

# Webinar on contractual agreements

16 April 2026, 09:00- 12:30 (CET)

Online meeting

The effective negotiation and implementation of contractual agreements remain a central challenge in the conduct of clinical trials across Europe. Stakeholders have repeatedly highlighted the absence of dedicated platforms where common topic issues can be discussed with the right expertise and representation.

In response, this webinar brings together national and EU-level experiences to share insights into contractual templates initiatives and raise awareness of the complexities within the contractual agreement process, often causing delays in the start of the recruitment after regulatory approval of the trial application.

In alignment with one of the [Key Performance Indicators](#) developed by [ACT EU](#), focused on achieving 66% of clinical trials recruiting patients within 200 calendar days or less from the date of application submission, this webinar serves as a first step to set the scene, learn from ongoing initiatives and stimulate discussions on the current European landscape of clinical site agreements.

The agenda will cover ongoing national and international initiatives, to openly discuss barriers and challenges faced by stakeholders.

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*Chaired by Laura Pioppo (EMA) and Romina Escobar (DG RTD)*

08:45	Joining and technical checks	
<b>09:00</b>	<b>Opening remarks</b>	<b>5 min</b>
	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> <i>Laura Pioppo (EMA) and Romina Escobar (DG RTD)</i>	
<b>09:05</b>	<b>Landscape analysis</b>	<b>15 min</b>
	<b>Mapping of Member States resources on Contractual Agreements templates</b> <i>Speaker TBC</i>	
<b>09:20</b>	<b>Session 1: National experiences</b>	<b>85 min</b>
	<i>Speakers to be confirmed</i>	60 min
	<b>Q&amp;A session</b>	25 min
<b>10:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	<b>30 min</b>
<b>11:15</b>	<b>Session 2: EU level experiences</b>	<b>30 min</b>
	<b>ERA4HEALTH Partnership Contract template developed by ECRIN</b> <i>Mihaela Matei (ECRIN)</i>	20 min
	<b>Q&amp;A session</b>	10 min
<b>11:45</b>	<b>Session 3: Other experiences (TBC)</b>	<b>30 min</b>
	<i>Speakers to be confirmed</i>	20 min
	<b>Q&amp;A session</b>	10 min
<b>12:15</b>	<b>Closing remarks &amp; next steps</b>	<b>15 min</b>
	<i>Laura Pioppo (EMA) and Romina Escobar (DG RTD)</i>	