



# **ERN-EuroBloodNet, ENROL Registry and data driven projects**

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# European Reference Networks (ERNs)

- ❑ Due to the small patient number and the often limited knowledge, rare diseases, affecting less than 1 in 2000 individuals, are the area in public health in which joint efforts among MS is most justified and crucial.
- ❑ **European Reference Networks (ERNs) involve healthcare providers across Europe.** They aim to facilitate discussion on complex or rare diseases and conditions that require highly specialised treatment, concentrated knowledge and resources.
- ❑ The first **24 ERNs** covering 24 different medical specialities were officially approved by the EC in December 2016 and started their activity in March 2017, one of them being **ERN-EuroBloodNet**.



EUROPEAN REFERENCE NETWORKS  
FOR RARE, LOW-PREVALENCE AND COMPLEX DISEASES

**Share. Care. Cure.**





Collaborative network that brings together individuals and institutions committed to improving healthcare services in >450 Rare Hematological Diseases

## Oncological Hub

- Myeloid Malignancies
- Lymphoid Malignancies

## Non-Oncological Hub

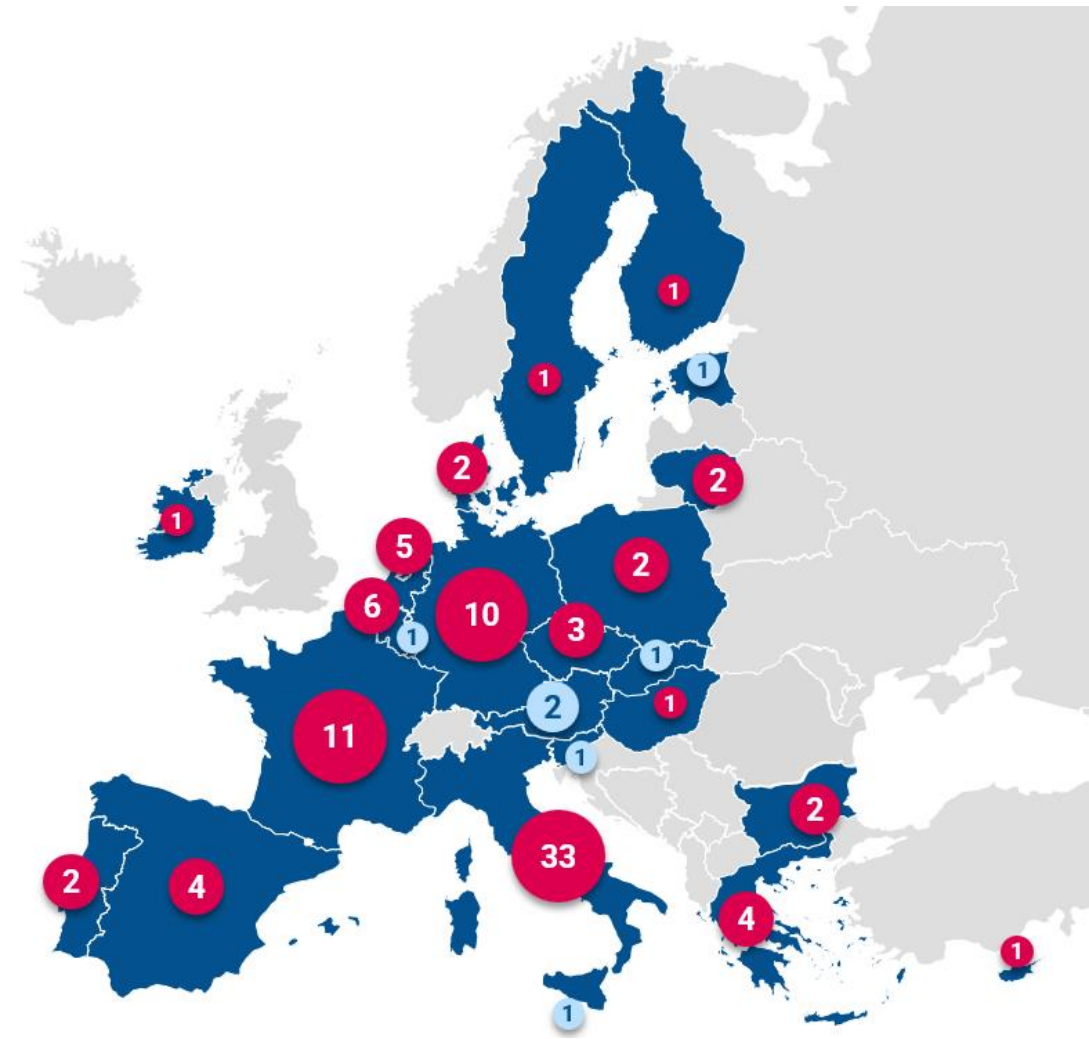
- Rare red blood cell defects
- Bone marrow failure and haematopoietic disorders
- Rare bleeding-coagulation disorders and related diseases
- Haemochromatosis and other rare genetic disorders of iron metabolism and heme synthesis

