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# Role of ERN Registries in advance research in hematology

## EPIDEMIOLOGY AND DATA DRIVEN

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Reference  
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Hematological Diseases  
(ERN EuroBloodNet)



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# EU Strategy on Rare Diseases and Patients registries

## EU Platform on Rare Disease Registration (EU RD Platform)

Searchable, findable rare disease registry data



Copes with the fragmentation of RD patients data contained in hundreds of registries across Europe by releasing standards for interoperability:

- ✓ [Common data elements \(16\)](#)
- ✓ Pseudonymization tool
- ✓ European Directory of Registries/ Central metadata repository



## European Reference Networks registries



24 ERNs Central Registries following the standards defined by the EU RD Platform:

- ✓ Build
- ✓ Upgrade
- ✓ Link



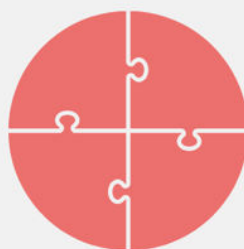
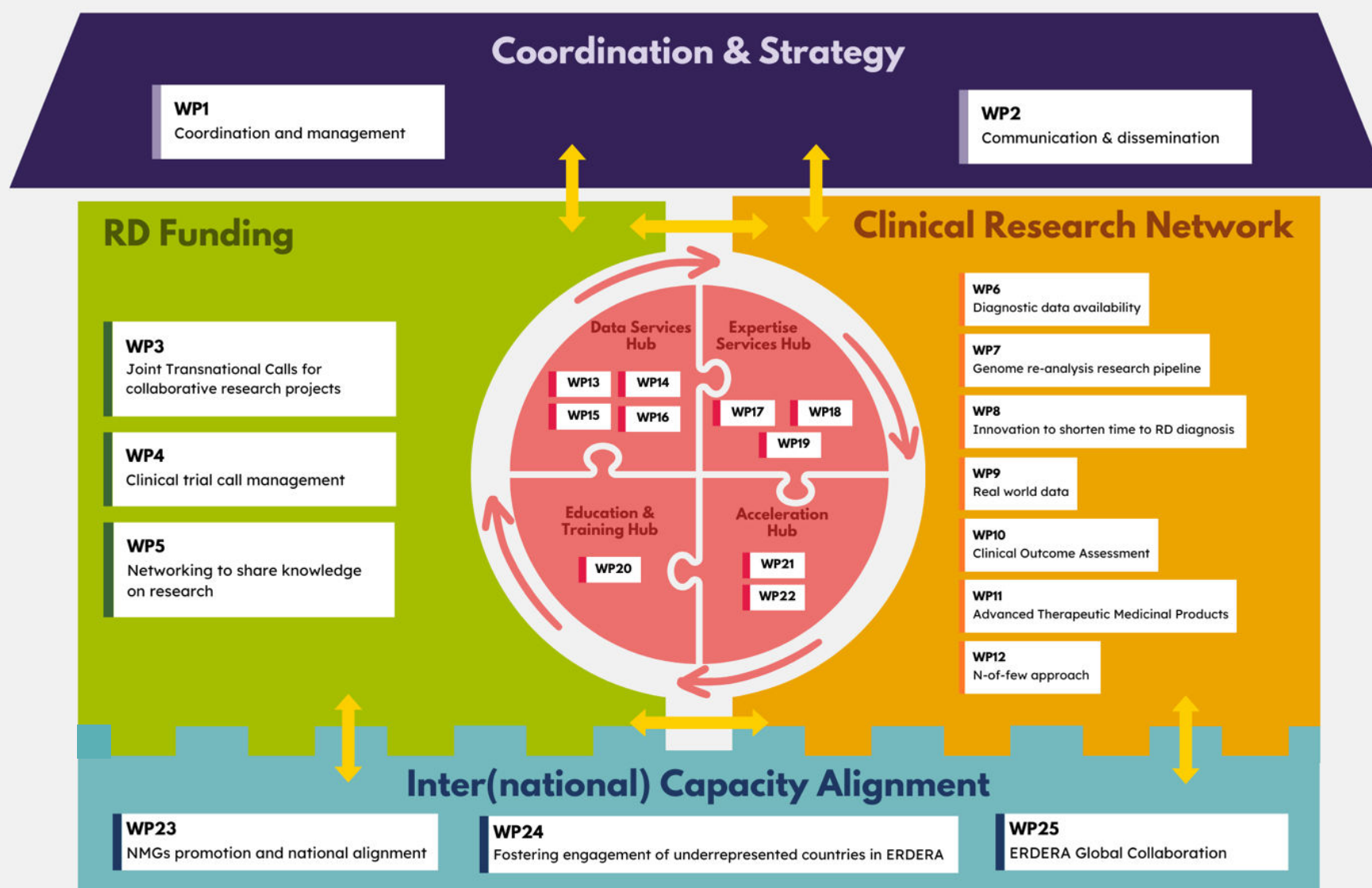
## ERICA & European Joint Program on Rare Diseases (EJP\_RD)



