

# PS8: New medicines, medical technologies, clinical trials & stakeholders support

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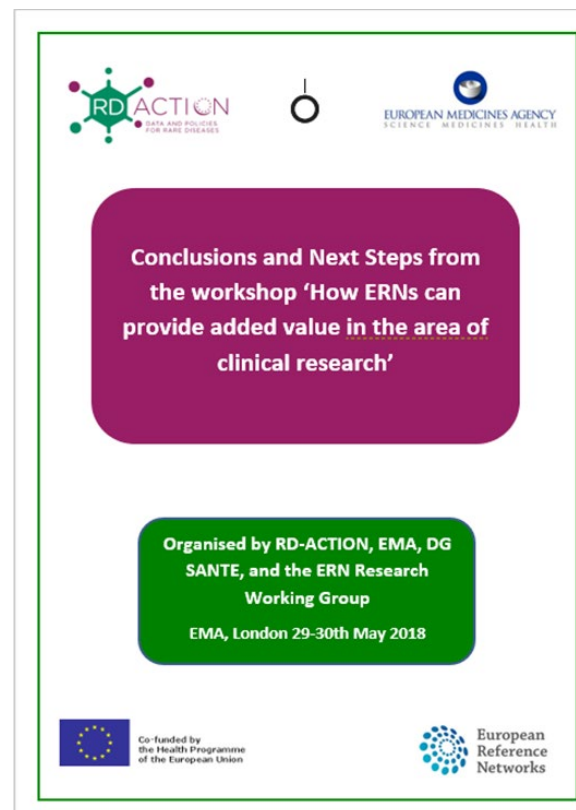
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# Why this topic?

- Despite years of research and investment, only ca 400 of the ca. 8000 rare diseases have an approved therapy.
- Worrying trends in medicines development – development of new therapies is stalling whilst costs are rising
- There are challenges all across the R&D pipeline. Need to ensure the products which do make it are effective (and accessible)
- We see estimates like ‘at the current rate, it would take 500 years for all RD to receive a treatment’

# Foundations of this Session

- ERNs are first & foremost dedicated to care. However:
- ... ERNs are also required to contribute to research in their focal area
- Workshop May 29-30<sup>th</sup> @EMA (<http://www.rd-action.eu/european-reference-networks-erns/>)
- How do we move from an appreciation of the benefits and opportunities to a tangible impact?
- Action Points identified for some key topic. And...



# Concrete advantages inherent in the ERN model

- ✓ Permanence
- ✓ Proximity of clinical and research spheres
- ✓ Comprehensive disease coverage
- ✓ Cross-fertilisation of expertise
- ✓ Data generation/linkage opportunities
- ✓ Patient involvement
- ✓ Reputational excellence

# PS8 Outline

- Very limited time this afternoon and several topics:
- Some have received more attention than others to-date
- Therefore, to guide next activities we need your views and input
- Q&A time but... you can provide your input during/after the Session:
  - Email [luca.sangiorgi@ior.it](mailto:luca.sangiorgi@ior.it) or [victoria.Hedley@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:victoria.Hedley@ncl.ac.uk)
  - Write your comments on note-paper and hand them to us
- Feedback will help generate concrete actions to feed into a research roadmap

# Key questions to stimulate debate

- *3 Sub-sessions with connecting HTA update:*
  - Clinical Trials
  - Medicines' Repurposing
  - Medical Devices & Medical Technologies
- For each, we invite you to consider the following:
  - *How could ERNs approach/add value to each activity?*
  - *What are the challenges and what solutions exist (with reference to case study examples, where relevant)?*
  - *Which stakeholders need to be engaged for each activity and how might this be achieved?*

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