



ERNs at five years from their launch; situation and future

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Networks

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Key achievements so far

24 ERNs



2017

Setting up

2019

Affiliated partners

2022

Enlargement

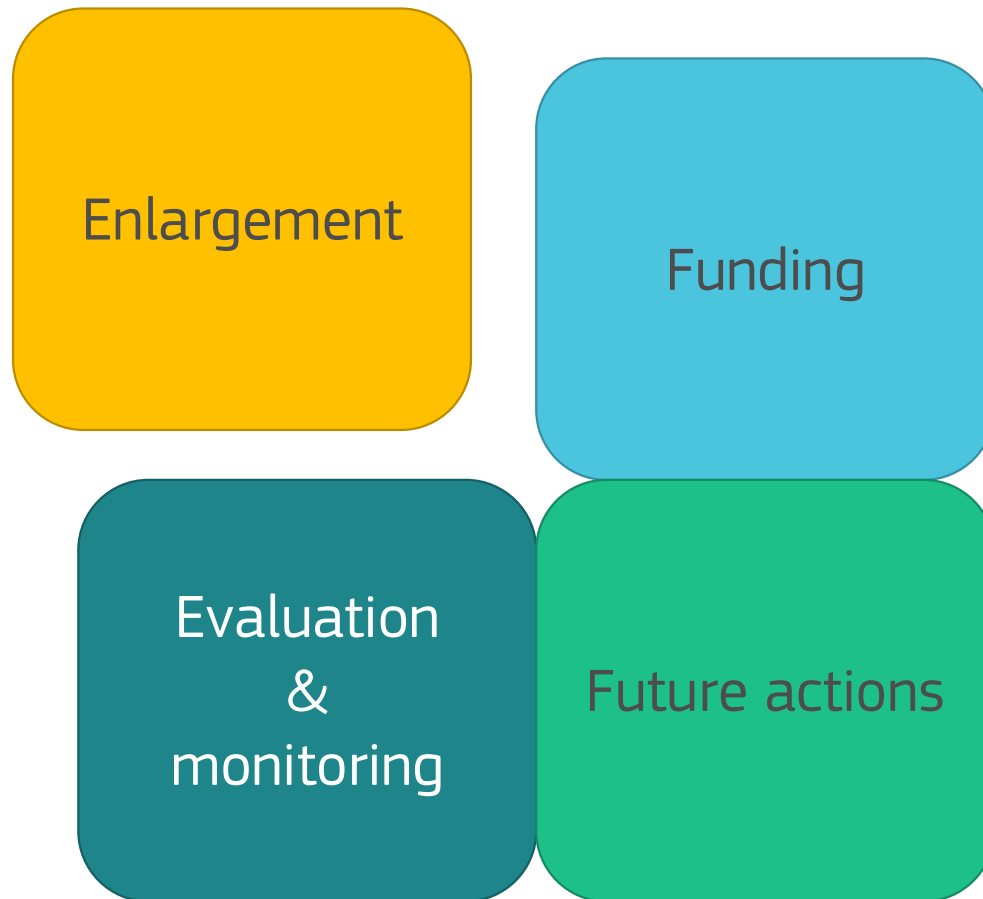
Established structure

- ✓ Clear Legal Basis and Institutional framework
- ✓ Consolidated governance structure and networking capacity
- ✓ EU funding sources available
- ✓ Joint ownership (Member States authorities, patients, health professionals, hospitals, EU institutions)
- ✓ Strong political support (EU) and perceived as a good example of European cooperation
- ✓ 24 Networks started their clinical work with patients

Actions and outcomes

- ✓ Clinical cooperation, **patient cases** discussed virtually (CPMS)
- ✓ Knowledge Generation and development of **training, education and awareness** actions
- ✓ Development and implementation of **clinical practice guidelines**
- ✓ Important number of **scientific publications**
- ✓ Development of **research projects**
- ✓ Support for ERN patient **registries** as part of EHDS

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Enlargement of the Networks (01/01/2022)

843 Applications

630 Assessed by IAB

All MS + Norway covered

846

Old members

620 New members

1466 Full members + 288* Affiliated partners

~ 1600 HCP Units



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Funding



- Adopted 27 March 2021
- EU4Health Programme 2021-2027
- €5.3 billion for actions with an EU added value
- ERNs in programme's specific objectives



