ECRIN-On-Board (EoB)

Support to Improve Your Funding Applications for Multinational Clinical Trials

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WHAT'S ECRIN-ON-BOARD (EoB)?

As part of its support for trial preparation, the European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (ECRIN) offers a unique service called "ECRIN-On-Board" (EoB).
The goal is to help multinational clinical research projects improve the quality of their applications for multinational funding. This is achieved through early support on the protocol and the logistical and operational aspects of the project design.

EoB AT A GLANCE: HOW IT WORKS?

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The principal investigator (PI) submits a short study synopsis to the ECRIN European Correspondent (EuCo) in his/her country.

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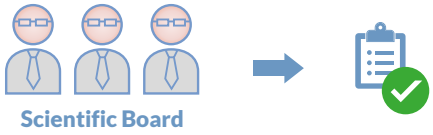

ECRIN's Scientific Board provides independent methodological review

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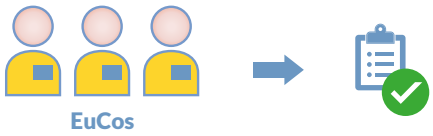

ECRIN's EuCos advise on logistical/operational issues and structural components including: work package organisation (particularly regarding clinical trial organisation), regulatory and ethical issues, insurance, contracting, monitoring, costs, risk and mitigation, trial oversight, site identification and selection, governance, consortium composition, management, etc.

TIMELINE

Synopses should be prepared three to six months before the funding application deadline. Support is generally given within four to six weeks based on pre-defined deadlines.

ELIGIBILITY

Investigators from ECRIN Member Countries are eligible to use the EoB service.

BENEFITS

Investigators benefit from early collaborative involvement of ECRIN in the application process, taking full advantage of ECRIN's expertise in multinational trial management.

Note: EoB does not draft the actual application.

EoB FAQ

What are the funding opportunities?
EoB support can be provided for any European call for multinational clinical research. Currently, the main opportunity is the Horizon 2020 (H2020) Societal Challenge 1 (SC1) programme on "Health, demographic change and well-being". Another opportunity is E-Rare, the ERA-Net for research programmes on rare diseases.

Who can apply?
EoB support is provided for free on a first-come, first-served basis to projects from ECRIN Member Countries. Only projects involving partnerships across multiple countries are considered.

How can I apply?
To apply for EoB support, PIs (or other interested parties) should send a study synopsis using the EoB template (see here www.ecrin.org/activities/ecrin-on-board) to their local European Correspondent (EuCo) and the EoB focal point (ecrinonboard@ecrin.org). (In cases where investigators already have a full protocol, they can submit it along with the study synopsis.)
The synopsis should be sent several weeks before the application deadline.
Synopses submitted to EoB will be dealt with under the strictest confidentiality.

What is the timeline for feedback?
Pending endorsement of the synopsis by ECRIN, a methodologist from the ECRIN Scientific Board will be assigned to each study for independent review. The methodologist will assess the synopsis and will provide recommendations. In parallel, consulting on operational and logistical aspects, as well as advice on the application, will be given for free by the ECRIN's EuCos and Core Team.
The methodological review (and operational/logistical assessment) will be completed several weeks before the call deadline, allowing investigators sufficient time to modify their projects if necessary.

ABOUT ECRIN

The European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (ECRIN) is a non-profit organisation that supports the conduct of multinational clinical trials in Europe. ECRIN offers diverse support services for the preparation, validation and, in particular, the implementation of investigator-initiated, multinational clinical trials. In addition, ECRIN contributes to capacity building projects aiming to establish shared services in biomedical areas and to foster international cooperation in non-commercial trials.

ECRIN's organisational model is based on country membership and it currently has seven Member countries (France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Portugal and Spain) and two Observer countries (Czech Republic and Switzerland). Each country hosts a European Correspondent (EuCo), an ECRIN staff member who manages the clinical trial portfolio and coordinates with the national scientific partner (i.e., network of clinical trial units, or CTUs), with support from the Paris-based Core Team.

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