



# Enpr-EMA Annual Workshop and Members Meeting

## **EUREC'S Perspective**

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Welcome to EUREC

**European Network of Research Ethics Committees - EUREC**

*EUREC is a network*

*that brings together already existing national Research Ethics Committees (RECs) associations,*

*networks or comparable initiatives on the European level.*

*The network promotes **capacity building and assistance for local RECs to cooperate** in the European Research Area.*

## EUREC does and could do...

- EUREC-EnprEMA collaboration;
  - Survey on several questions regarding RECS's views;
  - Participation in meetings;
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- Work on a closer collaboration and communication with stakeholders and RECs;
  - Useful channel to disseminate knowledge and expertise;
  - Develop Training Bootcamps for RECs' members.

## Understand PDCO's requirements and communicate with RECs

- **More active role** in informing requirements and guidelines; **improve dissemination** of knowledge from PDCO;
  - ⇒ **Discussion (and training) of RECs' members**
- **More communication** between PDCO's representatives of the CA of each European country;
- **Inclusion** of national and international **associations of RECs**;
- **Pro-active communication with** patient representatives and health professionals.

## Nevertheless ....

- RECs are independent in evaluating the trials;
  - ✓ disagreement is possible; there is and should be room for disagreement
- PDCO's requirements are **an advice** to the legally competent REC; **should not be mandatory** for RECs;
- RECs' disagreement should be explained.
  - **Work in collaboration** to develop common plans for new drugs and protocols and to protect the best interests of minors.

# Suggestions for the Future

- Develop and implement national and European standards *whenever possible*
  - Develop paediatric expertise and a fully aware of all PDCO requirements, EMA guidelines and all other paediatric research recommendations
    - **Develop common understanding and improve competences** of REC's members by **training activities**.
  - **Expand children/adolescents' pilot projects** in designing consent forms and recruiting materials
- ❖ **EUREC – EnprEMA as a platform for discussion and/or advice**

# Thank You!

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