



ACT EU Training for non-commercial sponsors:
Transitioning trials to CTIS

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TRANSITION OF CLINICAL TRIALS

THE ETHICS COMMITTEE PERSPECTIVE

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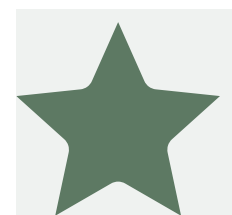
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Ongoing clinical trials should complete transition from the Clinical Trials Directive to the EU Clinical Trials Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 536/2014) by the deadline of 30 January 2025



What



When



How



Our experience



What clinicals trials should transition?

Ongoing clinical trials expected to continue beyond 30 Jan 2025, i.e. with at least one active site in the EU/EEA on 30 Jan 2025

- transition will be done only in those MSs where the trial has active sites
 - and only for the active sites




When should clinical trials be transitioned?

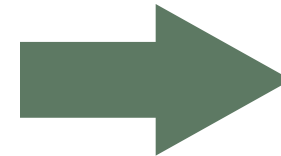
- At sponsor's earliest convenience
- Provided that not SM is under assessment in any MSC
- Considering the maximum CTR timelines, the sponsor should start transition not later than 16 October 2024




How shall clinical trials be transitioned?


EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY

**DIRECTIVE 2001/20/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 4 April 2001**
on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the implementation of good clinical practice in the conduct of clinical trials on medicinal products for human use




EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY
SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH

REGULATIONS

**REGULATION (EU) No 536/2014 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
of 16 April 2014**
on clinical trials on medicinal products for human use, and repealing Directive 2001/20/EC
(Text with EEA relevance)

The transition should be an administrative process:
minimum assessment to ensure compliance with CTR

★ How



Initial application marked as a transitional trial

Form

MSCs

Part I •

Part II •

- BE

- CZ

- FR

- DE

- IT

- ES

Evaluation

Timetable

- Country specific details (Part II - Spain)
 - Trial sites
 - Documents
 - Recruitment Arrangements
 - Subject information and informed consent form
 - Suitability of the investigator
 - Suitability of the facilities
 - Proof of insurance cover or indemnification
 - Financial and other arrangements
 - Compliance with national requirements on Data Protection
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Part II

What was already assessed will not be reassessed! Validation procedure

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Minimum requirements



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(under CTD)
versions of the
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Sheet/ICFs



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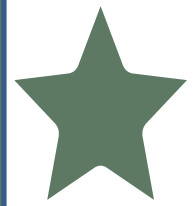
Financial and other arrangements

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For the other slots, upload a (blank) document confirming that this aspect was covered by the conclusion assessment under CTD

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Only active sites

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- Stating name of the EC which has given a positive opinion under CTD.
- Listing Part II documents approved under the CTD being submitted:

Member State	Type of document	Version and Date of the document approved per Member State	Date of approval		Comment
			National Competent Authority (if applicable)	Ethics Committee (if applicable)	

(add rows as appropriate)

Latest authorized (under CTD)
version of the Subjects'
Information Sheet/ICFs



If beyond minimum requirements, state it clearly in the cover letter

Most MSCs accept the transition minimum requirements

Information will be published shortly on the EU Commission website

In the meantime,
check specific
requirements
with MS national
contact



Next Substantial Modification



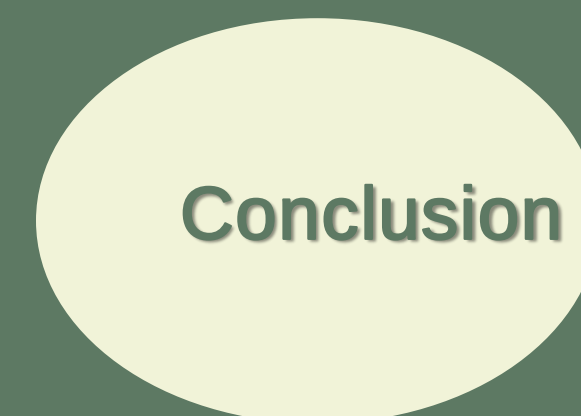
At first Substantial Modification of Part II, the sponsor should submit the authorized versions of the documents not uploaded at initial transition step

Clearly indicate in the Cover letter:

1. Documents which are new/amended due to the Substantial Modification
2. Documents uploaded to complete trial dossier



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The sponsor will provide the outstanding authorized documents



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✓ Only active sites

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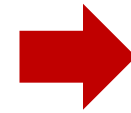


✓ If study recruitment has finished, NO need to upload recruitment material

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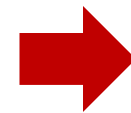
✓ No need to retrospectively create a site suitability form

Proof of insurance cover or indemnification

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✓ New templates under CTR (not authorised under CTD) will be submitted