24 ERNs Central Registries:

- ✓ Domain specific Common Data Elements
- ✓ Legal and Ethics issues & Informed consent
- ✓ FAIR Principles





**WP13**  
Rare Diseases-Virtual Platform (RD-VP):  
Finding and accessing the data ecosystem

**WP14**  
Data readiness services

**WP15**  
Data sharing and analysis services

**WP16**  
Knowledge bases and ontologies for RD  
research

**WP17**  
Mentoring and consultancy

**WP18**  
Regulatory support service

**WP19**  
Methodological Support

**WP20**  
Education and training in rare diseases  
research

**WP21**  
Technology accelerator

**WP22**  
Public-Private Collaboration Accelerator

# CLINICAL RESEARCH NETWORK \_ Outcome research

## Real World Data

- **Task 9.1** – Use of primary healthcare data (EHRs) for RD outcome research
- **Task 9.2** – Use of population-based data for RD outcome research
- **Task 9.3** – Integrating patient cohorts for natural history / standard-of-care reference studies
- **Task 9.4** – Development of a blueprint and inventory of regulatory-grade natural history cohort data
- **Task 9.5** – Disease progression modelling and prognostic biomarker research
- **Task 9.6** – Development of a regulatory grade clinical trial simulation platform for rare diseases

## Clinical Outcome Assessment

- **Task 10.1** – Platform for regulatory-grade patient-centred COA development and validation
- **Task 10.2** – Development and Implementation of Clinical Outcome Assessment Tools
- **Task 10.3** – Unveiling the Hidden Burden: Estimating the Socioeconomic Impact of Rare Diseases for Informed Decision Making and Resource Allocation



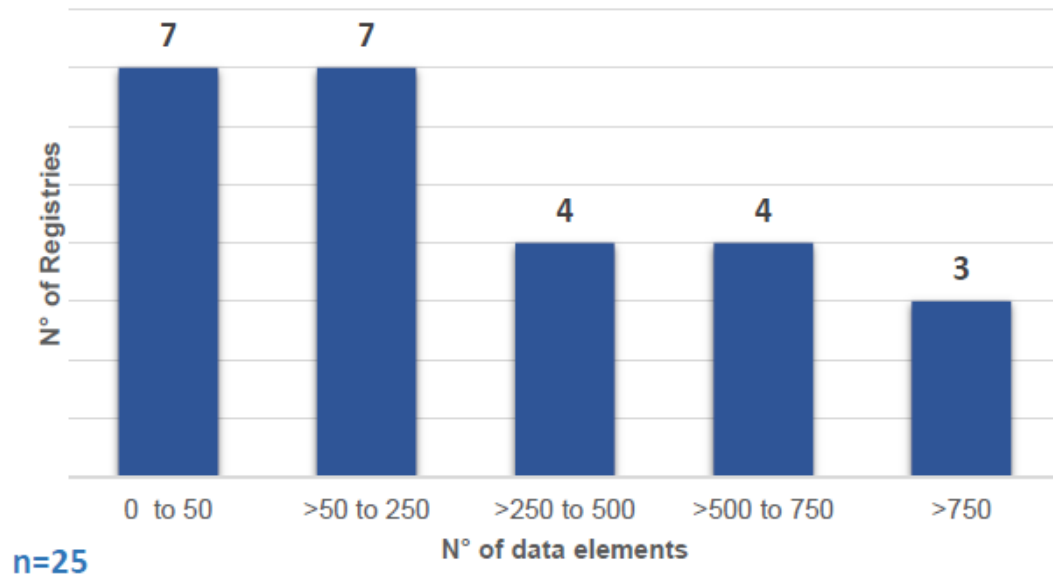
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ENDO-BOND; T9.4: RND, EuroBloodNet, ERKNet, EYE; T9.5: EURO-  
NMD; T9.6: ERKnet; DDF