Funding – Bridge Direct Grant



CEF
Registries
Coordination

2022

“Bridge”
Direct Grant

2023

New “Consolidated” Direct Grants

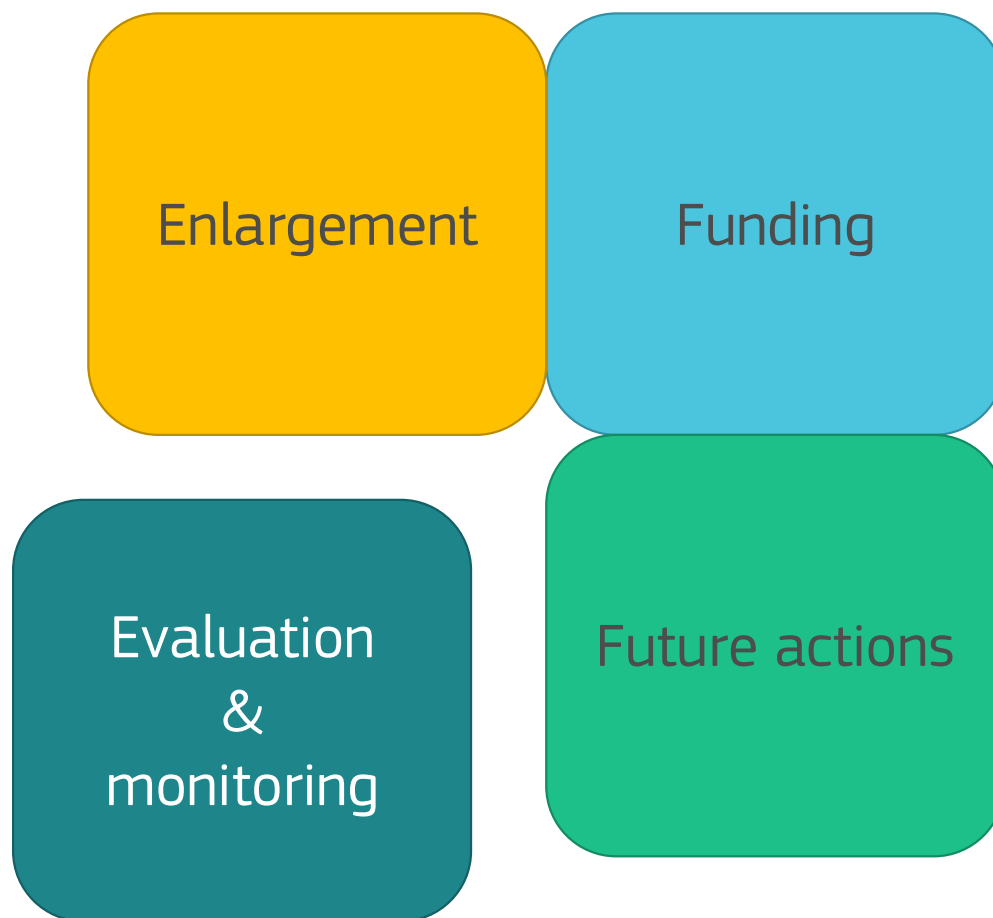
2027

- Same type as current ERNs Coordination grants; same financial & administrative reporting rules;
- Up to 100% eligible costs;
- Start 1st March 2022;
- Overall budget: 26 mill. EUR for all 24 ERNs
- Duration 18 months;
- NO competitive call, but through the Funding & Tender Opportunities portal;

* Avoid double-funding between “Bridge direct grant” and CEF/Registries

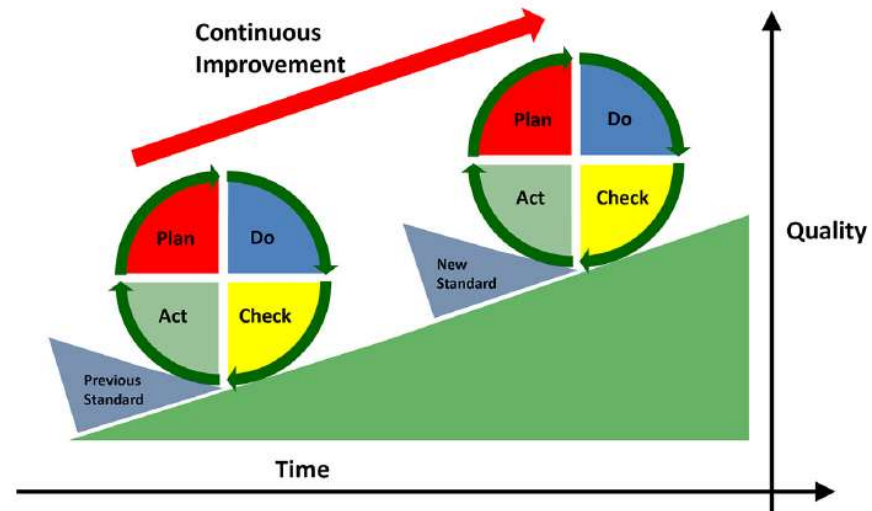


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AMEQUIS

- **A**ssessment
- **M**onitoring
- **E**valuation
- **Q**uality
- **I**mprovement
- **S**ystem



