STRATEGIC PLAN
2021-2023

ECRIN - COORDINATING CLINICAL RESEARCH IN EUROPE
INTRODUCTION

ECRIN is the European Research Infrastructure for multinational clinical trials, started in 2004 and operating under the ERIC-status since 2013.

Since 2013, ECRIN has grown in the number and importance of projects, in its presence in the European life science and research infrastructure landscape, in its services and tools for its national partners, but also in assisting the European Union in achieving challenging scientific missions to improve the lives of all European citizens.

ECRIN’s vision is to generate scientific evidence to optimise medical practice and our mission is to support the conduct of multinational clinical research in Europe.

Over the years, though each strategic and annual workplan was responsive to the specific times and evolving environment in which it was created, the primary objective remains our enduring and core value proposition.

ECRIN’s mission, vision and strategic values continue to drive the strategic priorities and the development of the infrastructure and services offer. ECRIN looks to answer, even anticipate the users’ needs, be leading-edge as well as recognised as the reference in the setup and management of multinational clinical trials in Europe.

This strategy sets out ECRIN’s priorities over the next three years. They define areas of focus for ECRIN and carve out a path to advance our mission and vision.

KEY FIGURES

12 COUNTRIES
350M CITIZENS REPRESENTED
60 CLINICAL TRIALS
6 AVG # OF COUNTRIES/TRIAL
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1. **GOAL 1**
   - Ensure ECRIN as the Reference Research Infrastructure (RI) for the planning and management of high quality multinational clinical research.

2. **GOAL 2**
   - Anticipate changes in clinical research.

3. **GOAL 3**
   - Strengthen and develop balanced partnerships with users and patients that lead to more efficient and successful clinical research.

4. **GOAL 4**
   - Enhance the recognition of ECRIN’s corporate identity.

5. **GOAL 5**
   - Create a cohesive cooperative pan-European CTU infrastructure: building the ECRIN community.

6. **GOAL 6**
   - Develop and strengthen collaboration of pan-European medical research infrastructures (EU-AMRI).
GOAL 1
ENSURE ECRIN AS THE REFERENCE RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE (RI) FOR THE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF HIGH QUALITY MULTINATIONAL CLINICAL RESEARCH

Enhance collaboration with national partners to develop the capacity of European research infrastructures to better support investigator-initiated clinical trials and map the CTUs’ expertise

Develop/expand the qualification of CTUs

Adapt the internal processes and expertise to better meet the users’ needs

Engage with the regulators

Increase involvement in strategic and science policy action at EU and national levels

Expand to new countries and beyond Europe
GOAL 2
ANTICIPATE CHANGES IN CLINICAL RESEARCH

ACTION 1
Perform Horizon scanning

ACTION 2
Prioritise the new areas of interest to maintain ECRIN at the cutting edge

ACTION 3
Extend the scope of activities, develop specialised expertise and capacity of national partners

ACTION 4
Promote clinical data sharing
**GOAL 3**

**STRENGTHEN AND DEVELOP BALANCED PARTNERSHIPS WITH USERS AND PATIENTS THAT LEAD TO MORE EFFICIENT AND SUCCESSFUL CLINICAL RESEARCH**

**ACTION 1**
Engage with investigation/disease networks, research organisations, industry

**ACTION 2**
Collaborate and exchange with the patients’ community

**GOAL 4**

**ENHANCE THE RECOGNITION OF ECRIN’S CORPORATE IDENTITY**

**ACTION 1**
Establish corporate communication aligned with ECRIN as a mature organisation

**ACTION 2**
Optimise visibility

**ACTION 3**
Strengthen communication in synergy with national partners
GOAL 5
CREATE A COHESIVE COOPERATIVE PAN-EUROPEAN CTU INFRASTRUCTURE: BUILDING THE ECRIN COMMUNITY

ACTION 1
Enhance structured interaction between ECRIN, its Network Committee and the national scientific networks

ACTION 2
Reinforce the involvement of national partners (CTUs*) in ECRIN activities

GOAL 6
DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION OF PAN-EUROPEAN MEDICAL RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES (EU-AMRI)

ACTION 1
Synergise communication and advocacy actions

ACTION 2
Develop federated tools/services for the benefit of the user communities

ACTION 3
Contribute to the medical component of the EOSC**

*CTUs: Clinical Trial Units
**EOSC: European Open Science Cloud