97 Healthcare providers in  
24 EU Member States

90 Members in  
18 Member  
States

7 Affiliated  
Partners in  
6 Member  
States

11  
EPAGs





# ERN-EuroBloodNet Transversal Fields of Action



## Cross Border Health

Enhancing equal access to highly specialized outcome-based healthcare and cross-border health for RHD in EU



## Best practices

Promoting best practice in prevention, diagnosis and clinical care across EU by the development and update of ERN Clinical Practice Guidelines and other Clinical Decision Making tools



## Continuing Medical Education

Spreading cutting-edge knowledge and facilitate continuing medical education in the field of RHDs



## Telemedicine

Providing inter-professional consultation of RHD complex cases by sharing of expertise and safe exchange of clinical information through the Clinical Patient Management System (CPMS)

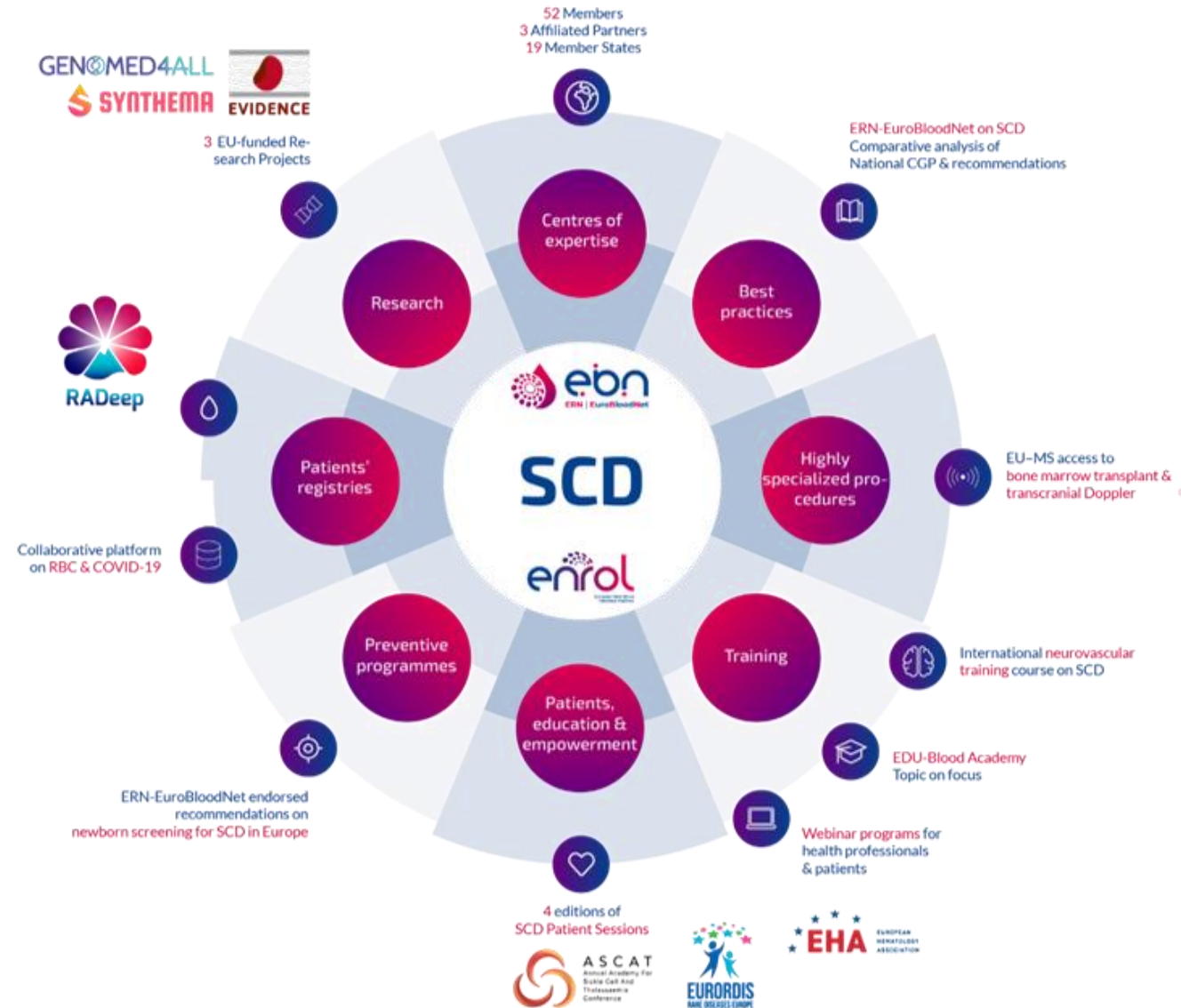


## Clinical trials and research

Strengthening the use and re-use of RHD health data for the provision of best healthcare and for the promotion of research and innovation.



# With high impact on patients' holistic approach, as for SCD



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# **ENROL Registry & Data Driven research**

# 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 Reference Networks registries

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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



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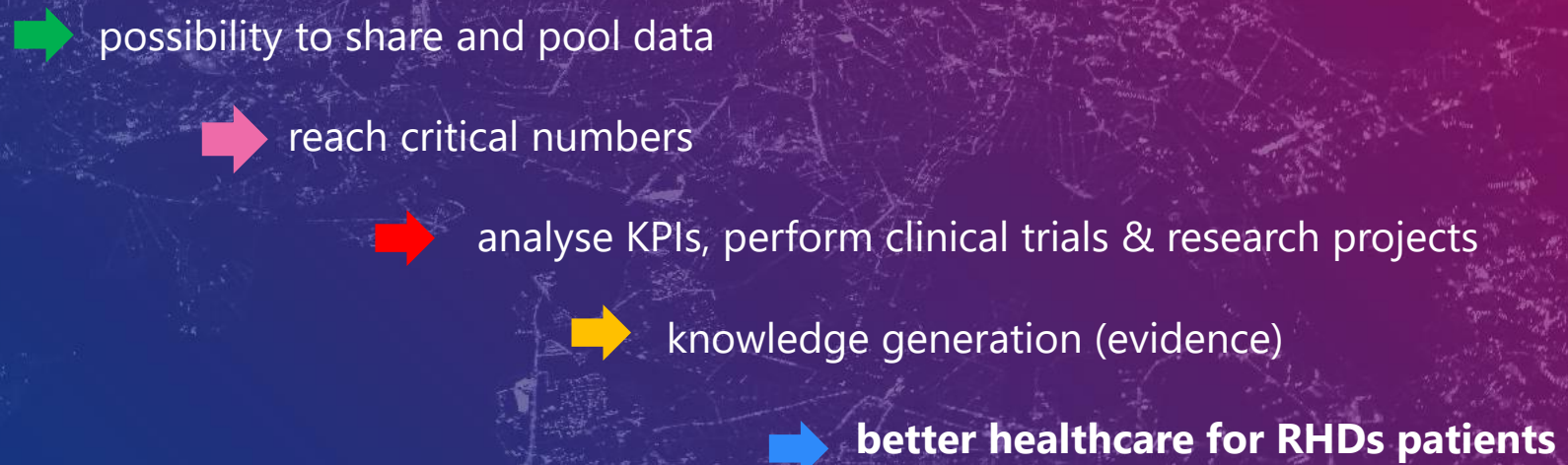