Initial assessment of networks (Delegated Decision 2014/286/EU)

Continuous monitoring of performance of ERNs and their members (18 common indicators (structure, process and outcomes) agreed by ERNs)

Periodic evaluation of performance of the networks and their members, **five years** after their approval or last evaluation (Implementing Decision 2014/287/EU)

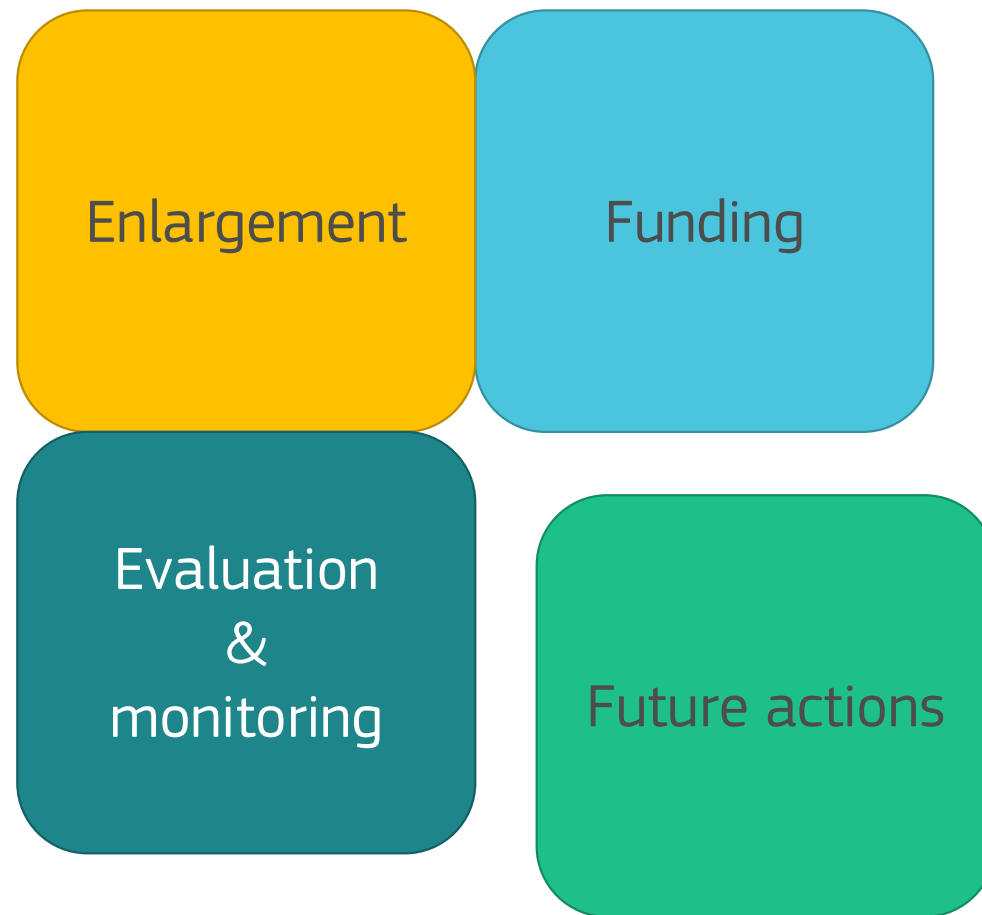
5 years evaluation



- Methodology, manual and procedure for the evaluation; to be completed in Q1 2022. Final AMEQUIS conference organised on 18/01/2022
- Appointment of new **Independent Assessment and Evaluation** body: 1st half 2022
- Start of the ERN **5-year evaluation**: 2nd half 2022
- **Final evaluation reports** on each network and each member: 2023



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Future actions



New IT tools

- New CPMS
- EU Academy

Continuous training

- ERN Clinical Practice Guidelines programme
- ERN Professional mobility programme

Research & registries

- ERICA & EJP-RD
- European Health Data Space

Integration

- Joint Action on ERN integration into national healthcare systems (2022)





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