NO need to update templates of forms approved under CTD

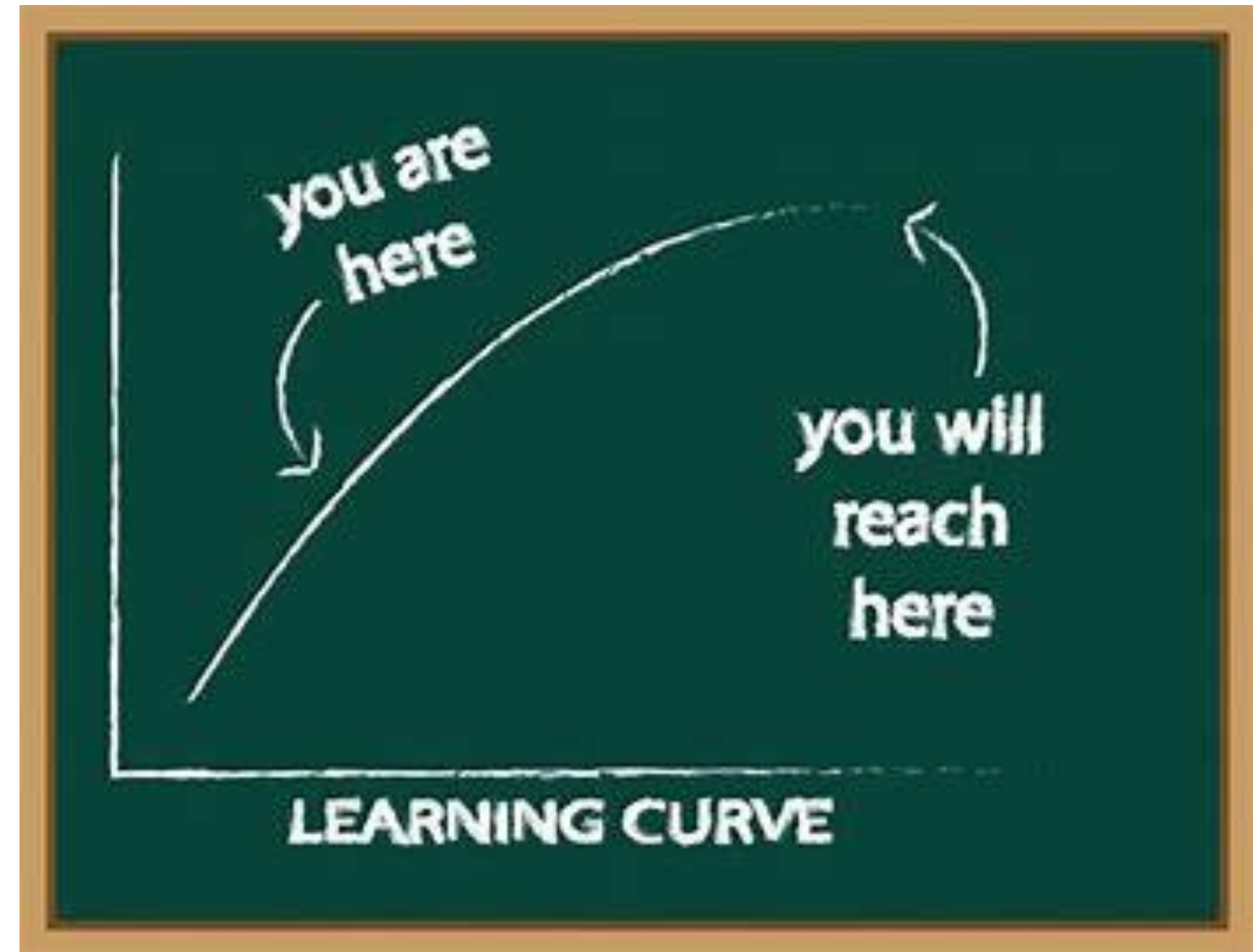
Our experience as EC in transition trials in Spain

- **So far, we were the Ethics Committee (CTD) of the trials transitioning**
- **Minor issues identified:**
 - ❖ **Missing documents:**
 - When multiple Subject Information Sheet/ICF have been authorized, some may be missing
 - When beyond minimum requirements, some sites documents may be missing
 - ❖ **Errors in the cover letter (documents not well versioned; mismatch between cover letter and docs)**



TO APPLY LEARNINGS

- To harmonize and simplify processes and criteria
- To be transparent on requirements
- Contact your MS contact point if and when required



IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO TAKE HOME

**DO NOT EXHAUST TIMELINES:
TRANSITION TAKES TIME AND LAST-MINUTE UNEXPECTED
SHOWSTOPPERS MAY ARISE**

Start transition not later than 16 October 2024

**Remember the two-week
winter clock stop**



THANK YOU!

