

# ***Global registries for rare diseases: challenges and solutions***

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## *Personal « registry » background*

- EuroWilson clinical database to design randomised clinical trials for Wilson's disease
- European registry for intoxication type metabolic diseases
- European registry for homocystinurias and methylation defects
- European cystinosis registry
- Development of post marketing surveillance registries for Orphan Europe: homocystinuria, cystinosis...

## ***Presentation contents***

- What is a rare disease? What is a registry?
- Registries in rare diseases
  - Current situation and issues
  - Best scenarios for rare disease registries
  - National, European and global initiatives
- Case study for good rare disease registry collaboration

# *What is a rare disease?*

- Definitions (orphan drug regulation)
  - EU: 5 in 10,000, and life-threatening or chronically debilitating
  - US: <200,000
  - Japan, Taiwan, Australia, S.Korea...
- Approximately 7-8000 different rare diseases
- Over 50 million people affected worldwide
- Diagnosis is often delayed
- 75% of rare diseases affect children
- There are certain challenges that all patients and families affected by rare disease share



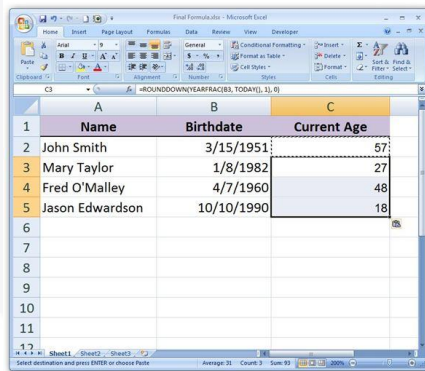
# *Research and drug development challenges*

- A European orphan drug legislation that is working with 1184 orphan drug designations of which 82 have received Market Authorisation.
- But still thousands of rare diseases with no or inadequate treatment
- Small dispersed patient populations
- Patients are rare – experts are rare
- Variable disease phenotyping
- Limited knowledge, natural history data...
- Wide variation in infrastructures in Europe:
  - access to diagnosis
  - newborn screening programmes
  - clinical practice
  - Treatment



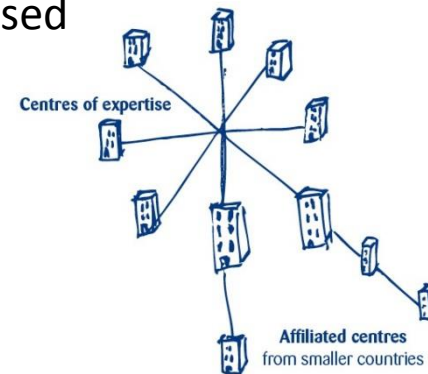
# Registry definition

- An organised system that uses observational study methods to collect uniform data (clinical and other)
- Evaluates specified outcomes for a population defined by a particular disease, condition or exposure
- Serves one or more pre-determined scientific, clinical or policy purposes

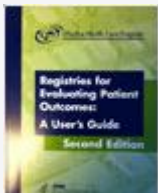


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2	John Smith	3/15/1951	57
3	Mary Taylor	1/8/1982	27
4	Fred O'Malley	4/7/1960	48
5	Jason Edwardson	10/10/1990	18
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Or an organised multi-centre network



Can be one person with a laptop and no hypothesis



## ***Comparison with Randomised Controlled Trials (RCTs)***

	<b>RCT</b>	<b>Registry</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	Controlled experiment	Real world practice and outcomes
<b>Duration</b>	Finite	Often indefinite
<b>Inclusion criteria</b>	Specific	Few inclusion/exclusion criteria
<b>Visits</b>	Per Protocol	HCP Practice
<b>Site visits</b>	Yes	Variable
<b>Patient consent</b>	Yes	Usually
<b>Site honorarium</b>	Substantial	Minimal
<b>Analytic methods</b>	Standard methods	Broader epidemiological methods
<b>Disease characteristics</b>	Homogenous Per Protocol	Heterogeneous, study subpopulations
<b>Treatment Outcomes</b>	Efficacy	Effectiveness

## *Interest for a registry in each step of the orphan drug pathway*

Data in natural history studies provides foundation for successful OD development: patient subgroups, cost, QoL...

