Implementation of European Reference Networks

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The road to ERNs

Chapter IV Cooperation between MS
Article 12 European Reference Networks

Networks of healthcare providers aiming at

Improving quality and safety and access to highly specialised healthcare

✓**Patients affected by rare or low prevalence and complex diseases**

✓**multidisciplinary approach (different specialities/areas of knowledge)**

✓**Added value at EU level**

✓**Need of cooperation:**

➢ **Scarcity knowledge**
➢ **Need education**
➢ **Complexity / high cost**
➢ **Effectiveness in the use of resources**

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European Reference Networks (ERN): aim of Article 12: *(Directive Patient's Rights to Cross border Healthcare)*

Support the development of ERN

Commission

Member States

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Legal acts on ERN

What

17.5.2014   EN   Official Journal of the European Union   L 147/71

COMMISSION DELEGATED DECISION

of 10 March 2014

setting out *criteria and conditions* that European Reference Networks and healthcare providers wishing to join a European Reference Network must fulfil

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2014/286/EU)

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COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION

of 10 March 2014

setting out criteria *for establishing and evaluating* European Reference Networks and their Members and for facilitating the exchange of information and expertise on establishing and evaluating such Networks

(Text with EEA relevance)

(2014/287/EU)

How

Entry into force 27 May 2014

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Key features of the Networks

- ✓ *Patient centered and clinically lead*

- ✓ *10 Members in at least 8 Countries*

- ✓ *Strong independent (3rd party) assessment*

- ✓ *Fulfillment of Network and Members criteria*

- ✓ *Endorsement and approval by National Authorities (grouping and strategic value)*

How to assess and approve the Networks?