T10.1: RND; ITHACA; mito-InterERN workgroup (EURO-NMD, RND,  
MetabERN, Eye, EpiCare); EuroBloodNet; CRANIO;  
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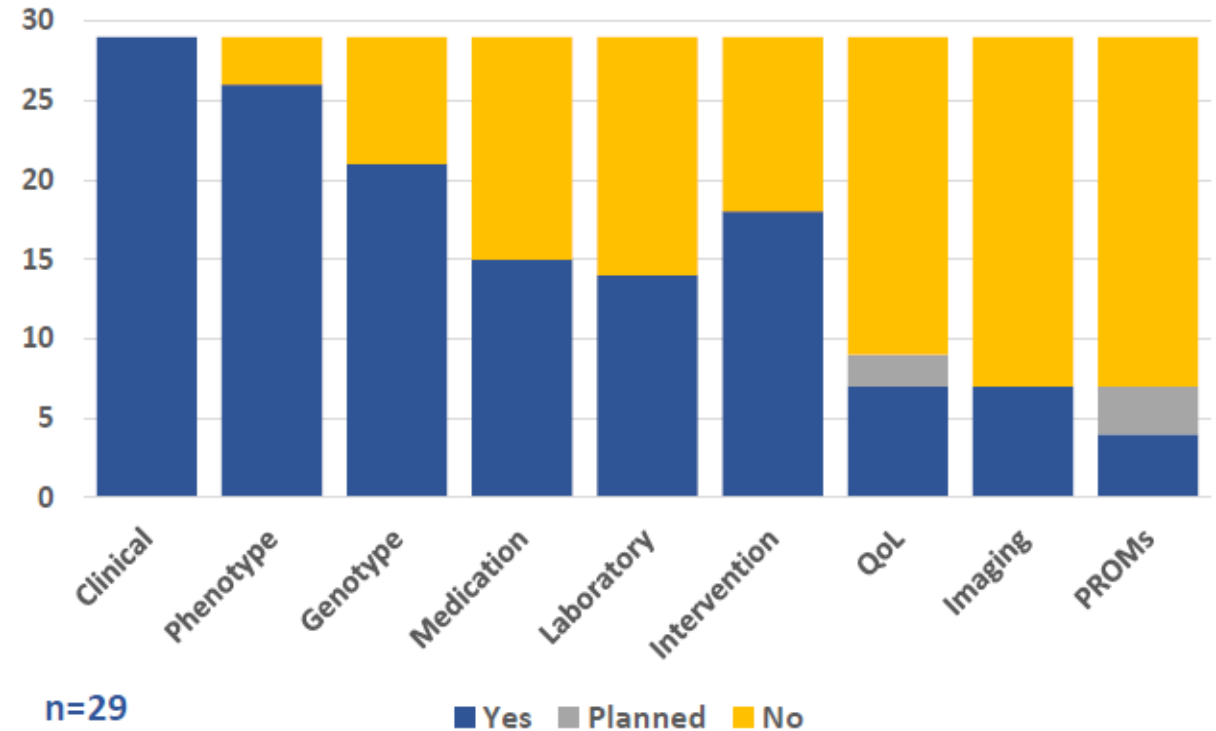


# Information Collected by the 29 ERN Registries

## Number of Data Elements



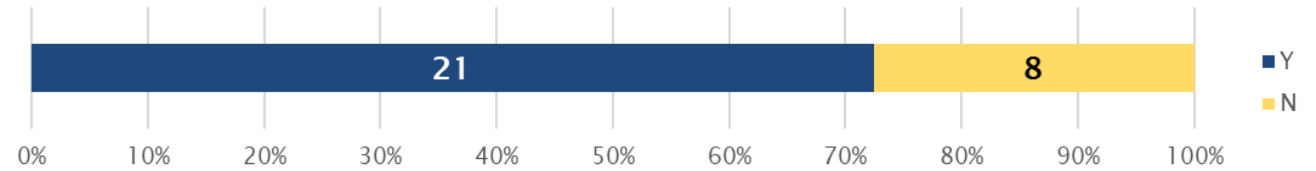
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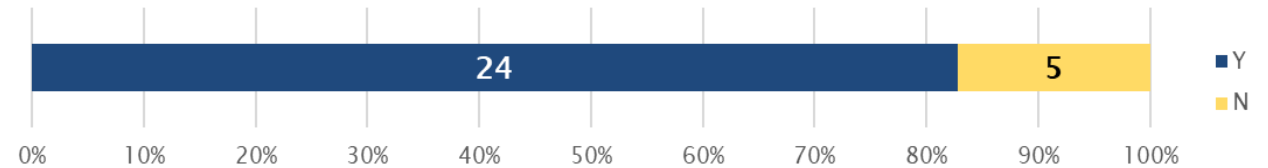