# European Rare Blood Disorders Platform - ENROL

ERN-EuroBloodNet umbrella for both new and already existing registries on rare hematological disorders (RHD)

Aims to avoid fragmentation of data by promoting the standards for patients registries' interoperability in line with the EU-RD-Platform

ENROL's principle is to maximize public benefit from data on RHD with the only restriction needed to guarantee patient rights and confidentiality, in agreement with EU regulations for cross-border sharing of personal data





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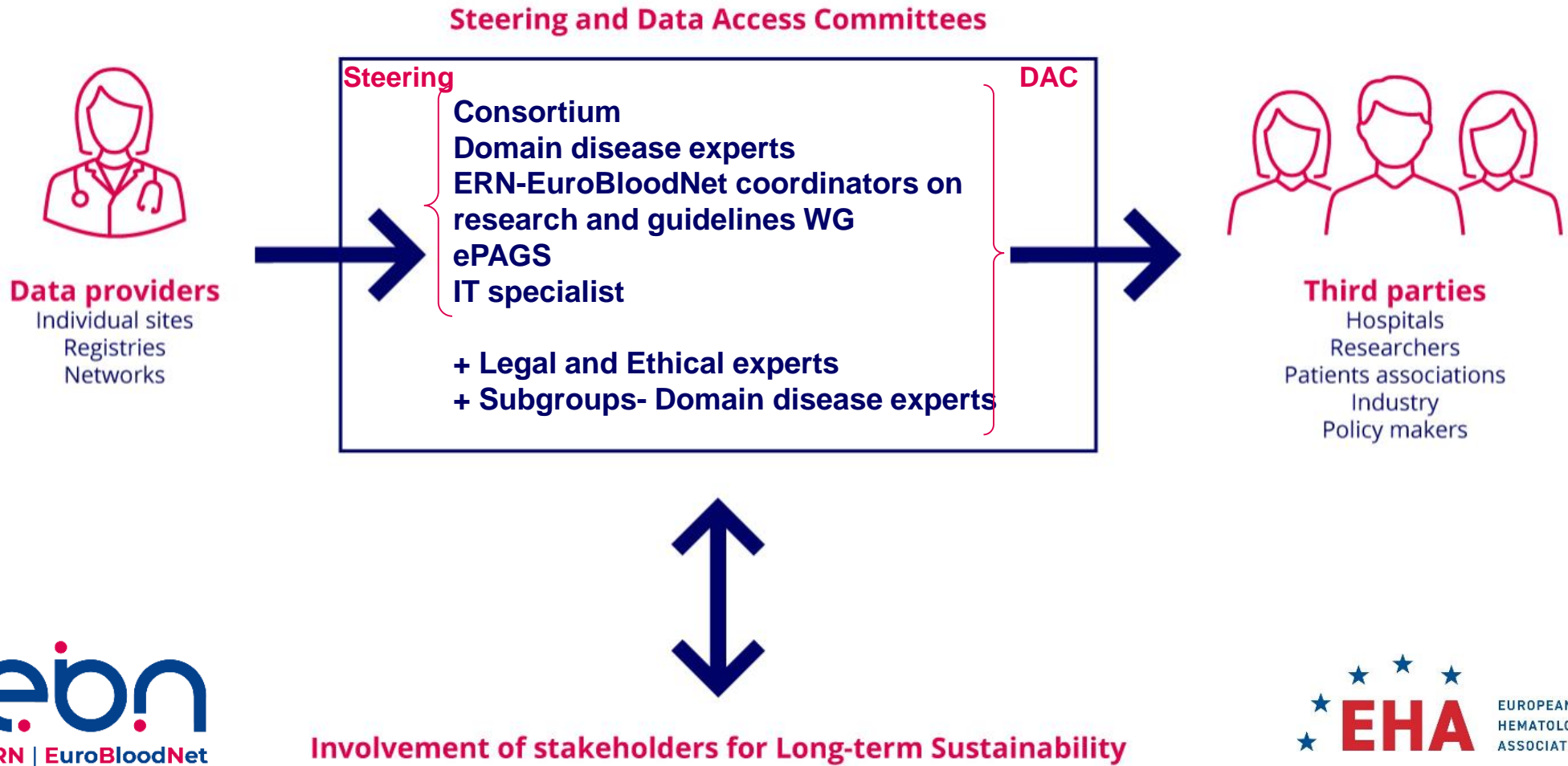
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# Sickle cell Disease – ERN actions on patients registries and advancing research



