



European Reference Network on rare and complex  
connective tissue and musculoskeletal diseases

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**Criteria for the approval of ERN ReCONNET external experts**

| Parameters          | Definition  | Thresholds   |
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| Research parameters | R1. Participation to national and international study groups for the definitions of recommendations and guidelines for the management of the disease(s) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participation as invited speaker to national and international conferences</li><li>• N. 5 papers in peer reviewed journals with IF of 3 or more over the previous 5 years</li><li>• H index of 10 or more for each CTD</li></ul> |
|                     | R2. Research activity in the field with publications in peer reviewed journals  |  |
|                     | R3. Educational activities in the area of interest  | Educational academic activity, participation to educational courses, participation to educational activities for patients  |