Can generate questions to inform design of clinical trials

Support discussions with regulators and market access/reimbursement decisions

**Discovery**

**Pre-Clinical**

**Clinical**

**Marketing  
Authorisation**

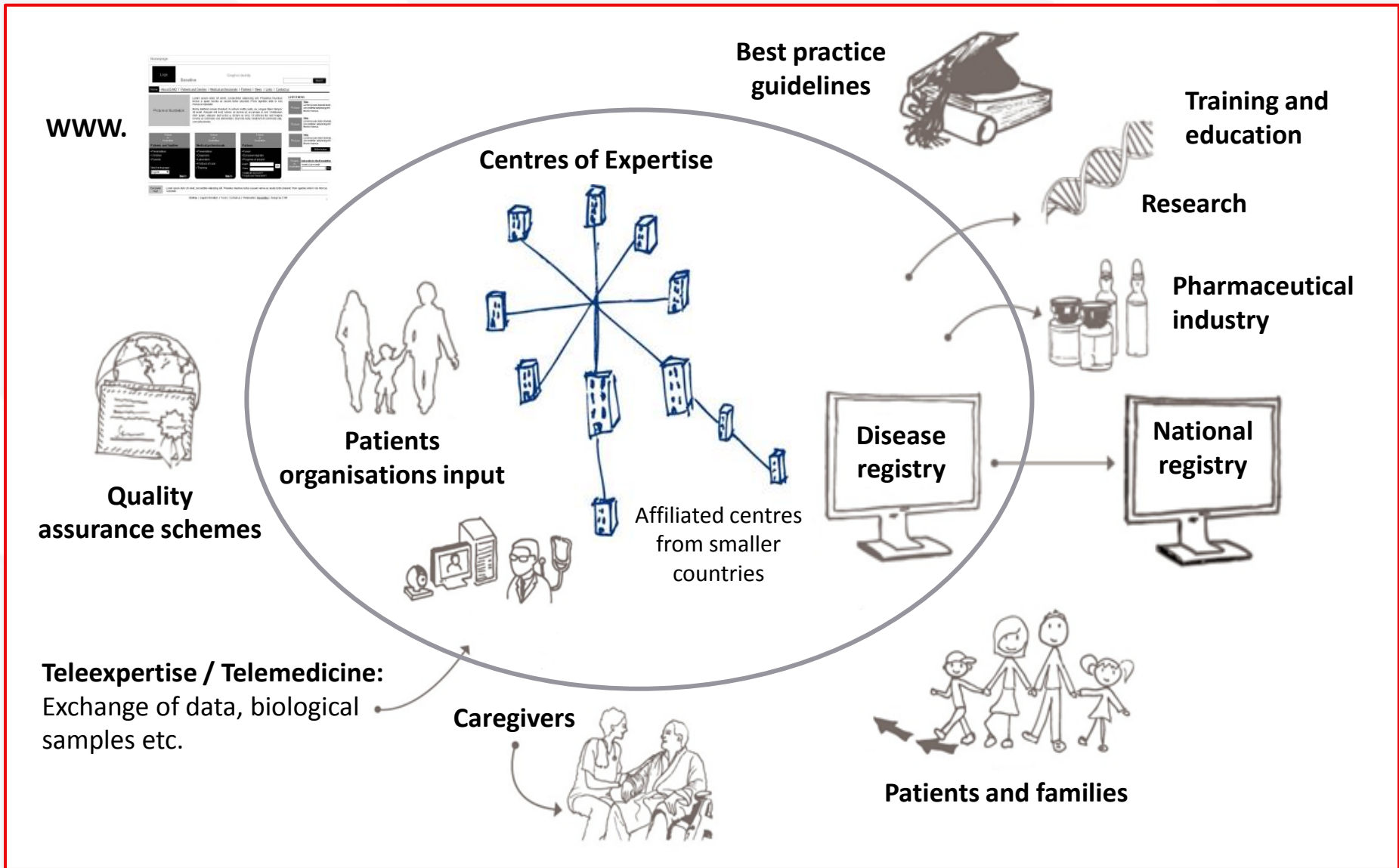
**Post-  
Authorisation**

Identify patients worldwide for clinical trials

Meet post-marketing safety commitments

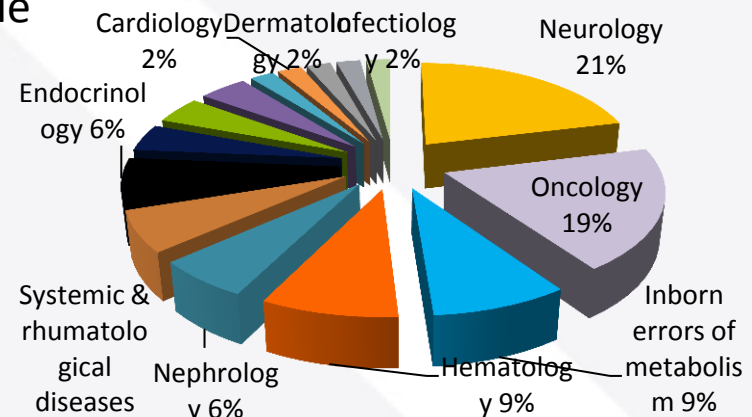
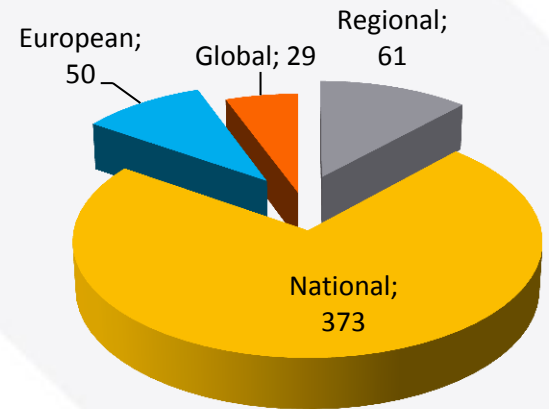
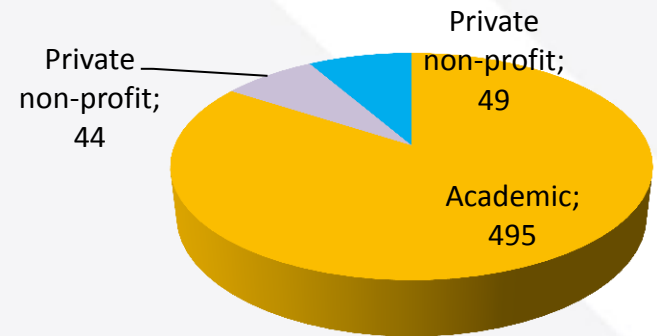


# For building a collaborative community of expert physicians



# *Growing use of patient registries for rare diseases*

- 500 + registries
- Different platforms: no uniform standards
- Work in isolation in different disease areas
- Variable quality of data
- Country specific registries capture different data points in different languages complicating data consolidation
- 40% orphan drugs (ODs) are granted under exceptional circumstances
- Duplication of registries: particularly when multiple ODS
- DG Sanco & DG research have funded 16 & 27 projects for RD including registries
- Non-sustainable funding



## ***Registry priority area in the field of rare diseases and orphan medicines***

- Commission communication on Rare Diseases: Europe's challenges (2008)
- Council Recommendation on an action in the field of rare diseases (2009/C 151/02) adopted on 8 June 2009
- Cross-Border Healthcare Directive 2011/24/EU: Personal data exchange
- EUCERD recommendations on rare disease patient registration and data collection
- Collection of data/registries included in national rare disease plans or strategies
- Eurordis, NORD and CORD joint policy paper on registries
- Position paper for multistakeholder, multipurpose RD registries from the EBE-EuropaBio TF on RD and OMP

Share, merge

Compare, research

Across borders

## *Two levels of data: public health & research*

### For all rare diseases

Priority to collect national minimum data sets / core data elements

- Measure the **same thing** the same way across all **rare diseases**
- Requires a **national agreement** to collect uniform data and to supply it as part of the national plan or strategy.

