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# **Break out session 1**

## **Proposals on how to develop and foster new networks**

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# Summary – Proposals on how to develop and foster new networks (group 1)

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- Need for national networks and specialty networks (both are important).
- National networks to provide the infrastructure to do the trials
- Specialty networks to deal with strategic issues and trial design.
- Methodological expertise (e.g. PK studies) not always available in specialty networks.



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- How do we encourage new networks to start?
- Difficult to start from zero (without infrastructure).
- More successful when there's a registry.
- More successful when disease is life threatening.
- Expertise are around, need to speak with successful networks (i.e. information about logistics, funding, etc).



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- How do you get the resources to get people together?
- European funding / national funding.
- Enpr-EMA to promote a start up handbook?
- Is it realistic to approach national governments for financial support in the current economic crisis?
- Is it not a duty for specialist societies to contribute?



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- Learning societies have a big responsibility in supporting networks.
- Money may be not as important as actually starting and surrounding yourself with the appropriate enthusiastic people.
- Funding for learned societies is also under pressure.
- Enpr-EMA should be the platform to be able to start helping new networks to be developed.



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- Best way to foster a new network is to have a successful CT (based on a good idea).
- Getting doctors motivated to do research nowadays is difficult.
- More ethics involvement in the networks.