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Dear friends and colleagues,

2020 has been an exceptional year, overshadowed by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which have challenged global health systems. However, despite the challenges faced, we are confident that the learnings from this crisis (i.e. unprecedented measures implemented in order to ensure patient care and the conduct of clinical trials) will improve paediatric clinical research in many ways in the future, e.g. by using new remote technologies and innovative methods arising from these learnings.

This year we met only virtually, at 3 remote meetings of the member networks and the Coordinating Group. We had the opportunity to discuss various approaches and best practices of conducting clinical research during the pandemic, in addition to progressing other initiatives from our working groups.

Unfortunately, we were not able to hold an open workshop this year. Nevertheless, we have been able to progress our shared goals because of your continued engagement and enthusiasm. Please find an update on the current status of our projects and initiatives in the report from the most recent meeting of the member networks and the Coordinating Group, which took place on the 28th of September:

[Report from the 2020 annual meeting of the members and Coordinating Group of the European network of paediatric research at the EMA \(Enpr-EMA\)](#)

We would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and your hard work for medicines for children, especially during these very challenging times. In the coming months and years, further engagement regarding the regulatory environment for paediatric research will be crucial and needed, via the European Commission's evaluation of the Paediatric Regulation and the Orphan Regulation in the context of the EU pharmaceutical strategy. Therefore, we would like to encourage everyone to provide their thoughts during the [open consultation by 6 January 2021](#) in order to help find the best possible option to enhance the situation.

We wish you a relaxing festive season and a healthy and happy New Year 2021. We look forward to continuing our work together, and we are hopeful that we will have the opportunity to come together in person again.

Best wishes,

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