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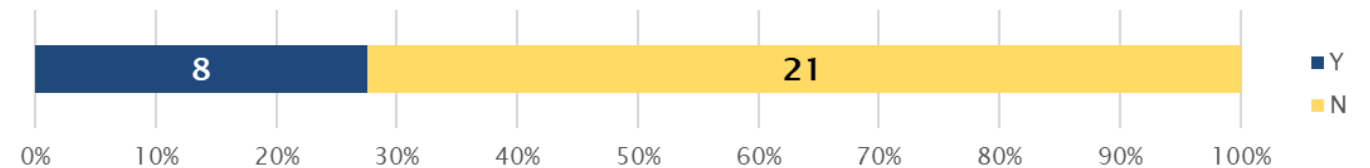
Online plausibility checks at data collection



Periodic offline data consistency checks,  
query system (5 six-monthly; 3 annually, 16 TBD)



Periodic trainings for staff in charge of data entry





# European Rare Blood Disorders Platform - ENROL

ENROL Registry is conceived in the frame of the ERN-EuroBloodNet as an umbrella for both new and already existing registries on rare hematological disorders (RHD)

ENROL Registry avoids fragmentation of data by promoting the standards for patients registries' interoperability in line with the EU-RD-Platform for 4 main objectives:



Facilitate  
epidemiological  
surveillance



Enhance health planning

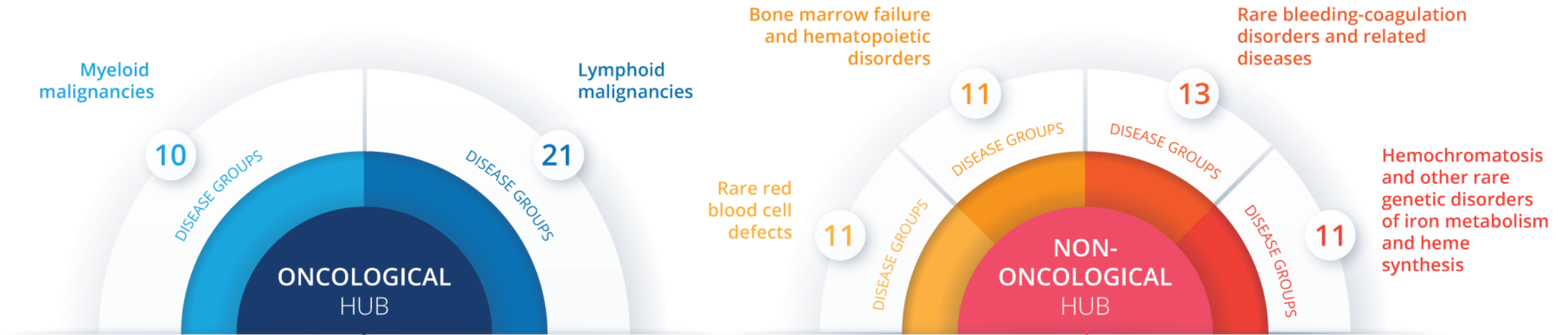


Enable the identification  
of patients' cohorts



Promote research &  
innovative therapies





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European Rare Blood Disorders Platform



## European Platform on Rare Disease Registration (EU RD Platform)

### Collection of Rare Diseases Common Data Set (RD-CDS) - 16 elements

GROUP	ELEMENT N°	ELEMENT NAME	ELEMENT DESCRIPTION	CODING	COMMENT
1. Pseudonym	1.1.	Pseudonym	Patient's pseudonym	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>String</li> </ul>	<a href="https://eu-rd-platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/spider">https://eu-rd-platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/spider</a>
2. Personal information	2.1.	Date of birth	Patient's date of birth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date (dd/mm/yyyy)</li> </ul>	
	2.2.	Sex	Patient's sex at birth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Female</li> <li>Male</li> <li>Undetermined</li> <li>Foetus (Unknown)</li> </ul>	
3. Patient Status	3.1.	Patient's status	Patient alive or dead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alive</li> <li>Dead</li> <li>Lost in follow-up</li> <li>Opted-out</li> </ul>	If dead then answer question 3.2
	3.2.	Date of death	Patient's date of death	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date (dd/mm/yyyy)</li> </ul>	
4. Care pathway	4.1.	First contact with specialised centre	Date of first contact with specialised centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date (dd/mm/yyyy)</li> </ul>	



