



# **ERNs ACTION PLAN MEETING**

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# OECI - European Reference Networks on rare cancers

- Aim: develop ERNs linking existing, highly specialized healthcare providers with special knowledge and experience in the field of rare diseases in order to facilitate patient access to care by centralizing expertise and resources
- 3 ERNS on rare cancers:
  - Hematological tumors
  - Pediatric Cancers
  - Solid cancers in adults
- At least 8 countries, 10 centres
- Endorsement of the healthcare provider by an EU member state needed to apply

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- OECI (Organisation of European Cancer Institutes)
- Membership: 70 cancer centres
- Goal : Improve access and quality of care for cancer patients throughout Europe
- OECI Accreditation & Designation programme
- Close relationship with the most important European scientific organisations and ECPC
- Facilitator for the development of such ERNs
- Bring together as many actors as possible and avoid fragmentation and unnecessary competition<sup>3</sup>

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- Input of OECI in the ERNs:
  - Define and bring new partners (cancer centres in ERNs)
  - Accreditation of centre of reference (quality standards)
  - Anatomopathology WG (Sequencing & biomolecular platforms – Quality control for biobanking - Organisation of Second lecture)
  - IT platforms
  - Database
  - Exchange of images.....

through coordination between members

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- Ongoing applications for ERNs on:
  - Hematological rare cancers through EHA
  - Pediatric rare cancers through SIOPE
  - Solid tumours in adults : to be discussed today
- Rarecarenet (G. Gatta): Impressive work done
- Deep involvement of ESMO (P. Casali)
- Support of ECPC (F. De Lorenzo)
- Involvement of EORTC : specific organisation of research