### For single diseases and disease groups

Need for individual datasets to address specific research questions

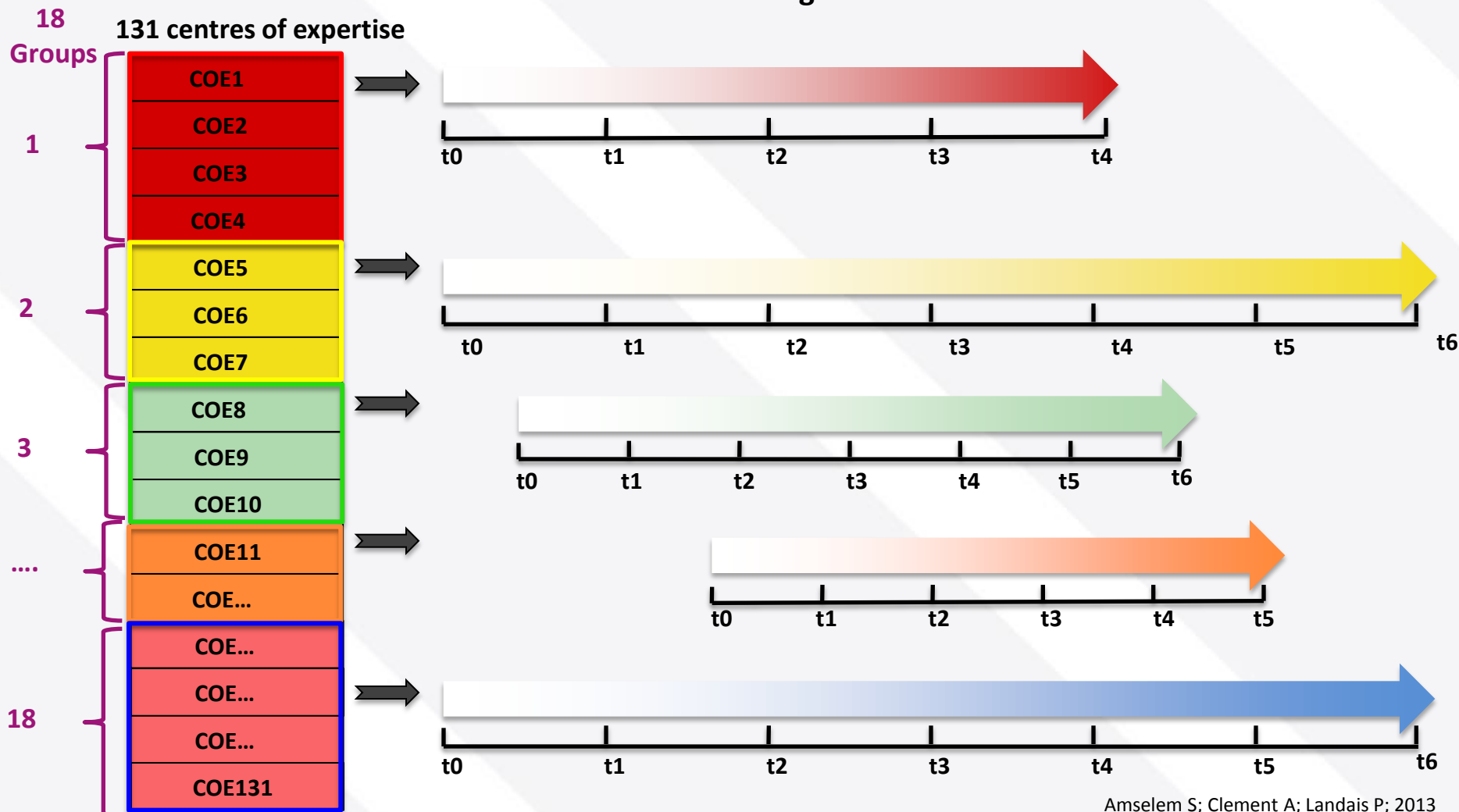
# The French experience: a shared information system

