

Additional documentation available to prepare applications for the 2019 ERN Call for membership

Three key documents are now available for candidates to prepare their applications for the imminent Call for membership to existing ERNs

The “[ERN Assessment manual for applicants: description and procedures](#)” provide the applicants with an overview of the assessment and the application process to join an existing ERN, called “Assessment programme of the ERNs”.

The “[ERN Assessment manual for applicants: operational criteria for the assessment of Healthcare Providers](#)” describe the conditions that must be met to fulfill the criteria for a successful application by meeting the requirements outlined in the Commission Delegated Decision 2014/286/EU. The purpose of the operational criteria is to provide a common framework to assess Healthcare Providers’ compliance with this legislation.

The “[Specific criteria](#)” document offers a clear overview of the criteria that applicants are required to fulfil in terms of diseases coverage and thresholds.

The assessment programme of ERNs was developed in consultation with the Member States and key stakeholders since 2015, and has recently been updated with the [Commission Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2019/1269 of 26 July 2019](#) amending Implementing Decision 2014/287/EU. The assessment programme is based on a peer review assessment model. It provides a standardised, transparent, and consistent method for assessing all Healthcare Providers (HCPs) under a common regulatory framework. The assessment programme is anchored in best practices and is inspired by existing methods used by other recognised assessment bodies in the European Union (EU) and internationally.

More information:

- [2019 Call for membership](#)