



# #EUHPP LIVE WEBINAR

## European Reference Network evaluation: the way forward

4 DECEMBER 2024, 10.00 – 11.15 CET, BRUSSELS TIME

This webinar will present the European Reference Network evaluation results report which will be published on 29 November 2024 here: [https://health.ec.europa.eu/rare-diseases-and-european-reference-networks\\_en](https://health.ec.europa.eu/rare-diseases-and-european-reference-networks_en)

The report summarizes the results of a comprehensive evaluation of European Reference Networks (ERNs) and its members, five years after their creation, focusing on their role in addressing complex and rare conditions. 24 ERNs and 836 HCPs from 24 EU Member States and Norway participated in the evaluation. The evaluation included self-evaluations, document reviews, ERN interviews, on-site audits of members and stakeholder interviews.

This report, drawing on a wide range of data, increases the understanding of the essential role of the ERN system in addressing rare diseases and conditions across Europe. It also presents relevant information on the structure, maturity, activity and impact of the ERN system, and identifies opportunities for improvement based on the findings of the stakeholder interviews and the evaluation to further enhance the evaluation process and ensure the continued sustainability of the ERN system.

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**10.00 – 10.05**

**Welcome and introduction**

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**10.05 – 10.15**

**The work of the Commission for rare diseases with a special focus on the European Reference Networks**

DG SANTE, European Commission

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**10.15 – 10.35**

**Presentation of the ERN evaluation report by the Independent Evaluation Body**

Consortium IDOM (Consulting, Engineering, Architecture, S.A.U. and Fundación Pública Andaluza Progreso y Salud)

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**10.35 – 10.55**

**Q&A – Discussion with the audience**

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**10.55 – 11.05**

**Next steps to enhance the system of ERNs**

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**11.05 – 11.15**

**Q&A – Discussion with the audience**

**Conclusive remarks**

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