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# Clinical Trial Regulation and Clinical Trials Information System (CTIS) - what changes in 2022

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## The Clinical Trial Regulation: *where we come from*



### **...Before May 2004**

National rules, different processes/requirements for authorisation in each EU Member States

...resulted in delays and complications

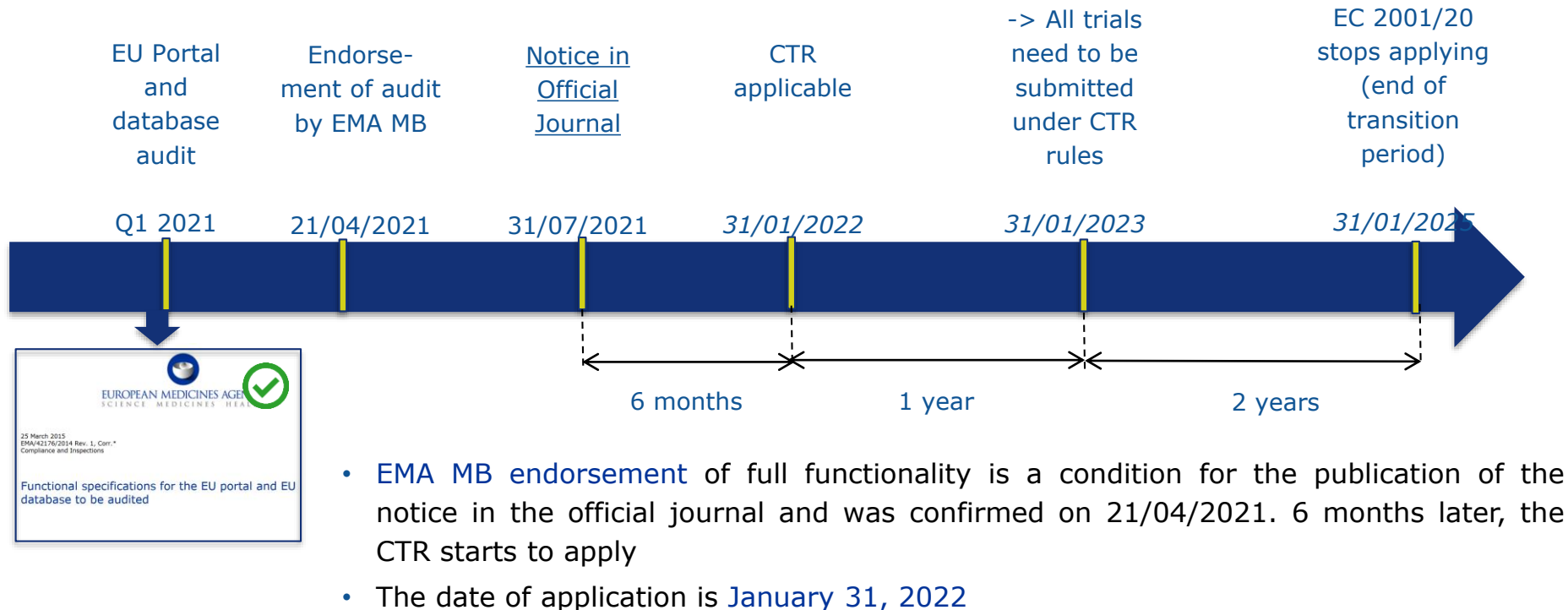
### **...Directive 2001/20/EC (since 1 May 2004)**

First step to harmonise processes and requirements for clinical trial authorisations

Introduction of e-application form

### **...Regulation (EU) No. 536/2014 (published May 2014)**

Full harmonisation and combined assessment of multinational trials (after full functionality of the EU portal and EU database)  
e-submission



## Why CTIS?

CTIS is the business tool of the **Clinical Trials Regulation**.  
CTIS **harmonises the submission, assessment and supervision of clinical trials.**



### Public health

Facilitates large-scale trials to address key health issues (COVID, EU Beating Cancer plan...)