## BaMaRa Public health

Minimum data set for all patients

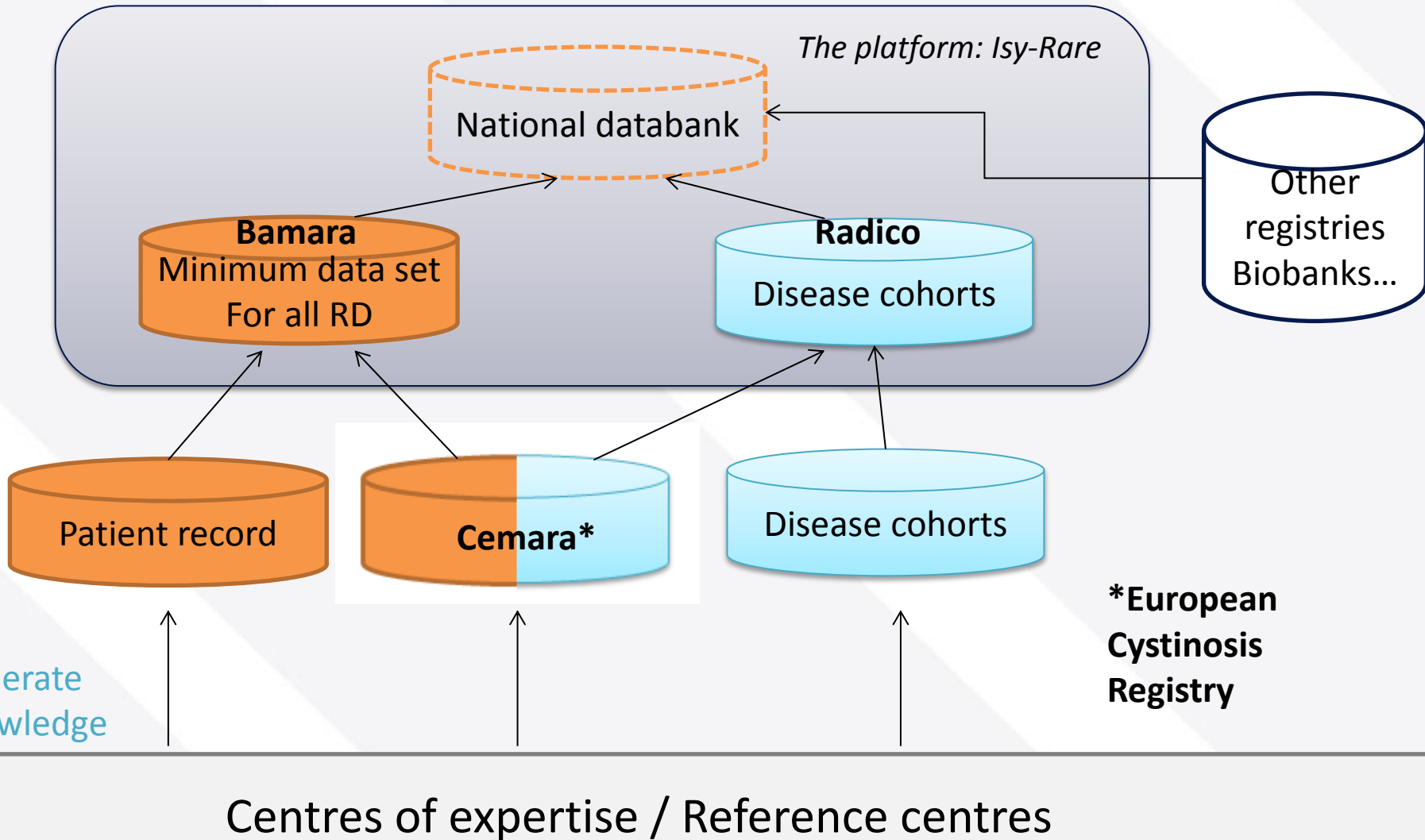
## RaDiCo Research

Cohorts for single or groups of diseases;  
longitudinal data collection



# The French experience: A shared information system

Collection and integration of data



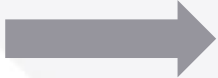
## *Other national initiatives*

- Switzerland: Build up gradually from the funded project Radiz : pilot phase in metabolic diseases. Registry to be included into federal law; example cancers
- USA
- Spain
- Italy
- Bulgaria

## *European platform for registries*

- Hosted by the Joint Research Committee (JRC) and funded by the European Commission DG Sanco



- National minimum datasets  Federation of national platforms
  - Platform to support registration
  - Platform to direct to sources of data
  - Platform of services to registries
- Will not replace the primary sources
    - Except may be for very rare diseases if there is an option for establishing primary data collection
  - Will not decrease the cost of data collection and exploitation at primary sources



# Electronic health/medical records, big data

- N=all (rather than a biopsy of the system)
- Useful for:
  - Detecting rare side-effects
  - Identify segments of populations that may benefit from drugs...

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## NEW THERAPIES



Objective 2020: 200 new therapies

Disclaimer: the numbers do not reflect IRDiRC initiatives only

IRDIRC registry policy: to support and encourage rare disease research and development of drugs



### DECIPHER - a valuable database for researchers and clinicians: Q&A with Dr. Helen Firth

OrphaNews Europe: What was the aim of developing DECIPHER? What were the factors that helped in creating this database? Dr. Helen Firth: The DECIPHER project was conceived as a clinical and research tool to: • Aid in the interpretation of data from genome-wide analyses eg. Differentiation...

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IRDIRC policies and guidelines refer to the principles that the IRDiRC members agree to follow as well as the recommendations from the Scientific Committees.

