Standards and Interoperability within the **RD-Connect project**

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RD-Connect Infrastructure for Rare Disease Research

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6-year project funded by EU 7th Framework Programme An integrated platform connecting genomic data with clinical information, registries, and biobanks for rare disease research

Overall objective: To contribute to IRDIRC objectives of delivering 200 new therapies for rare diseases, and means to diagnose most rare diseases by 2020

- > To create a central system for the reprocessing, storing, analysis and sharing of -omics data
 - Including integration of phenotypic and biosample data
 - > Development of **new bioinformatic tools** to aid detailed analysis
- Ethical and legal considerations for sharing of sensitive data



RD-Connect Platform (platform.rd-connect.eu)

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An integrated platform connecting databases, registries, biobanks and clinical bioinformatics for rare disease research

Welcome to the central platform for access to data submitted by RD-Connect's partner projects. The online Genome-Phenome Analysis Platform is now open for submissions from all users.

This site acts as a dashboard for the component parts of RD-Connect. Here you will find links to the tools and associated guides that have been developed to help you with your rare disaese research.

If you would like more information on the RD-Connect project, please visit the RD-Connect Website.

Registration

To access the RD-Connect online Genome-Phenome Analysis Platform, you need to be a validated user. We are happy to accept registrations from users who wish to explore the data as well as users who want to submit their genomics data.

To register, please click the button below where we'll request some information to validate your credentials. If you have any questions, please email us at help@rd-connect.eu to request access to the analysis interface.

Registration Form »

Genome-Phenome Analysis Platform (GPAP)

Data from sequencing experiments submitted by participating research projects is processed with a standard pipeline and made available for online analysis through a user-friendly interface to authorised users.

If you want to submit data or have any questions, please email us at platform@rd-connect.eu.

Login »

Video tutorial »

FAQ »

Release notes »

Try out the GPAP

(Fake data)

PhenoTips

Detailed phenotypic information for donors with omics data in the system is available in the platform through PhenoTips.

Access PhenoTips »

PhenoTips Guide »

Registry & Biobank Finder

The Registry & Biobank Finder is an online catalogue listing biobanks and patient registries connected to RD-Connect.

Access to the Registry & Biobank Finder »

Propose new registries/biobanks »

Join EuroBioBank »

Registry & Biobank Finder video tutorial »

Biosample Catalogue

The Sample Catalogue is an online sample-level database enabling researchers to search for rare disease biosamples and contact the EuroBioBank biobank holding the samples.

Search for samples »

Access the sample catalogue »

About EuroBioBank »

Bioinformatics Tools

Bioinformatics tools and related resources developed within or made available through the NeurOmics, EURenOmics and RD-Connect consortia.

List of tools »

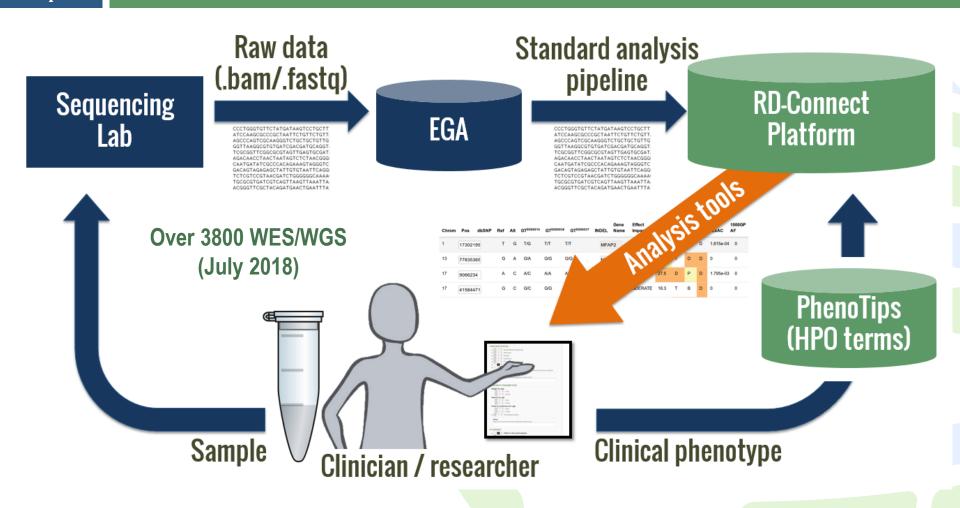




RD-Connect Genome-Phenome Analysis Platform (GPAP)



