

Parallel session PS 4: Hospital's management and ERNs

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Aim of the parallel session:

- To address the key role of the hospital organisation and management in the ERNs operation
- To draw up the common tools (IT and administrative support, coding systems, interoperability, databases, common frame for biological collections, ...) that could help ERNs face their issues
- To share the best practices regarding support given to the ERN
- To highlight the role of the national authorities in mainstreaming the cooperation between hospitals and ERNs' members

Main issues to be addressed:

Hospital managers are key players in the success of the ERNs and its members. The hospital environment and how ERNs members' work and activities are integrated in the organisation and working procedures of each Hospital is the backbone of the ERN system.

Many hospital managers are already involved in the implementation process of the ERNs and have been proactive to support their healthcare providers and in particular their coordinating role.

The clinical professionals and services when addressing their tasks as network members shall be fully integrated in the hospital environment. Hospital Managers are crucial in allowing and supporting the interconnection of the ERNs and their members.

ERNs need to learn from each other by sharing best practices and benefiting from tested technological solutions. One key element for the ERNs is by instance, to have, on a common frame, strong-built biological collection systems and procedures. Those common tools are a condition to strengthen the deployment phase of the ERNs.

Many hospitals are experiencing a deep transformation in their organisation and technological systems and are implementing a wide range of tools like information technology solutions, structured databases, codification systems, interoperability solutions etc. A collaborative effort amongst ERNs' hospitals in the assessment and use of these technologies would help ERNs to fulfil their goals and to be more effective.

Format of the session:

The session will consist in:

- ✓ Short presentations on the view of two Hospital Managers addressing:
 - The challenges and opportunities the ERNs represent to the Hospital organisation and management
 - The role of Hospital Managers as facilitator of the work and tasks of the ERNs members and coordinators
- ✓ A discussion and brainstorming with the audience on how to share best practices and how to frame those exchanges of experiences.