

# ERN ReCONNET

**European Reference Network on  
Rare and Complex Connective Tissue  
and Musculoskeletal Diseases**



**European  
Reference  
Network**

for rare or low prevalence  
complex diseases



**Network**

Connective Tissue  
and Musculoskeletal  
Diseases (ERN ReCONNET)

**Share. Care. Cure.**

**More info:**

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# Specific objectives

**ENHANCE RESEARCH AND  
FACILITATE DATA SHARING**



**IMPROVE AND STANDARDIZE THE  
QUALITY OF CARE OFFERED TO  
rCTDs PATIENTS ACROSS EUROPE**



**PATIENTS'  
EMPOWERMENT**



**PATIENT-CENTERED  
APPROACH**



**SUPPORT EFFICIENT  
USE OF RESOURCES**



**SHARE KNOWLEDGE  
AND EXPERTISE**

## Work Packages

- WP1 Coordination & Management
- WP2 Evaluation
- WP3 Standard clinical guidelines
- WP4 Central ERN IT platform
- WP5 Economic and organization
- WP6 Communication & Dissemination
- WP7 Networking & Sustainability
- WP8 Education
- WP9 Ethical & Legal Issues
- WP10 Data integration & sharing

## Diseases covered

### Rare Connective Tissue Diseases

Antiphospholipid syndrome  
Idiopathic inflammatory Myopathies  
IgG4-related disease  
Mixed connective tissue diseases  
Relapsing Polychondritis  
Systemic sclerosis  
Undifferentiated connective tissue disease

### Complex Connective Tissue Diseases

Sjögren's syndrome  
Systemic lupus erythematosus

### Hereditary Connective Tissue Diseases

Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes

# Patients



Following the founding principles of **patient-centred** care, patient advocate **empowerment**, patient engagement, the ERN ReCONNET is committed to ensure the participation of patients' representatives in all activities of the Network. Their engagement and empowerment are crucial to identify the **needs** and **expectations** of patients and families and to provide the perspective of patients on all relevant aspects

of the ERN strategy, policy & organisational processes.

Their pro-active role is ensured through the EURORDIS European Patients Advocacy Groups (**ePAGs**), a group of elected patients representative that will represent the European community of rare and complex Connective Tissue Diseases (**rCTDs**) patients.



# Healthcare Providers

Members of the ERN ReCONNET are healthcare providers that have **knowledge** and **expertise** on rare and complex connective tissue diseases and that fulfil the criteria and conditions set in the Commission Delegated Decision of 10 March 2014.

New calls to recruit healthcare providers will be launched regularly by the European Commission.



# Clinical Patient Management System



The Clinical Patient Management System (CPMS) allows healthcare providers from all over the EU to organise **virtual consultations** and share experience together across national borders. This will provide patients with the **best expertise** available on diagnosis and treatments of rCTDs.



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