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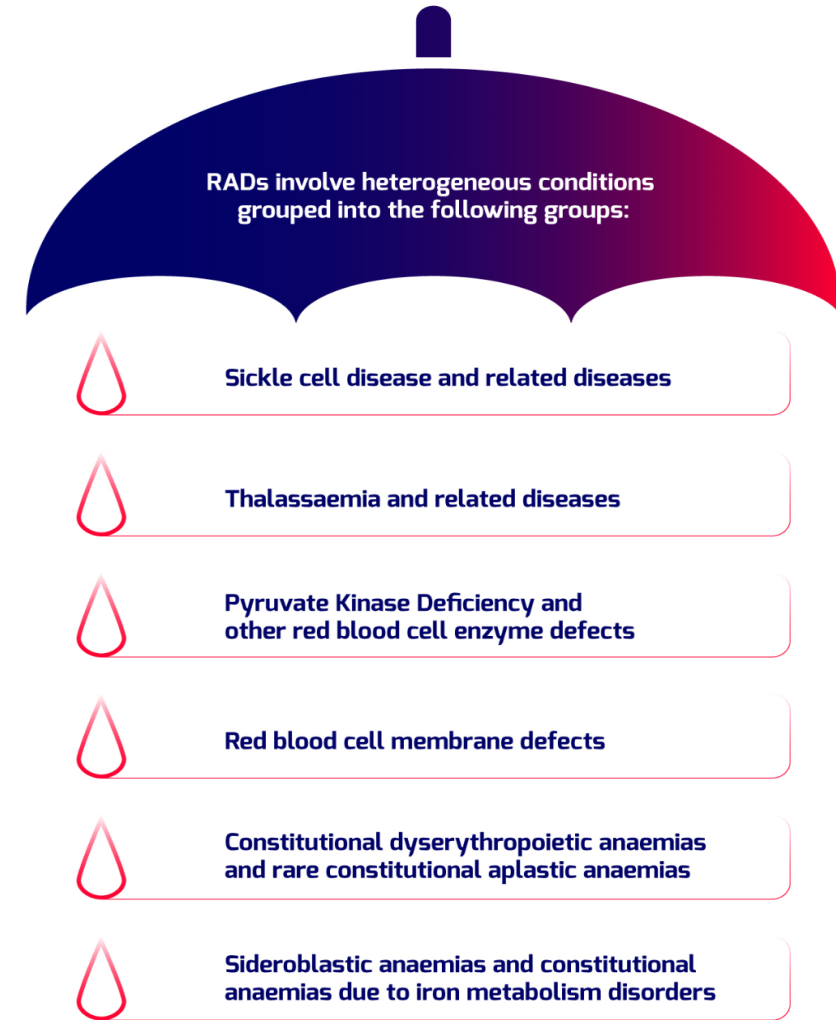
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# Rare Anaemia Disorders European Epidemiological Platform (RADeep)