# ENROL Collection of Pseudonymised Patient-level Data

5. Disease history	5.1.	Age at onset	Age at which symptoms/signs first appeared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antenatal</li> <li>• At birth</li> <li>• Date (dd/mm/yyyy)</li> <li>• Undetermined</li> </ul>	
	5.2.	Age at diagnosis	Age at which diagnosis was made	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antenatal</li> <li>• At birth</li> <li>• Date (dd/mm/yyyy)</li> <li>• Undetermined</li> </ul>	
6 Diagnosis	6.1.	Diagnosis of the rare disease	Diagnosis retained by the specialised centre	Orpha code (strongly recommended – see link) / Alpha code/ ICD-9 code/ ICD-9-CM code / ICD-10 code	<a href="http://www.orphadata.org/cgi-bin/inc/product1.inc.php">http://www.orphadata.org/cgi-bin/inc/product1.inc.php</a>
	6.2.	Genetic diagnosis	Genetic diagnosis retained by the specialised centre	International classification of mutations (HGVS) (strongly recommended – see link) / HGNC / OMIM code	<a href="http://www.hgvs.org">http://www.hgvs.org</a>
	6.3	Undiagnosed case	How the undiagnosed case is defined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phenotype (HPO)</li> <li>• Genotype (HGVS)</li> </ul>	
7. Research	7.1.	Agreement to be contacted for research purposes	Patient's permission exists for being contacted for research purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YES</li> <li>• NO</li> </ul>	
	7.2.	Consent to the reuse of data	Patient's consent exists for his/her data to be reused for other research purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YES</li> <li>• NO</li> </ul>	
	7.3.	Biological sample	Patient's biological sample available for research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YES</li> <li>• NO</li> </ul>	If YES answer question 7.4
	7.4.	Link to a biobank	Biological sample stored in a biobank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YES (if appropriate use link)</li> <li>• NO</li> </ul>	<a href="https://directory.bbmri-eric.eu">https://directory.bbmri-eric.eu</a>
8.Disability	8.1.	Classification of functioning/disability	Patient's disability profile according to International Classification of Functioning and Disability (ICF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disability profile / Score</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/whodasii/en/">http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/whodasii/en/</a>



# ENROL REDCap

- Secure web application for building and managing databases, supporting regulatory compliance (21 CFR Part 11, FISMA, HIPAA, GDPR).
- It enables rapid development/implementation of changes, with a user-friendly interface for data collection and analysis.
- It ensures data integrity and confidentiality through validation tools and role-based access control.

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My Projects  
Contact REDCap administrator

Project Home and Design

Project Home · Codebook  
Project status: **Development**

Data Collection

Record Status Dashboard  
- View data collection status of all records  
Add / Edit Records  
- Create new records or edit/view existing ones

Applications

Calendar  
Data Exports, Reports, and Stats  
Logging  
File Repository  
DAGs  
Data Quality and Resolve Issues

Help & Information

European Rare Blood Disorders Platform

**European Reference Network**  
for rare or low prevalence complex diseases  
Network Hematological Diseases (ERN EuroBloodNet)

Vall Hebron Research Institute (VHIR)

**ENROL registry** PID 1587

[Project Home](#)

The tables below provide general dashboard information, such as a list of all users with access to this project



# ENROL REDCap – Data Quality Module

**ENROL registry** PID 1587

**Data Quality**

Find Issues

Resolve Issues

Resolution Metrics

Upload or download Data Quality Rules

**Data Quality Rules**

Execute rules: All All except A&B All custom Clear

Apply to: All Records

	Rule #	Rule Name	Rule Logic (Show discrepancy only if...)	Real-time execution ?	Total Discrepancies	
	1	[globaluniqueid] (Patient's pseudonym) should have a value but is missing.	(([globaluniqueid] = "") AND [patient_registration_complete] = 2		<div>Execute</div>	
	2	[consent_registry] (I confirm that the legal basis allowing the processing of this pseudonymized clinical information within the registry is secured, warranting participants' rights according to GDPR) should have a value but is missing.	(([consent_registry(1)] = '0') AND [patient_registration_complete] = 2		<div>Execute</div>	
	3	[consent_reuse] (I confirm that patient consent has been obtained for pseudonymized data in RADeep to be re-used by third parties in order to contribute to projects whose objectives are directly connected to improve healthcare provision for rare anemia disorders) should have a value but is missing.	(([consent_reuse] = "") AND [patient_registration_complete] = 2		<div>Execute</div>	