The first IRDiRC conference report and speakers PowerPoint presentations are available online.

[Read more about IRDiRC policy and guidelines](#)

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### IRDIRC delivers a successful and inspiring conference: a common goal emphasised

The first IRDiRC conference was held on April 16-17 2013 in the charming city of Dublin, Ireland. Thought leaders from all over

## The FP7 projects

### One infrastructure platform



- ❑ Contribution to the IRDiRC objectives of delivering 200 new therapies for rare diseases and means to diagnose most rare diseases by the year 2020
- ❑ Development of an integrated, quality-assured and comprehensive hub/platform in which complete clinical profiles are combined with -omics data and sample availability for rare disease research, in particular IRDiRC-funded research.

### Two « omics » science projects



- ❑ European Consortium for High-Throughput Research in Rare Kidney Diseases (Franz Schaefer, Universitätsklinikum Heidelberg, Germany)



- ❑ Integrated European Project on Omics Research of Rare Neuromuscular and Neurodegenerative Diseases (Olaf Riess, Institute of Human Genetics, University of Tübingen)

# *Successful registry case study*

## **European Registry and Network for Intoxciation type Metabolic Diseases (E-IMD)**



# European registry and network for intoxication type metabolic disorders

- European commission funding 2011-2013
- Platform for 11 different RD
- 60 clinical partners from 24 countries
- Pharmaceutical industry

- Patient organisations
  - UCDC
  - J-UCD
- Societies for inherited metabolic diseases
- Scientific consortia