Players

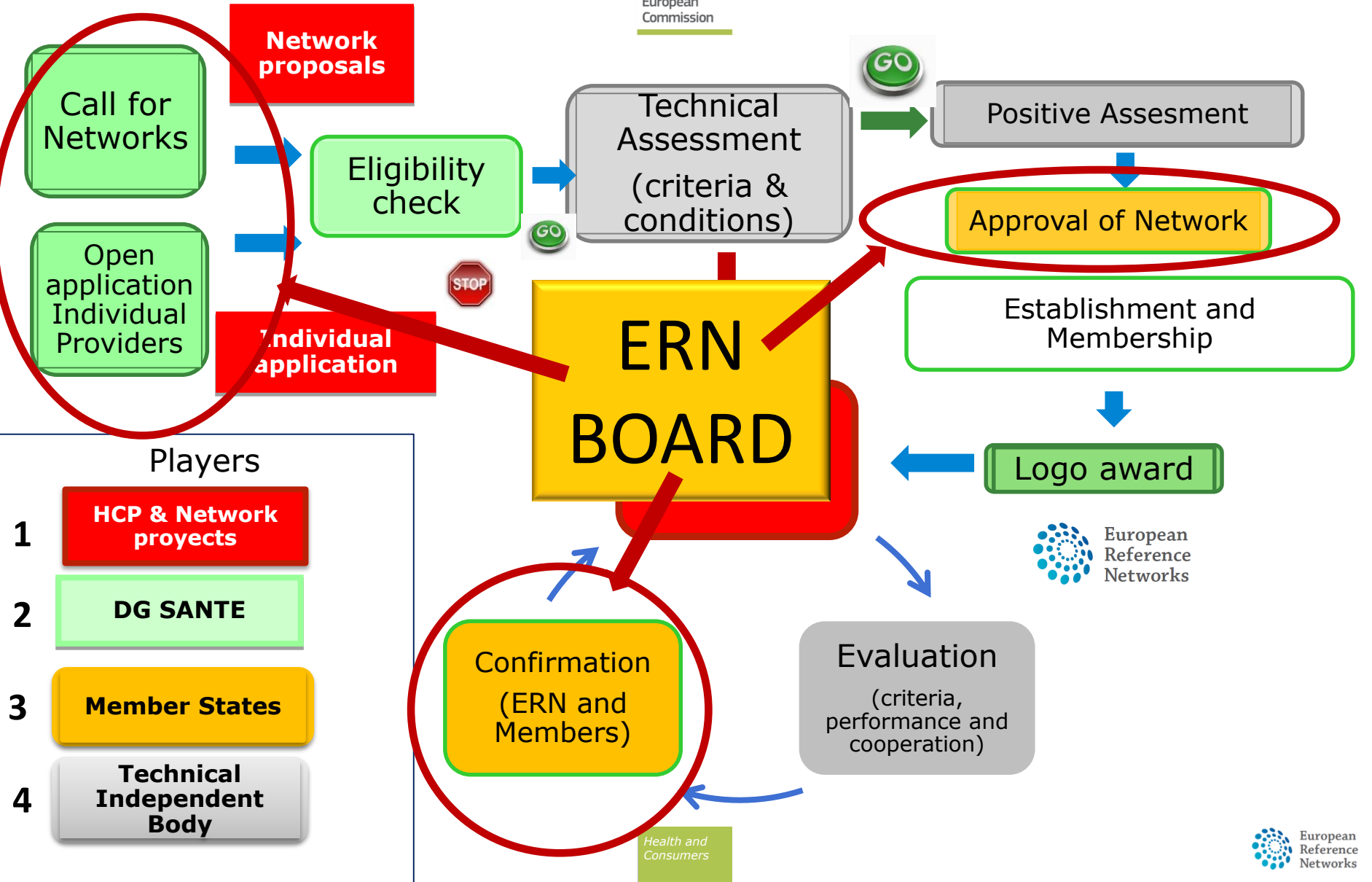*Healthcare providers*

Member States

Commission

Assessment process and Assessment Bodies

ERN Scenario

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Network proposals

Call for Networks

Open application Individual Providers

Individual application

Eligibility check

Technical Assessment (criteria & conditions)

GO

STOP

GO

Positive Assesment

Approval of Network

Establishment and Membership

Logo award

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ERN BOARD

Evaluation
(criteria, performance and cooperation)

Confirmation (ERN and Members)

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Players

1 | HCP & Network proyects

2 | DG SANTE

3 | Member States

4 | Technical Independent Body

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The Board of MS

- *Executive Body*

- *5 meetings so far (December 2014 – March 2016)*

- *Strong commitment of MS*

- *Strategic paper on approval criteria of the Board*

- *Definition of national processes (mostly developed or final steps)*

Strategic role
ERN Board of MS

✓ **Integrative approach of ERN: Strong message** on fragmentation overlapping (already having an impact on the potential candidates)

✓ **Issues under discussion**

- o Common template endorsement of HCP

- o ERN relation <u>with Industry</u> - conflict of interest

- o Criteria/processes to designate affiliated partners

- o ERN IT platform and CEF

Assessment elements

Assessment Manual and tool box

- ❑ *Application forms*

- ❑ *Operational criteria*

- ❑ *Guidance & tools for applicants and assessment bodies*

Independent Assessment Bodies

- ❑ *solid background in assessment/certification Healthcare providers*

- ❑ *Task: to perform the assessment of Networks proposals*

- ❑ *Contracted trough a competitive Call*

✓ Study ERN services

- The role of ERNs in specific patient cases;

- Draft catalogue of services to be provided by ERN;

- ERN services cost drivers and structure

- Workshops with clinical experts, potential networks and national authorities

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Study on the services to be provided by the European Reference Networks and its members – Cataolgue of Services

CHAFEA – Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency

24 of February, 2016

Advisory Services

Funding

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Health Programme – Work Programme 2016

- Approved ERNs (eligibility criteria)

    - **Call for Grants** jointly with the ERN Call for interest
    - **Patient registries projects**