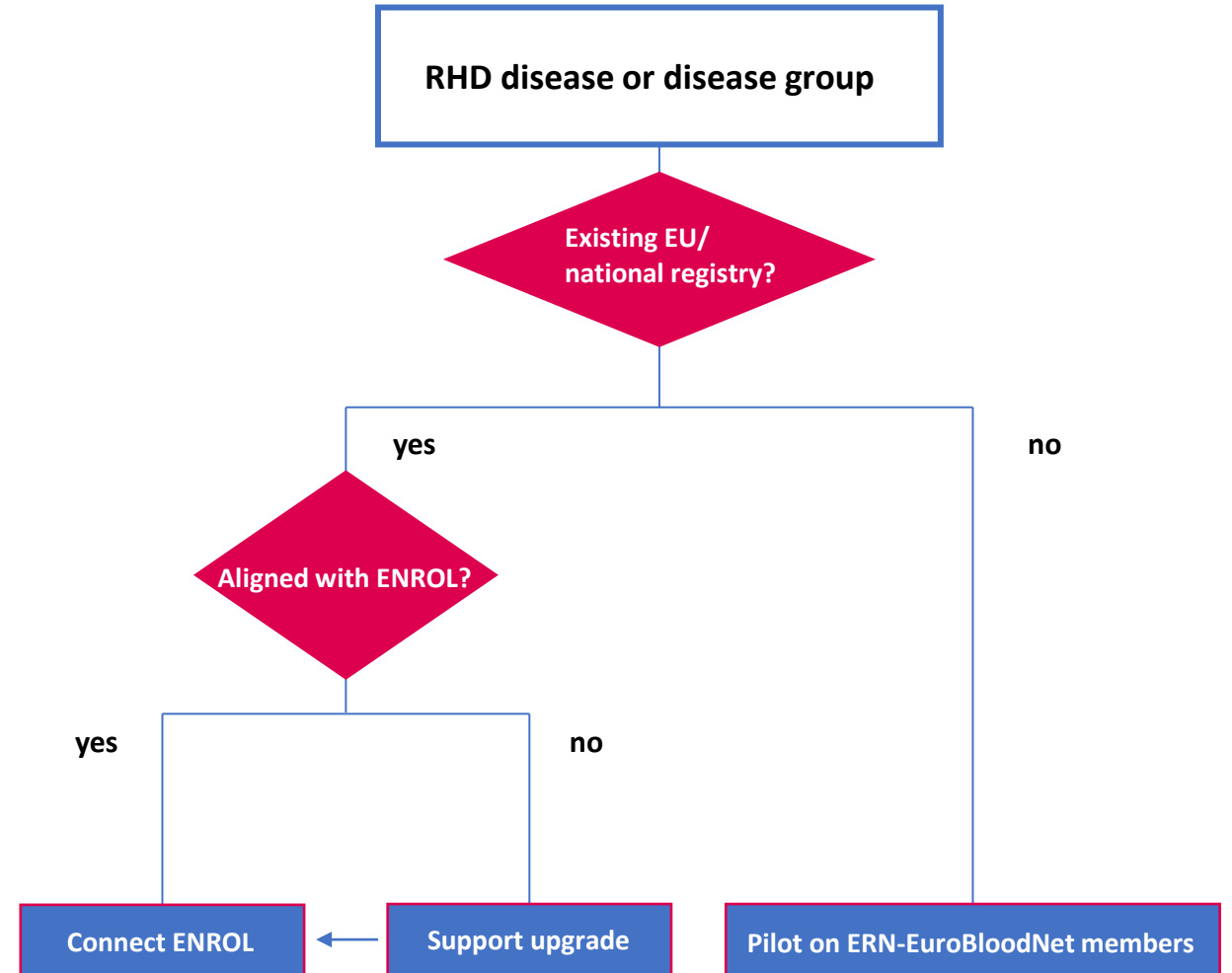
# ENROL strategy for data collection

Strategy for data collection includes combination of data sources:

a) Individual sites:

