

Workshop towards the Coordination of Publicly Funded Clinical Studies and Trials on Infectious Diseases during Outbreaks

14 - 15 May 2024

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14 May - Workshop programme

12:00h - 13:00h	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:00h - 13:20h	Welcoming and opening speech	Frank Vandenbroucke - <i>Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health, Belgium</i>
13:20h - 13:50h	Will there be a new pandemic and what are the potential threats?	Christian Drosten - <i>Charité Berlin, Germany</i>
13:50h - 14:10h	Clinical research response during the COVID-19 pandemic: Lessons learned and how to prepare for the next pandemic	Herman Goossens - <i>University of Antwerp, Belgium</i>
14:10h - 14:30h	Presentation of the Sub-Group of the HERA Board to advise on the prioritisation of clinical trials and their funding for Public Health Emergencies	Cornelius Schmaltz - <i>Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA)</i>
14:30h - 14:45h	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<i>European warm-base Laboratory Networks</i>		
14:45h - 15:00h	LAB-Net	Surbhi Malhotra-Kumar - <i>University of Antwerp, Belgium</i>

15:00h - 15:15h	DURABLE	Christian Drosten - <i>Charité Berlin, Germany</i>
<i>European warm-base Clinical Trials Networks</i>		
15:15h - 15:30h	Ecraid	Marc Bonten - <i>CEO of the Ecraid Foundation, The Netherlands</i>
15:30h - 15:45h	EU-RESPONSE	Maya Hites - <i>Partner of EU-RESPONSE, Belgium</i>
15:45h - 16:00h	PENTA - C4C	Carlo Giaquinto - <i>Coordinator of PENTA and C4C, Italy</i>
16:00h - 16:15h	VACCELERATE	Oliver Cornely - <i>Coordinator of VACCELERATE, Germany</i>
16:15h - 16:45h	COordinating MEchanism for Cohorts and Trials Linking cohorts & clinical trials	Victoria Simensen - <i>NIPH, Norway</i> Evelina Tacconelli - <i>University of Verona, Italy</i>
16:45h - 17:00h	BE READY PLUS	Laurent Jaboeuf – <i>Project Officer BE READY PLUS</i>
17:00h - 17:30h	Introduction to Day 2 on coordination of funding	Safia Thaminy - <i>University of Antwerp, Belgium</i>

19:00h - 22:00h: Dinner at Restaurant Victor Bozar (courtesy of Belgian EU Presidency)

15 May – Workshop programme

<i>Funding Mechanisms and Experience of the COVID-19 Pandemic</i>		
08:15h - 08:45h	<i>Morning coffee</i>	
08:45h - 09:15h	EuCoReFund survey and interviews: preliminary results	Safia Thaminy - <i>University of Antwerp, Belgium</i>
09:15h - 09:30h	<i>Case Study 1</i> The BeNefit program for comparative effectiveness studies: a Belgian-Dutch collaboration	Frank Hulstaert - <i>Federal Healthcare Knowledge Center (KCE), Belgium</i>

09:30h - 09:45h	<i>Case Study 2</i> The Nordic model for funding joint clinical research	Arne Flåøyen - <i>NordForsk, Norway</i>
09:45h - 10:00h	<i>Case Study 3</i> The UK approach	Kate Gerrand - <i>Department of Health and Social Care</i> and Mike Rogers - <i>National Institute for Health Research Coordinating Centre (NIHR), United Kingdom</i>
10:00h - 10:15h	<i>Case Study 4</i> The German approach to coordinating clinical COVID-19 research: the Network of University Medicine (NUM)	Ralf Heyder - <i>Netzwerk Universitätsmedizin (NUM), Germany</i>
10:15h- 10h30h	Case studies Q&A	All
10:30h - 11:00h	<i>Coffee break</i>	
<i>Coordination Mechanism of Clinical Studies and Trials Funding during Future Infectious Disease Outbreaks</i>		
11:00h - 11:15h	Outbreak Response Mechanism: what did and did not work in the PREPARE and RECOVER projects?	Herman Goossens - <i>University of Antwerp, Belgium</i>
11:15h - 12:20h	Plenary discussion: towards a coordination mechanism of clinical studies and trials funding during infectious disease outbreaks	All
<i>Conclusion and Next Steps</i>		
12:20h - 12:30h	Concluding remarks and way forward	Herman Goossens - <i>University of Antwerp, Belgium</i>

12:30h: Lunch and head back home