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Ethics Committee Approval, GDPR Compliance, Code of Conduct, Data Access Committee, Security audited, User Activity logged



RD-Connect uses PhenoTips for collecting phenotypic data

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Information from PhenoTips can be sent directly to other tools within the platform (e.g. Exomiser, MME)

Deep phenotyping in PhenoTips (Brudno *et al.*) achieved using the Human Phenotype Ontology (HPO – Robinson, Köhler *et al.*)

Diseases classified using the Orphanet Rare Disease Ontology and OMIM identifiers

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Phenotype	
Basics	>
Diagnosis	>
Clinical symptoms	>







Data standards and ontologies for FAIR compliance and interoperability

Phenotypic data

- User interface
- Phenopackets
- API



OMIM[®]

Clinical symptoms:

Human Phenotype Ontology*

Clinical diagnosis:

Orphanet Rare Disease Ontology (ORDO)*

Molecular diagnosis:

Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man*

Genomic data

- FastQ/BAM/VCF
- User interface
- API



Gene nomenclature:

HUGO gene nomenclature (HGNC)



Variant nomenclature:

Human genome variation society (HGVS)



Variant annotation:

Ensembl (VEP)

Standard analysis pipeline: Laurie et al., 2016









RD-Connect Register Biobank Finder

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http://catalogue.rd-connect.eu/





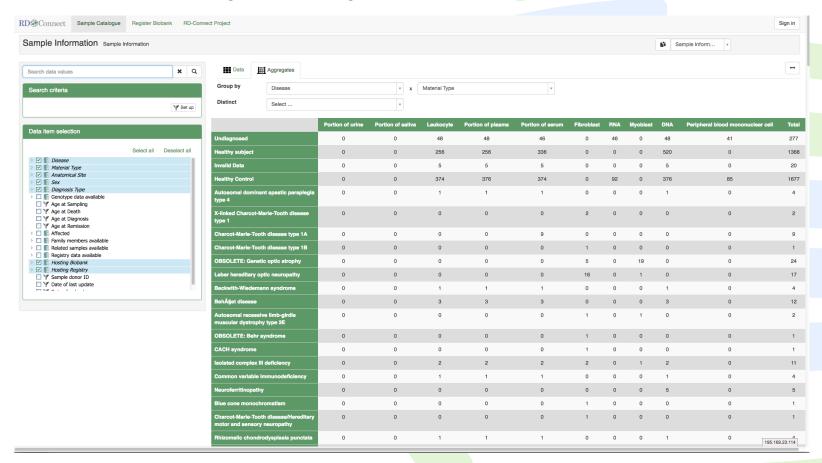
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RD-Connect Sample Catalogue

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https://samples.rd-connect.eu/







Data standards and ontologies for FAIR compliance and interoperability

The use of data standards and ontologies enables the RD-Connect platform to be interoperable and interconnected (API) to other platforms and resources:

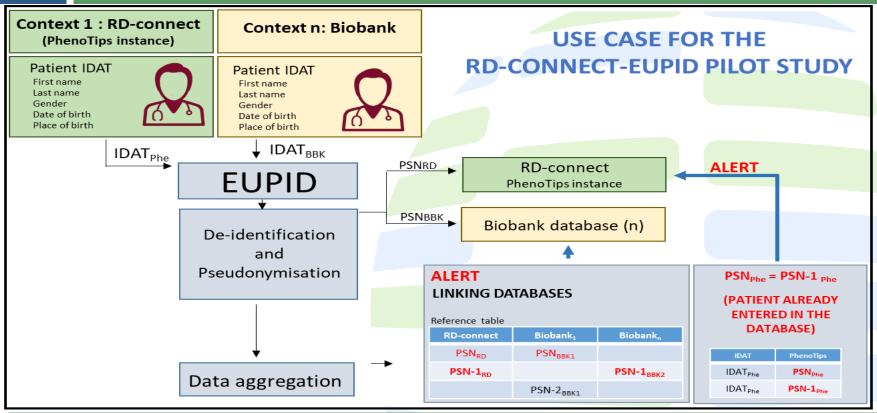
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	OMIM		
Ontologies	ORDO		
	НРО		
	Human Splicing Finder		
Tools	MINT / Mentha		
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	HmtDB		