- a) HCPs ERN Members
- b) HCPs non Members

b) Existing/New National/EU registries



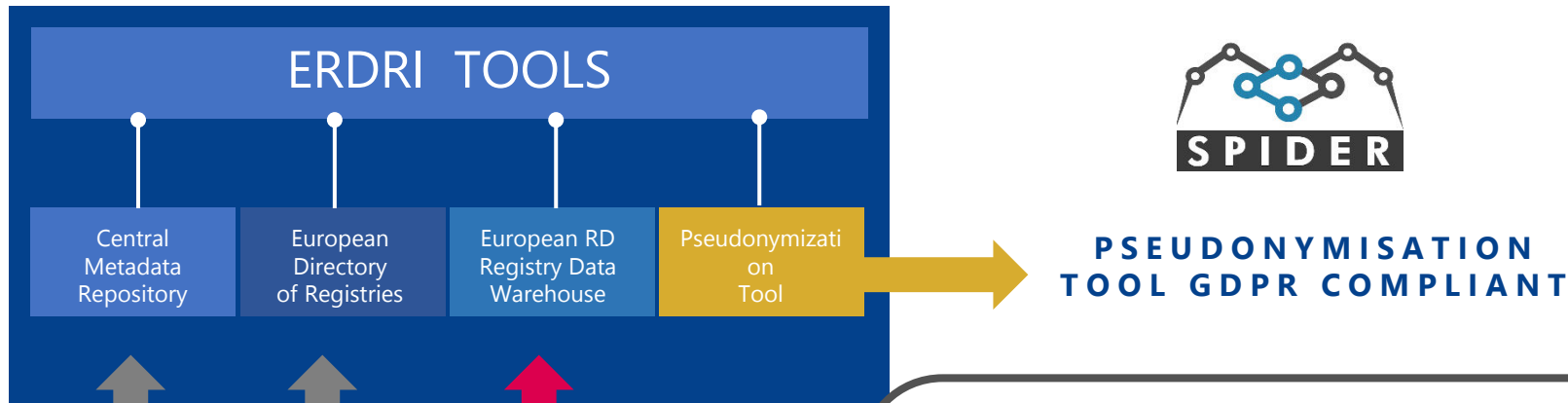




# ENROL Strategy for data collection



European Platform on Rare Diseases Registration



PSEUDONYMISATION  
TOOL GDPR COMPLIANT

Data providers generate the pseudonym.  
Keep locally the link between pseudonym and personal data.



Aggregated Data  
No personal Data

DATA PROVIDER:

- Individual sites
- Existing/New National/EU registries, eg:

Aggregated level data

Pseudonymised individual  
patient level data



TWIST



## ENROL Data Transfer from RADeep



Country	Nº of patients
Belgium	887
Cyprus	166
Denmark	123
France	932
Greece	117
Italy	1100
Spain	987
The Netherlands	373
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.685</b>







# ENROL Strategy for data collection



**ERICA**  
European Rare Disease Research  
Coordination and Support Action



EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY  
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**E-DEIRA**  
European Rare Diseases  
Research Alliance