# Expanding disease panel



*Further expand the registry  
and network to new IMD*

**European funding**

**European funding**

**Private funding**

**2011**

**2012**

**2014**

***Urea cycle defects***

***NAGs***

***CPS1***

***OTC***

***ASS***

***ASL***

***ARG1***

***HHH***

***Organic acidurias***

***PA***

***MMA***

***IVA***

***GA-1***

***Homocystinurias***

- CBS
- MTHFR
- CbIC
- CbID
- CbIE
- CbIF
- CbIG
- CbIJ

***Methylation defects***

- MAT
- GNMT
- SAHH
- ADK

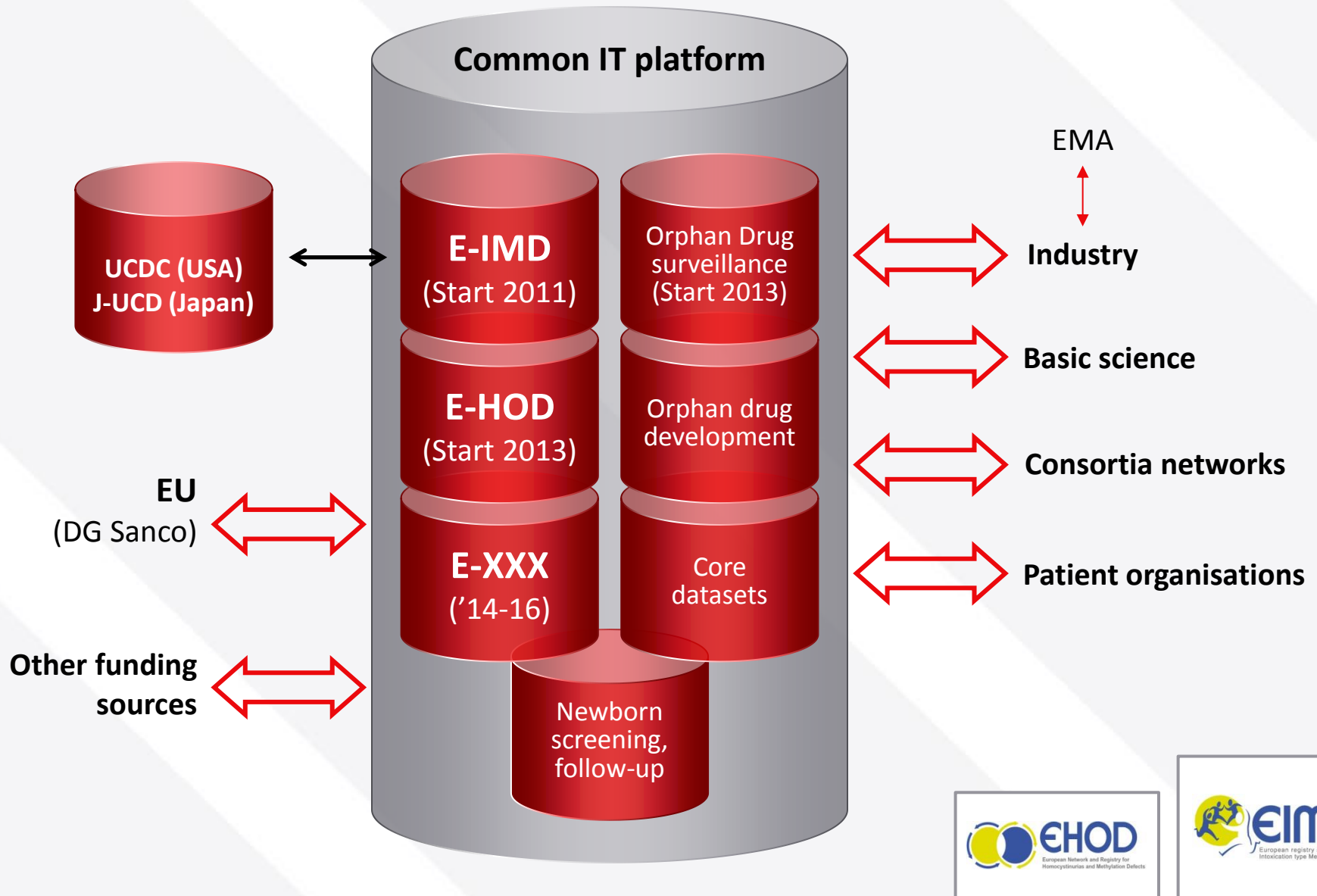
***Folate defects***

- MTHFD
- GFT
- FTCD

23 other intoxication type metabolic diseases  
20 co-factor associated diseases affecting the brain

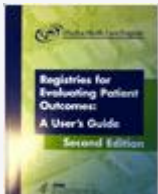


# Towards an international registry and network for IMD



# Challenges throughout the registry development

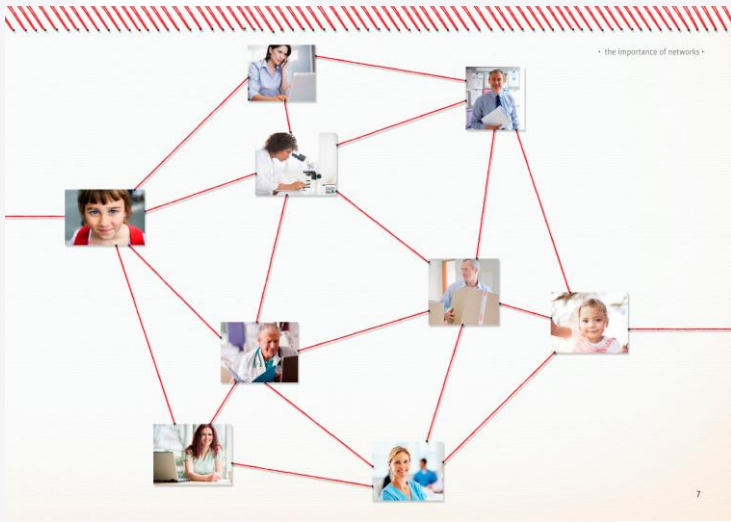
1. Purpose 2. Governance agreement 3. Budget & length of study 4. Database content		9. Data quality and cleaning 10. Clinician co-operation and team working		15. Sustainability 16. Partnerships
<b>Planning a registry</b>	<b>Database development</b>	<b>Initial data collection</b>	<b>Follow-up data</b>	<b>Continuation or termination</b>
	6. Terms and language 7. Choice of IT 8. Research ethics committees/ data protection		11. Data analysis and interpretation 12. Access to the data 13. Publications 14. Sustainability	





## *Ensuring success*

- Registries provide critical disease knowledge which makes diseases easier to study, increasing the probability a treatment can be developed.
- Registries should be recognised as a global priority
- Should encompass the widest geographic scope possible
- Should be centred on a disease or group of diseases rather than a therapeutic intervention
- Harmonisation of data so that databases and registries can be linked: Common Data Elements should be consistently used
- RD registries should involve patients and/or representatives in all aspects of the research
- Public-Private Partnerships should be encouraged to ensure sustainability
- The nature of RD requires that data should be collected on a long-term basis. Therefore registries need long-term funding.



***Thank you***