERS

Our vision: to generate scientific evidence to optimise medical practice.

Our mission: to support the conduct of multinational clinical studies in Europe.

The European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (ECRIN) supports sponsors and investigators to plan and conduct multinational clinical studies in Europe. We tackle the existing barriers that hinder investigator-initiated clinical studies across Europe so you don't have to.

CZECRIN
CZECH CLINICAL RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK

F.CRIN
FRENCH CLINICAL RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK

GRECRIN
Greek Clinical Research Infrastructure

HNHRA
Hungarian National Health Research Agency

ItaCRIN
ITALIAN CLINICAL RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK

KKS Netzwerk
Koordinierungszentren für Klinische Studien

Health Research Board
NCTO
National Clinical Trials Office

NorCRIN
NORWEGIAN CLINICAL RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES NETWORK

Polish Clinical Trials Network

PtCRIN
PORTUGUESE CLINICAL RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK

SLOVACRIN
SLOVAK CLINICAL RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK

SCReN
Spanish Clinical Research Network

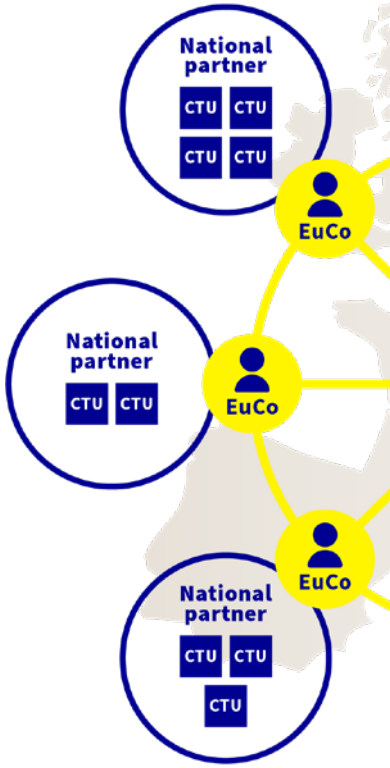
swiss clinical trial organisation

ECRIN SUPPORTING EUROPEAN CLINICAL STUDIES

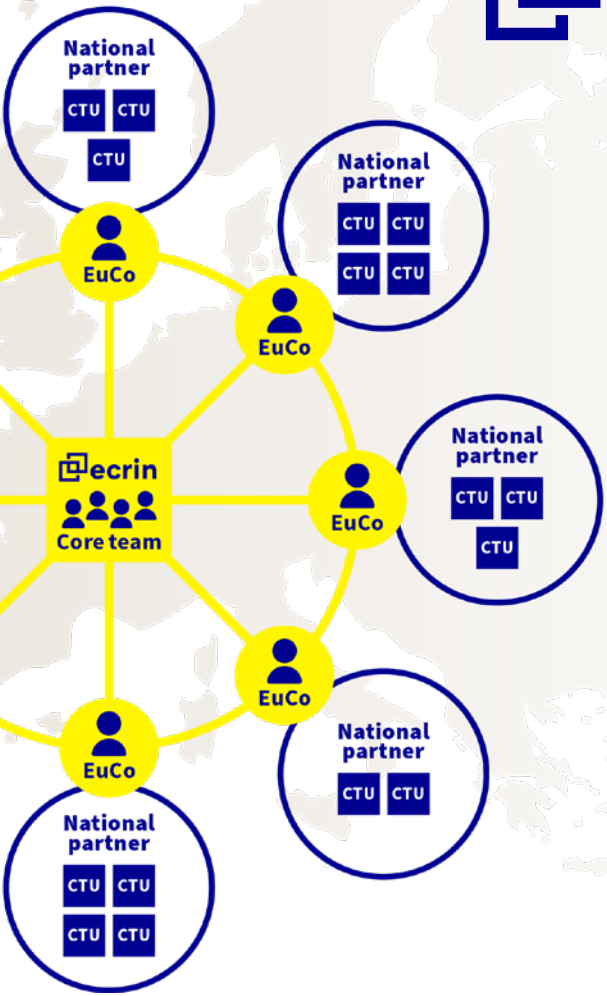
ECRIN is the European infrastructure that supports multinational studies. We bring together expertise, resources, and facilities across the continent. We work across all diseases including paediatric and rare diseases and support studies on medical devices and vaccines. With over 130 clinical trial units in our network and staff specialised in all the relevant fields, our services include:

- regulatory and ethical submissions
- monitoring
- vigilance
- data management
- statistics.

