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### ECRIN and EUPATI set up strategic partnership

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ECRIN, the European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network, has engaged in a strategic bilateral partnership with EUPATI, the European Patients' Academy on Therapeutic Innovation. With this collaboration, both ECRIN and EUPATI wish to elaborate on their commitment to provide and improve education and training opportunities in clinical research for patients and patient representatives and strengthen academic researchers' capacities to effectively engage with patients in their studies.

Patient involvement is a key priority in ECRIN's 2021-2023 strategic plan, contributing to the general goal to make clinical research more efficient and successful. The partnership with EUPATI is a major and important step to achieve this goal, as collaborating and exchanging with patient communities will increase the results for all involved in clinical research.

Christine Kubiak, Operations Director at ECRIN: "The patient and public involvement is one of the ECRIN key values, and it contributes highly to generate scientific evidence and to optimise medical practice. For ECRIN, the collaboration with EUPATI is the obvious next step in this process."

This is echoed by Maria Dutarte, Executive Director of EUPATI: "We feel privileged to be working with ECRIN towards our shared mission to enhance patient involvement in the design and execution of clinical trials and providing patients the required competencies to take the role of a key actor in this process."

EUPATI provides education and training to increase the capacity and capability of patients and patient representatives to understand and meaningfully contribute to medicines research and development, and to improve the availability of medical information for patients and other stakeholders. In addition, EUPATI provides an open-access multilingual Toolbox, that has served more than 4 million users in 13 languages around the world to date. The collaboration with ECRIN will expand the reach of EUPATI and its trainings, aiming to enhance patient engagement in the research and development of medicines and treatments.



### **About ECRIN**

ECRIN is the European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network, a public, non-profit organisation that provides expertise in clinical trial preparation, setup, and management, representing 12 European countries, over 350 million citizens, and dozens of multinational clinical trials. ECRIN's head office is based in Paris (France), and has national correspondents stationed in each of its member countries.

### **About EUPATI**

The European Patients' Academy on Therapeutic Innovation (EUPATI) is a multi-stakeholder public-private partnership originally launched by the IMI-EUPATI project (2012-2017) and hosted by the European Patients' Forum (EPF) from 2017 to 2020. EUPATI is today established as an independent non-profit Foundation in the Netherlands.

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