

Breakout session 3: Integration of the ERNs into the national systems and engagement if underrepresented countries

Better integration:

- Making processes simpler
- National Action Plan (several levels of coordination // easier fo centralized vs. federal systems)
- Cultivate active role of hospital managers (linked to previous, clear advantage of visibility, adequate funding, address competition between hospitals wanting to join)
- Strengthen exchange

Engagement of underrepresented countries:

- Affiliation is good first step
- Consider inequities as a whole (also within countries; how they might actually be exacerbated by ERN expansion)
- Facilitate participation from hospitals across countries
- Explain attractiveness also in regard to reducing wasteful spending
- Stronger mandate for ERNs? Balance with subsidiarity
- Lobby governments for sufficient funding, engage patients to make the case