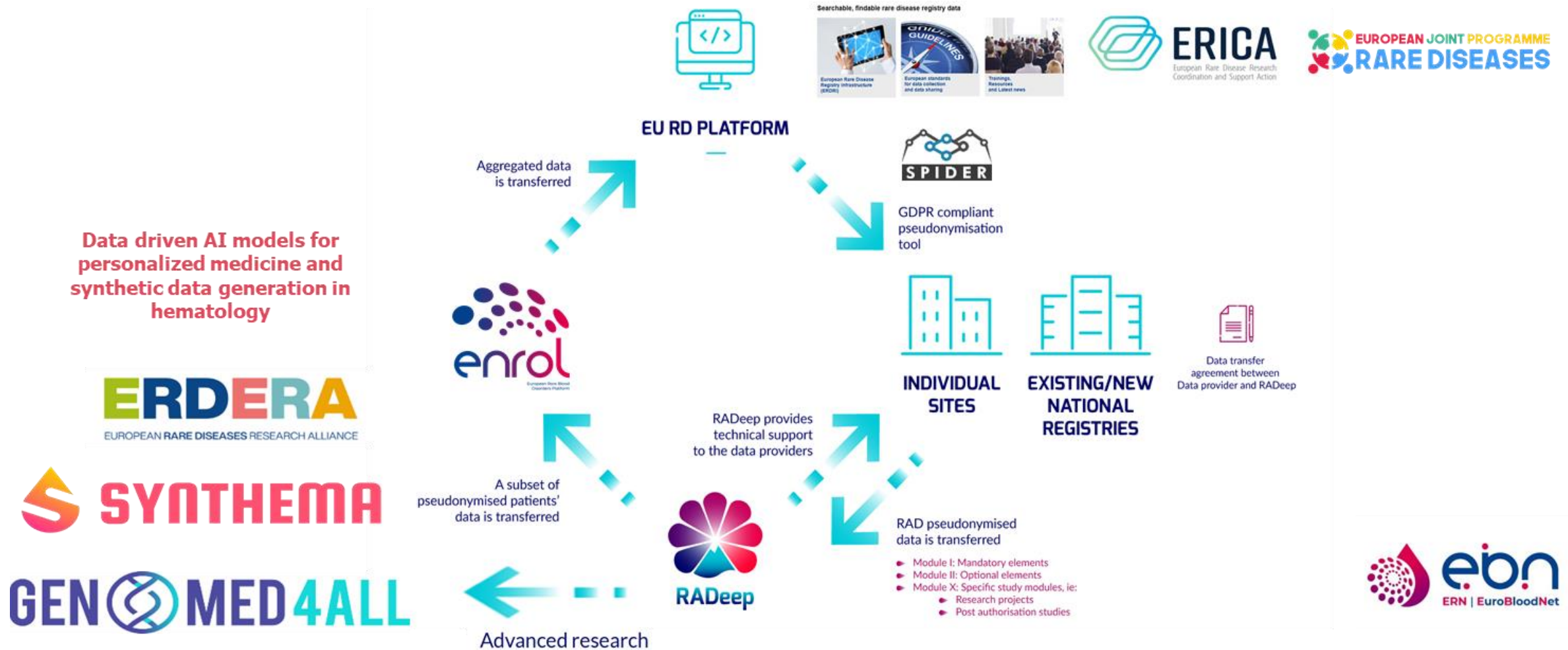
- To enable epidemiological and health burden surveillance of RADs in the EU to improve healthcare planning
- To enable translational and clinical research by collecting enough amount of high quality real world data to generate real world evidence for identification of reliable biomarkers for:
  - Disease progression
  - Prognosis
  - Response to treatments





# Data driven research

- Linking RWD sources: clinical (EHRs), research (Genomics, Metabolomics, functional studies) and patient self-reported data (PROMs, Health forms, socio-economic) to advance research in SCD, THAL and other RADs.





## Take home messages

- On the basis of the strategy of the European Commission and EU Member States on rare diseases, the ERN-EuroBloodNet, ENROL, and RADeep registries have been able to implement the useful and necessary tools to map expertise and best practices in SCD, support and train experts, educate and empower patients, and make registries interoperable while safeguarding patient rights.
- ERN-EuroBloodNet has undoubtedly transformed SCD into a prioritized disease in the EU. By establishing a framework for action, disparities in healthcare in the EU have been reduced.
- Better integration of these actions into national health care systems is a crucial next step. It is addressed through the Joint Action on Integration of ERNs into National Healthcare Systems (JARDIN), which aims to integrate ERNs at the national level and, for research and innovation, through to European Rare Diseases Research Alliance (ERDERA).



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