### Research and innovation

Enables knowledge sharing and expert collaboration.



### Investment in research

Ensures the EU/EEA remains an attractive clinical research hub globally.

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- ✓ The **single EU entry point** for clinical trial application submissions for sponsors (e-dossier)  
*A single application and maintenance process, dossier and timeline; covering clinical trial application to NCA, submission to ethics committee and registration of the clinical trial in a public register; all in one integrated submission*
- ✓ Harmonised and simplified **end-to-end electronic application procedures** over the life-cycle of clinical trials across the EU
- ✓ Collaboration and **coordination in evaluation and supervision of clinical trials** for Member States
- ✓ Fully **electronic exchange** of information between sponsors and Member States
- ✓ Digital secured **archive** of documents, decisions and information on a clinical trial

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- ✓ Offers searchable **clinical trial information** to the patient, the healthcare professional and the general public
- ✓ Clinical trial **results available in lay language**
- ✓ Information can be retrieved for the life-cycle of a **clinical trial or investigational medicinal product** across trials

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- ✓ Patient safety is enhanced in clinical trials as CTIS provides an end-to-end electronic solution for safety reporting of trials
- ✓ CTIS facilitates a harmonised assessment in Europe, supported by agreed assessment report templates
- ✓ The clinical trial module of EudraVigilance is updated for the electronic reporting of SUSARs by sponsors and re-routing to Member States
- ✓ CTIS provides for one single decision per Member State Concerned
- ✓ CTIS delivers an electronic Annual safety reports (ASRs) repository

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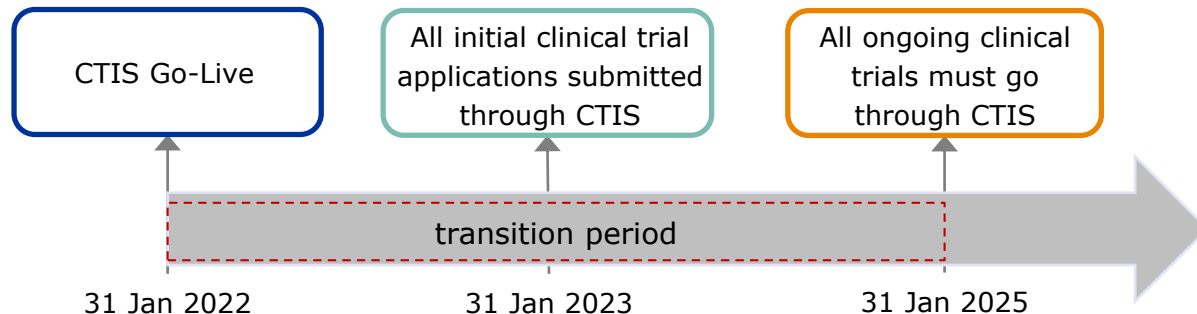
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- ✓ CTIS is a unique intuitive tool that facilitates submission of clinical trial applications including those for trials across borders and for investigation of rare diseases. It thereby also supports academic innovative work.
- ✓ CTIS offers structured data to allow efficient reporting for scientists
- ✓ A clinical trial can be extended to more Member States e.g. to enhance recruitment rates without resubmission/reassessment of the clinical trial application. The implemented CTIS timelines can be shortened.

After Go-Live Member States will use CTIS from the start while sponsors can make use of a transition period.

The volume of **publicly available data in CTIS will gradually start to accumulate.**



# Clinical Trials Information System - CTIS



- *Focus:*
  - *Ensure quality and stability of CTIS*
  - *Deliver CTIS for go-live*
  - *Put effort now into preparing for CTIS Go Live*
- *Get ready:*
  - *Define functions and processes embedding CTIS*
  - *Nominate the Administrator (if applicable)*
  - *Define the form of your organisations*
  - *Choose the people to work with CTIS, train the people implement the processes*
- *Countdown has started:*
  - **Go Live 31 January 2022**



Thank you for your attention

## Further information

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