



Everything you need to know about... Submitting a European Multinational Clinical Study Proposal

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Rationale

ECRIN is a European research infrastructure that facilitates researchers to set up and conduct multinational clinical trials in Europe, and this event is part of its promotion and implementation strategies, dedicated to clinical research.

It is designed for the investigators and project managers, in ECRIN Member countries, who are considering submitting clinical study projects for funding in the Horizon Europe programme.

Aims and objectives

The aim of the event is both to illustrate the activities offered by ECRIN for clinical studies, highlighting its added value in supporting and fostering biomedical research at the European level, and to increase researchers' participation in European research projects in the fields of disease prevention, diagnosis, and therapy.

The course also intends to provide researchers with all the useful tools to access the services offered by ECRIN. At the end of the event, participants will have acquired relevant skills for the preparation of project proposals to be submitted to Horizon Europe calls.

Didactic methods

Series of lessons on a predetermined topic and work in small groups on a simulation of drafting a research project, with the production of a final report to be discussed collectively.



PROGRAMME

- 9.30 Registration of participants and welcome coffee
- 9.45 Opening of the course - Round table of the participants
Elena Toschi

LANDSCAPE AND FUNDING SOURCES

- 10.00 *Landscape of the European calls, an opportunity for investigators and sponsors*
Maria José Ruiz Alvarez
- 10.30 *How ECRIN can support: the European Correspondent*
Maria Buoncervello

LESSONS LEARNED FROM CLINICAL STUDIES

- 10.45 *Lump sum proposal*
A. Ceccarelli
- 11.05 Coffee break
- 11.20 *European project feedback – project architecture & strategic approach*
BIOTOOL project
Maria Carelli
- 12.00 *European project feedback – operational aspects*
MORPHEUS project
Christine Kubiak
- 12.40 Q&A session and discussion
- 12.50 Group work – introduction
Elena Toschi
- 13.00 Lunch break

Group work

Set up of a European multinational project – what to know, what to do and what to anticipate

- 13.40 Group Work
Call identification
Governance structure, responsibilities
- 14.45 Coffee break



- 15.00 Group Work
WP and methodology
Identification of risks
Expected outcomes
- 16.00 Oral restitution
- 16.45 Q&A session and discussion
- 17.00 End of the course

TRAINERS

Maria Buoncervello - ECRIN-European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network, Paris (France); Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome (Italy)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue

Aula Marotta, Istituto Superiore di Sanità
Via del Castro Laurenziano, 10 - Rome

Attendance

The training is addressed to clinicians, biologists, data managers, principal investigators and researchers.
Maximum 30 attendees.

Registration

Participation is free of charge.

The registration form is available at the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/xfZRAQ3rYc?origin=lprLink>

Please, fill it by 2 February 2026.

Registered participants will be contacted by e-mail by 3 February 2026.

Selection

Access to the training will be open to individuals from ECRIN member countries.

Eligibility requirements include prior participation in the earlier webinars or an agreement to follow them through the available recordings:

- 1) General Overview: <https://youtu.be/s8944J2gL5Y>
- 2) Regulatory, Ethical and Data Framework: <https://youtu.be/KL1BA6MDMUc>
- 3) Organisation of a Study: <https://youtu.be/cOwsiIjANvg>
- 4) Study budget: <https://youtu.be/1IcFwAwPr5g>
- 5) (Optional) Introduction Session: https://youtu.be/SMd_43K_wco

The selection of participants will rely on the background information submitted during registration, with particular attention to the relevance of the applicant's expertise to the course content. When multiple eligible candidates present comparable qualifications, preference will be given to the youngest participant.

This event does not provide any CME credits.

The official language is English.

Learning assessment

Learning outcomes will be assessed through a practical simulation at the end of the course.

This final test is compulsory for all participants to obtain the certificate of attendance.

**Satisfaction questionnaire**

At the end of the course, all participants should complete a quality assessment survey.

Certification

Attendance certificates indicating the hours of training will be issued on request to participants who complete at least 80% of the course and successfully pass the final test.

For any further information, please contact: itacrin@iss.it .