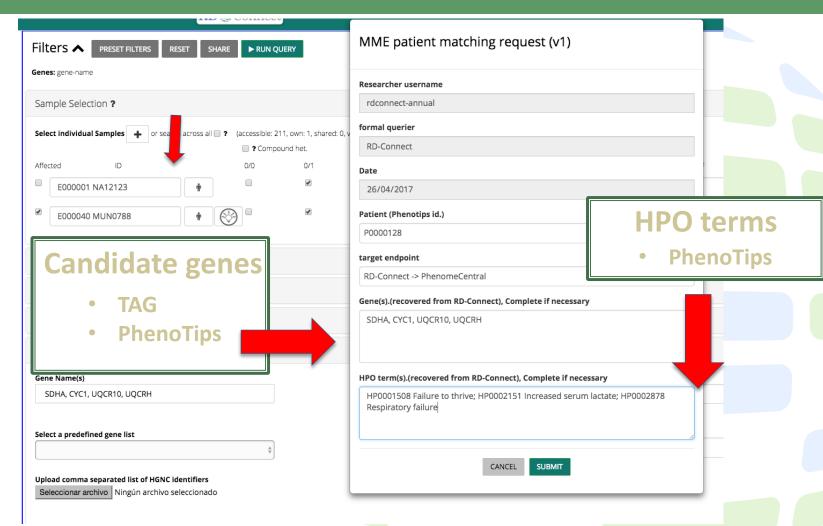


- Integrate pseudoanonymised data from different contexts
- Detect duplicate entries





WRDCat Matchmaker exchange







Matchmaker Exchange: initiate contact

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0.518	P0001484	Initiate contact	more	more	
0.512	P0003185	Initiate contact	more	more	

An email will be sent to yourself and the submitter of the matched patient record in order to initiate the contact. The email will contain the matched gene and HPO terms and the patient ID from RD-Connect and the other platform. A copy of this email will also be sent to platform@rd-connect.eu to keep track of the matches initiated through MatchMaker Exchange.

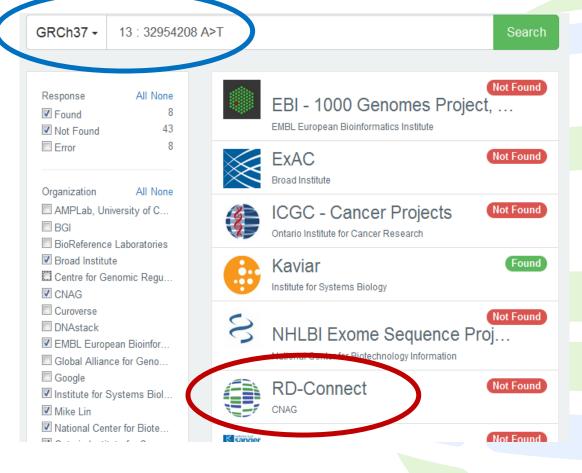
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Data Sharing: GA4GH Beacon





Question:

Does any sample in your database have variant V?

Answer:

