

External Newsletter n°5: Special Edition. December 2019



### **EDITO**

In this EJP RD newsletter special edition we would like to focus your attention on:

- Pre-announcement of the EJP RD Joint Transnational Call (JTC) 2020 fostering development of new therapies for rare diseases
- EJP RD Internal Call for proposals on Clinical Trials Methodology Demonstration Projects
- The announcement of list of granted projects of the EJP RD JTC2019
- Early bird registration for the joint RE(ACT) Congress & IRDiRC Conference that has been extended until Friday 20 December!

## EJP RD JOINT TRANSNATIONAL CALL 2020 (JTC2020)



The Preliminary Announcement of the <u>EJP RD JTC2020</u> is online! Topic is: PRE-CLINICAL RESEARCH TO DEVELOP EFFECTIVE THERAPIES FOR RARE DISEASES. There will be a two-stage submission procedure for joint applications: pre-proposals and full proposals. The call is scheduled to open on December 13, 2019 and the deadline for the submission of pre-proposal is 12 February, 2020.

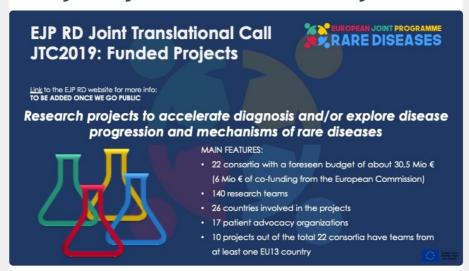
# EJP RD INTERNAL CALL FOR PROPOSALS - CLINICAL TRIALS METHODOLOGY DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS



The Clinical Trials Methodology Demonstration Projects Call is OPEN.

The call fosters the usability and capability of the innovative statistical methodologies for clinical trials in rare diseases, which have not been demonstrated on existing data for specific rare disease clinical trials yet. Only teams from the EJP RD beneficiary institutions (including linked third parties) will be eligible. ERN member institutions and their Affiliated Partners are also eligible. Official call opening: **February 1, 2020.** 

### **EJP RD JTC2019: FUNDED PROJECTS**



In December 2018 the EJP RD launched its first Joint Transnational Call (JTC2019) co-funded with the European Commission to fund multilateral "Research projects to accelerate diagnosis and/or explore disease progression and mechanisms of rare diseases". The aim of the call was to enable scientists in different countries to build an effective collaboration on a common interdisciplinary research project based on complementarities and sharing of expertise, with a clear benefit for patients. Twenty three countries joined this call: Austria, Belgium, Canada (including Québec), Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands and Turkey.

The process included a two-step submission and evaluation procedure.

In the first step a total of 217 eligible pre-proposals were submitted. After careful examination by the Scientific Evaluation Committee (SEC), 52 pre-proposals were selected for full submission. Each of the full proposals was then evaluated by at least two additional external experts whose reviews were sent to project coordinators in order to give them the opportunity of studying the assessments and commenting on experts' arguments and evaluations. Both inputs were taken into account in a second SEC meeting.

Following the second SEC evaluation and ranking of the best projects, 22 consortia with a foreseen budget of about 30,5 Mio  $\in$  were selected for funding, including almost 6 Mio  $\in$  of co-funding from the European Commission. Selected projects can be seen <u>here</u>.



<u>EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION</u> has been extended until 20 December.

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT!

Join a major event on rare diseases in 2020: The <u>RE(ACT) Congress and IRDIRC</u> <u>Conference 2020</u>. When? **March 11-14 2020**. Where? **Berlin, Germany**. <u>Early bird registration</u> has been extended until FRIDAY Dec 20!

Young and professional scientists, patients & patient representatives, as well as other rare diseases stakeholders are welcome to discuss latest cutting-edge research, innovation, and policy with the leaders in the rare disease fields. You can consult the <u>list of speakers</u>.

The scientific program has been inspired by **IRDiRC principles** and achievements and by the **IRDiRC activities foreseen in 2020** and it encompasses topics like diagnosis & artificial intelligence, molecular etiology, innovative clinical trials, patient engagement and drugs for all. <u>Full program</u> is available. For abstract information and submission click <u>here</u>.

This exceptional joint edition is being organized by the <u>Blackswan Foundation</u> and <u>IRDiRC</u> in collaboration with the <u>EJP RD</u> and in partnership with <u>EURORDIS</u> and the <u>Rare Diseases International</u> (RDI, global alliance of people living with rare disease).

To stay updated follow RE(ACT) and IRDIRC on twitter!

This initiative has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under GA N°825575



EJP RD is coordinated by the National Institute for Health and Medical Research (INSERM)



#### **CONTACT US:**

EJP RD Hôpital Pitié-Salpêtrière 4 rue des Petites Loges 75013 PARIS communication(at)ejprarediseases.org Wondering why you receive this email? Click  $\underline{\text{here}}$  to update your preferences.

This email was sent to {{ contact.EMAIL }}
Unsubscribe here

Sent by

