

ERN ReCONNET Call for Expressions of Interest: Supporting Partners

ERN ReCONNET invites expressions of interest from organisations, healthcare providers (centres of expertise), and individual experts who are willing to actively contribute to the work of the Network as Supporting Partners (SPs).

Purpose of this Call

Supporting Partners are selected based on the expertise and concrete added value they can bring to ERN ReCONNET. This role is intended for stakeholders who are genuinely committed to actively contributing to the Network's activities.

Role and Expectations of Supporting Partners

Supporting Partners are expected to contribute on a voluntary basis to one or more of the following areas:

- Research collaboration
- Educational and training activities
- Dissemination and awareness-raising
- Development of clinical practice guidelines and tools
- Other relevant collaborative initiatives

They may also propose new activities, subject to approval by the Strategic Board.

Please note:

- Supporting Partners do not have voting rights in the ERN ReCONNET governance structures
- They are not eligible for leadership roles within the Network
- Appointment is conditional on active engagement
- Inactivity (e.g. no contribution over 12 months) may lead to termination

Who Can Apply

Applications are open to:

- Medical or scientific societies/organisations* (national, European, or international)
- Healthcare providers / centres of expertise
- Individual experts

Applicants may be based within or outside the European Union.

Important: Applicants must not have any direct or indirect commercial or employment relationship with the European Commission or with ERN ReCONNET Full Members or Affiliated Partners.

** Please note that patient organisations are not included in this call, as a different dedicated procedure is in place within ERN ReCONNET for their involvement.*

Application Requirements

Applicants must submit:

- The relevant application form (depending on category: organisation, centre, or individual expert)
- A CV (mandatory for individual experts; recommended for others)

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Application forms can be accessed below:

- Application form for organisations: <https://bit.ly/SuppPartOrg>
- Application form for healthcare providers (centres of expertise): <https://bit.ly/SuppPartHCPs>
- Application form for individual experts: https://bit.ly/SuppPartn_Ind

Please ensure you use the appropriate application form corresponding to your category.

Selection Process

Applications will undergo:

1. Preliminary review by the Coordination Team (eligibility and completeness)
2. Evaluation by the Strategic Board, based on:
 - Relevance of expertise
 - Added value to the Network
 - Assessment of potential conflicts of interest

Final decisions are made by the Strategic Board and communicated in writing.

Approved applicants will formalise their role through a written agreement.

Important Considerations Before Applying

Before submitting an application, please ensure that:

- You/your centre or your organisation intend to actively participate in ERN ReCONNET activities.
- You/your centre or your organisation can allocate time and resources on a regular basis.
- You/your centre or your organisation's expertise aligns with the Network's priorities.
- You/your centre or your organisation are prepared to collaborate within a structured governance framework.

Deadline

31 May 2026.

Late submissions will not be considered.