Yes / No

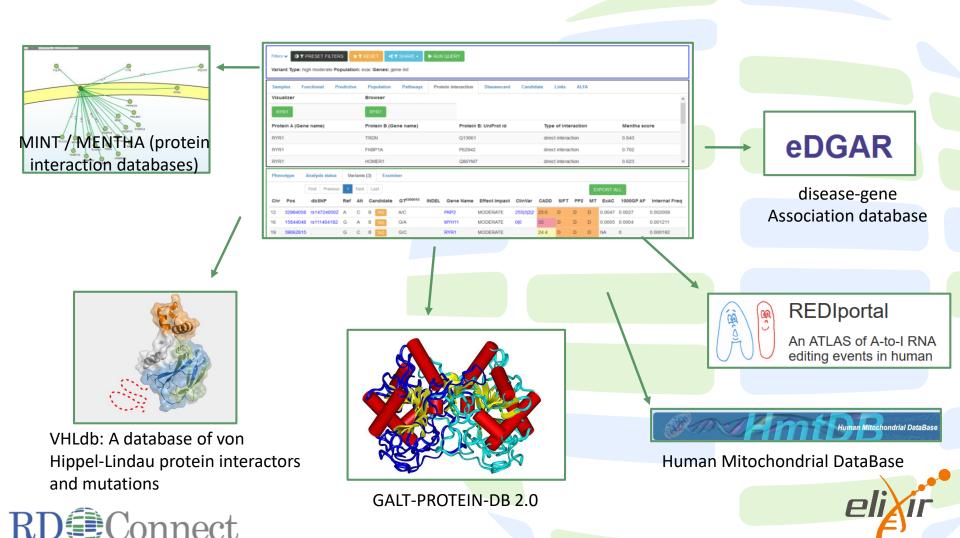




ELIXIR Implementation Study: Integration of ELIXIR-IIB in ELIXIR

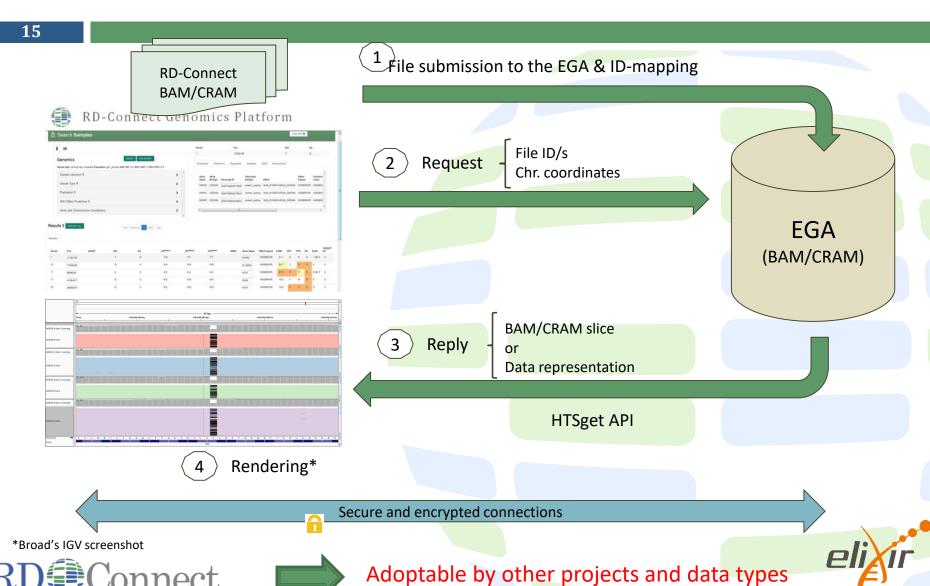
Rare Diseases activities







ELIXIR Implementation Study to visualize data deposited at the EGA in real-time





SolveRD RD3 database

- Create a federated database with the information of all data available within SolveRD data repositories
 - RD-Connect GPAP
 - RD-Connect Sample Catalogue
 - EGA
 - **.**..
- Map metadata between repositories and against metadata "standards"
 - Bioschemas
 - Biocaddie DATS v2.2
 - GA4GH



PhenoPackets

- PhenoPackets is an open standard for representing and sharing detailed descriptions of phenotypic abnormalities and characteristics of individual patients, organisms, diseases, and publications.
- □ Within RD-Connect we create PhenoPackets from PhenoTips records to share phenotypic information between SolveRD members
- Information contained in a PhenoPacket
 - Hashed ID of the participant
 - Gender
 - HPO terms
 - OMIM/ORDO diagnosis
 - Gene (Candidate/Solved/Rejected/..)
 - Inheritance



GA4GH Search API

- □ Evolution of MME version 1 case
- □ Specifications: https://github.com/ga4gh/mme-apis/blob/master/search-api.md
- □ RD-Connect GPAP is in the process of implementing
- Ask if another dataset has a participant with:
 - A variant in a gene of specific region of genome
 - The participant has a specific phenotype or set of phenotypes (HPOs)





OpenAPI (not only genomics standard)

- □ https://www.openapis.org/about
- Rewriting some of the GPAP APIs to adhere to OpenAPI specifications
- □ The OpenAPI Specification is a community-driven open specification within the OpenAPI Initiative, a Linux Foundation Collaborative Project.
- The OpenAPI Specification (OAS) defines a standard, programming language-agnostic, interface description for REST APIs, which allows both humans and computers to discover and understand the capabilities of a service without requiring access to source code, additional documentation, or inspection of network traffic. When properly defined via OpenAPI, a consumer can understand and interact with the remote service with a minimal amount of implementation logic.





RD-Connect and GDPR

- A new Code of Conduct (RD-Connect GPAP) has been explicitly prepared for GDPR. It clearly states how the data will be used and for which purposes. (Important aspects: not identifiable data, GDPR makes some exception for research data,..)
- Setting a Data Access Committee and Ethics Committee Approval
- A new user has to accept the Code of Conduct in order to get trough the registration process
- All the platform users have been contacted to agree with the new terms and the user is disabled until he/she accepts the new conditions
- We enhanced security measures for preventing data breach (encryption, security audit, penetration test,etc..)



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