ECRIN maintains the ISO 9001:2015 certification to demonstrate its capacity to best support you with high-quality services. This applies to all our principal services, provided by ECRIN staff.



EuCo: European Correspondent
CTU: Clinical Trial Unit



ECRIN UNITES NATIONAL PARTNERS

ECRIN is based on country membership and integrates its service with the existing national networks. We currently have 13 Member and Observer countries (Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland).

A European Correspondent (EuCo) is located at each national hub. EuCos are local ECRIN staff members, they are:

- clinical research and methodological professionals
- national and European clinical research experts
- your first point of contact.

They manage the clinical trial portfolio and coordinate with their national scientific partner (i.e. network of clinical trial units, CTUs), with support from their colleagues at the Paris-based core team and across Europe.

CLINICAL OPERATIONS

ECRIN's core activities are the provision of general information, planning, risk assessment and operational coordination of investigator-initiated multinational studies. At the heart of the ECRIN service offer is the underlying expertise that our staff provide to the sponsor and investigator at every step of the development of their clinical study.

ECRIN supports investigators and sponsors in ECRIN Member and Observer countries starting from their initial idea. Our collaboration can begin from the inception of the research question or the preparation of European funding applications and later include the review of study protocols. Once a study is funded, ECRIN and its partner CTUs provide various services to support operational coordination ensuring the successful rollout of the clinical study in different countries. Figure 1 provides an overview of the services offered through ECRIN's clinical operations services.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Outline roles and responsibilities
- Available funding sources
- Eligibility for funding and ECRIN support
- Regulatory inquiries

PLANNING

- Study design and methodology
- Regulatory, ethical, and insurance requirements
- Funding application support
- Task distribution for multinational study management and selection of qualified CTUs
- Cost evaluation
- Protocol peer review
- Strategies for site selection and patient recruitment

OPERATIONAL COORDINATION

- Study management and coordination
- Regulatory and ethical submission
- Monitoring
- Vigilance
- Data management
- Statistical analysis

RISK ASSESSMENT

Assessment of feasibility, resources, and strategies for mitigation

EXPERTISE & OVERARCHING SUPPORT

Support to sponsor and investigator throughout the maturation and execution of their ideas

Figure 1. ECRIN Clinical Operations Services

ACCESS ECRIN SERVICES FOR MULTINATIONAL STUDIES

Investigators and sponsors in ECRIN Member and Observer countries can benefit from the full range of ECRIN clinical operations services pending approval by the ECRIN Scientific Board.

Operational coordination is provided at not-for-profit rates to academic sponsors. This includes the distributed services carried out by our national scientific partners (in our Member / Observer countries).

ADDITIONAL ECRIN SERVICES

DATA CENTRE CERTIFICATION

The Data Centre Certification programme certifies non-commercial data centres from ECRIN Member and Observer countries which have demonstrated that they can provide safe, secure, compliant and efficient management of clinical research data.
The goal is to enhance high-quality data management services in non-commercial clinical trials, and to contribute to the harmonisation of European practice in data management.

DEVELOPMENT OF TOOLS, TRAINING AND COMMUNICATION

At ECRIN we work continuously to develop our knowledge, capacity, tools and services to better support our user community.

Tools

ECRIN develops, contributes to, and maintains freely accessible tools for the benefit of the European clinical research community, which are available on the ECRIN website. The tools include but are not limited to: tools on regulatory and ethical issues, risk-based monitoring, support for the paediatric and rare disease communities, the identification of clinical trial objects, data sharing, and more.

Training

Training is essential to ensuring that best practices are shared across our user communities. ECRIN develops dedicated training and webinars for different stakeholder groups including its CTU network, investigators and sponsors as well as its consortia and affiliated partners in ECRIN supported projects.

International Clinical Trials Day

ECRIN launched International Clinical Trials Day (ICTD) in 2005 to commemorate the day James Lind started his famous clinical trial on scurvy on 20 May 1747. ECRIN's annual celebration of ICTD brings together patients, health policy actors, health authorities, clinical researchers, health professionals and citizens from Europe, and beyond to discuss relevant topics as they relate to clinical research.

Dissemination

Advancement of science relies on broad dissemination of ideas and results. ECRIN contributes to this process through the publications of scientific articles, white papers and policy briefs.

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