- For **technical assistance** for the assessment of applications

- **3rd ERN Conference** (February 2017) Kick off meeting approved ERN

Connecting European Facilities: IT Platform

Timeline

ERN Approval

1. Call   **16 March 2016**

2. Assessment for ERN

   Positive assessment

3. Approval of the Board   **October 2016?**

4. ERN established   **November 2016**

Grant

1. Eligible for funding   **November 2016**

2. Evaluation of the grant proposal

3. Positive evaluation Framework - Partnership Agreement (FPA)

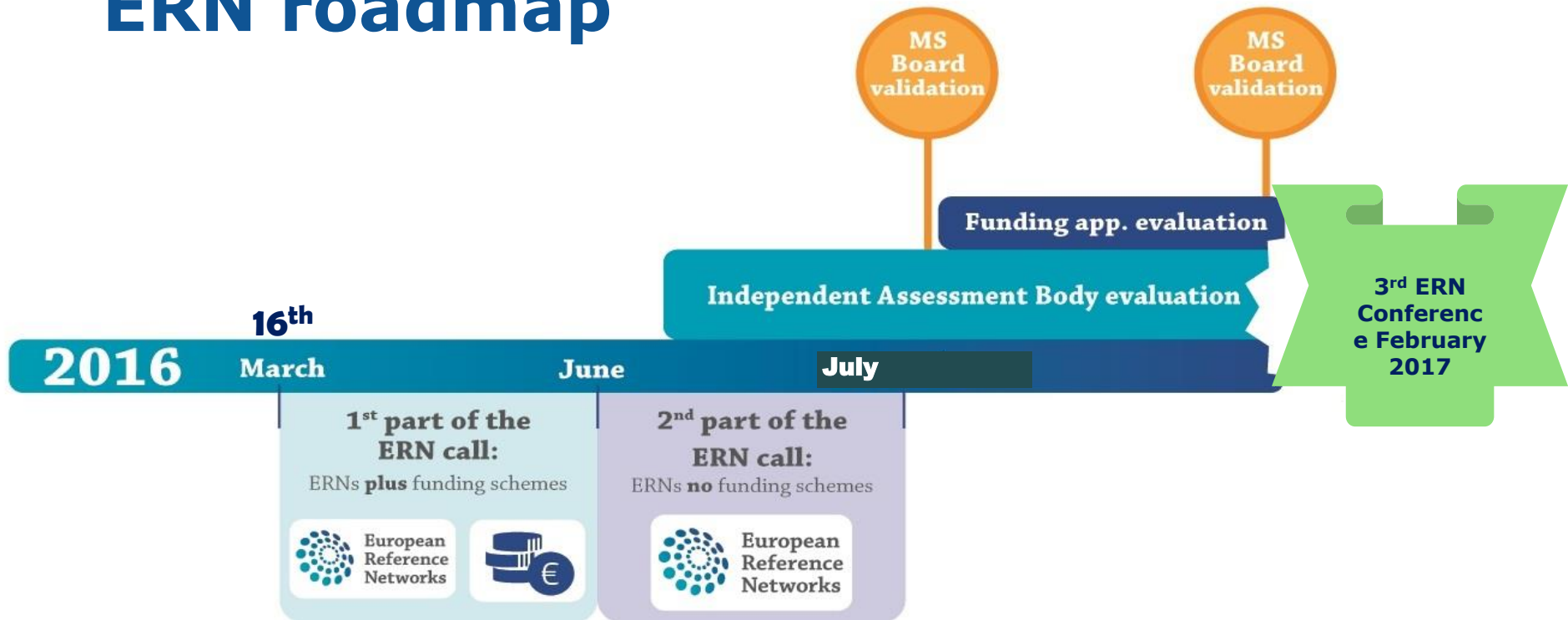4. Eligible for Specific Grant Agreement (SGA) **February 2017**

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Call for ERN

16 March - 21 June 2016

ERN roadmap

MS Board validation

MS Board validation

Funding app. evaluation

Independent Assessment Body evaluation

3rd ERN Conference February 2017

2016

16th

March

June

July

1st part of the ERN call:
ERNs **plus** funding schemes

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2nd part of the ERN call:
ERNs **no** funding schemes

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Communication & awareness activities

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ERN Info day
7th April

Third European Union Action Programme in the field of Health - National Focal Points Meeting
18th March

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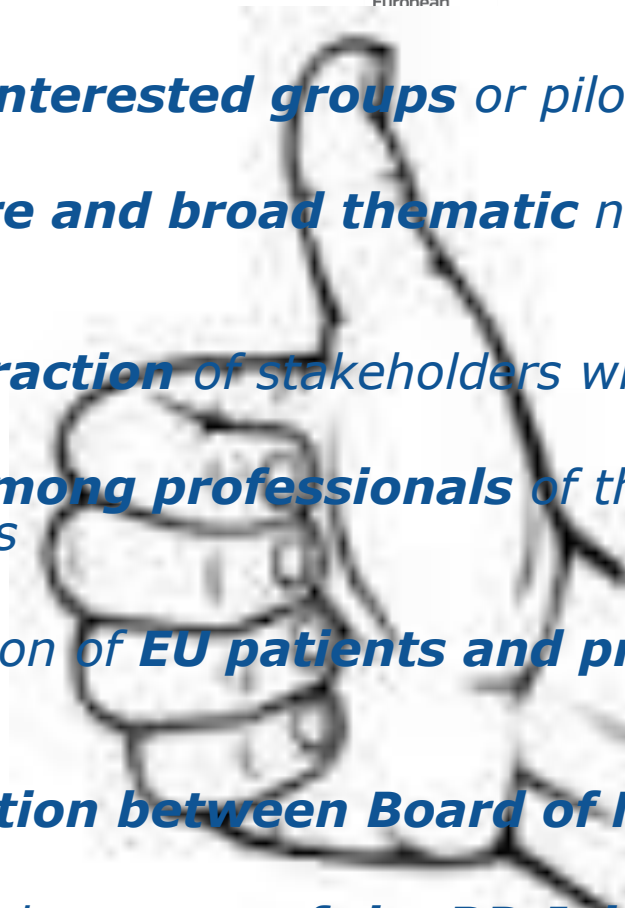Directive of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare

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Assessment process

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How are thinks going?

- ✓ More than **50 interested groups** or pilot networks identified

- ✓ **12 – 14 mature and broad thematic** networks potential applications

- ✓ **Dynamic interaction** of stakeholders with MS and Commission

- ✓ **Interaction among professionals** of the same thematic diseases groups

- ✓ Active implication of **EU patients and professional/scientific societies**

- ✓ Close **cooperation between Board of MS and Commission**

- ✓ Cooperation and **support of the RD Joint Action to the ERN implementation**

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