**EU RD  
PLATFORM**



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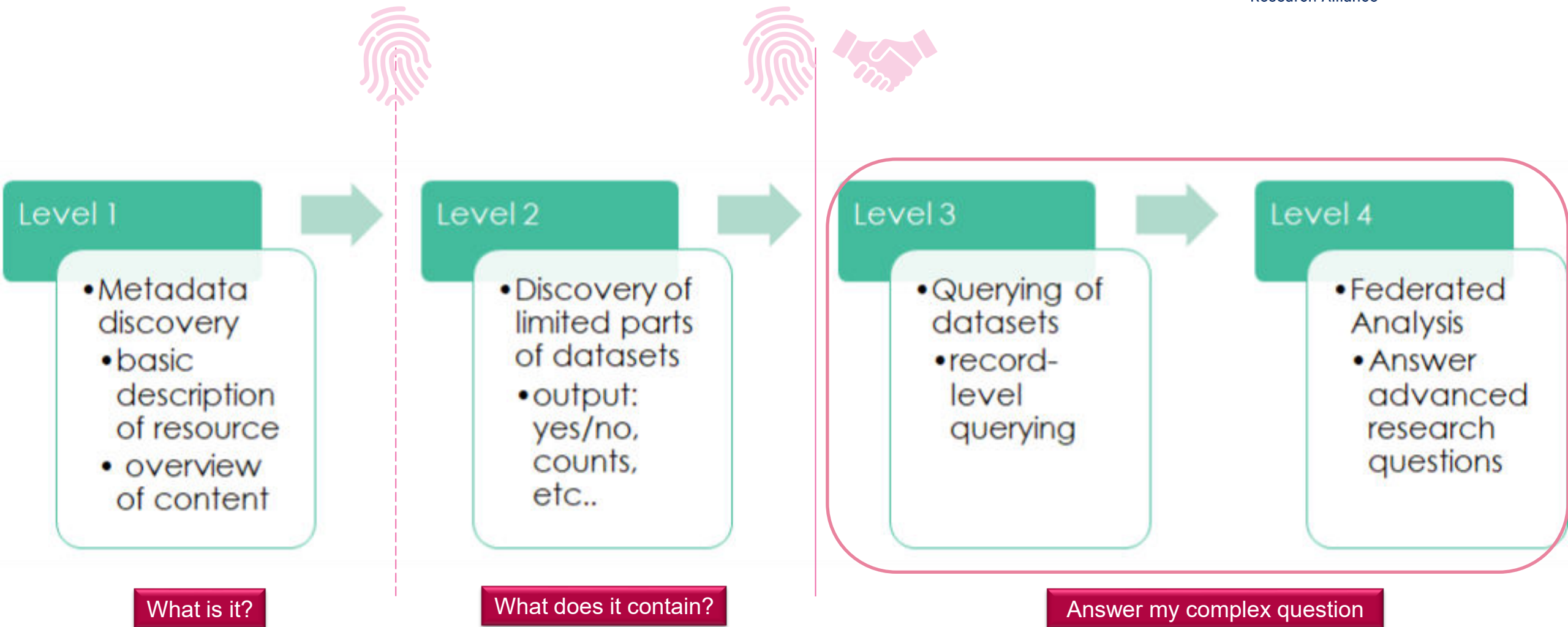


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- Re-use and linkage of clinical data
- AI and data driven solutions

- Re-use and linkage of clinical data
- Patient Referral system for CTs

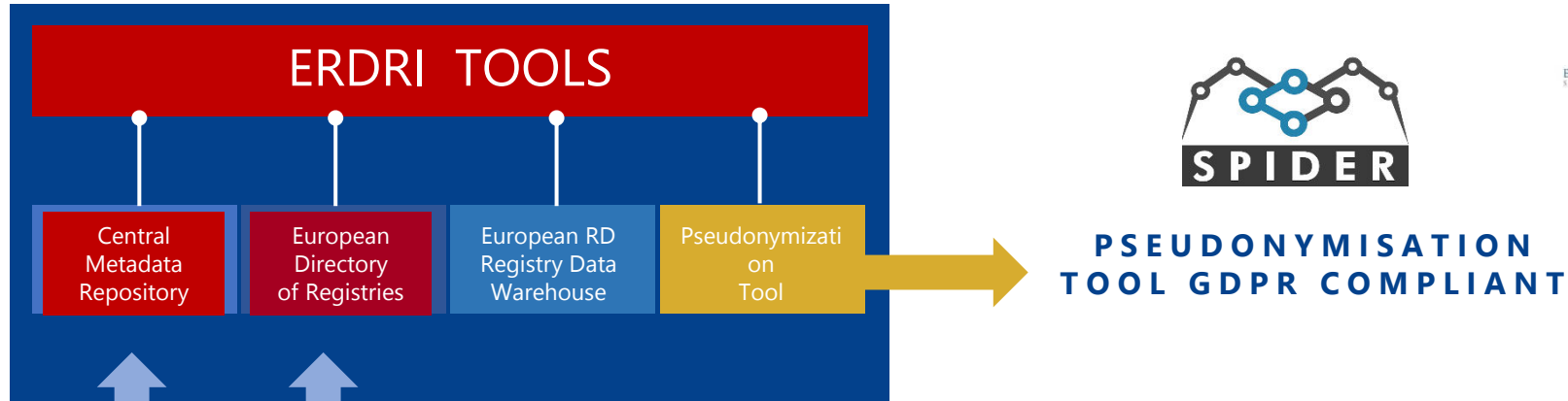






# ENROL Strategy for data collection

European Platform on Rare Diseases Registration



Aggregated Data  
No personal Data



Aggregated level data

Pseudonymised individual  
patient level data

Data transfer  
agreement



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ERN & ENROL Manuscript under development!  
Thank you very much for your contributions



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# Thank You

