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What’s PedCRIN?
The Paediatric Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (PedCRIN) brings together the European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (ECRIN) and the founding partners of the European Paediatric Clinical Trial Research Infrastructure (EPCT-RI) to develop capacity for the management of multinational paediatric non-commercial clinical trials. **PedCRIN is a four-year project funded by the European Union’s Horizon 2020 programme**, launched on the 1st January 2017 (grant agreement number 731046).

The aim of PedCRIN is to develop the necessary tools and capacity to enhance the quality, safety, efficacy and ethical standards of multinational, non-commercial paediatric clinical trials. PedCRIN will effectively bridge paediatricians and other partners across Europe (and internationally) to combine resources and expertise to conduct and manage robust studies, while minimising risk and protecting the child participants. **Continue reading about the PedCRIN project, the work packages it contains and the project partners on the website.** If you would like to stay informed about PedCRIN follow its [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) profiles.

Why this newsletter?
This quarterly PedCRIN Newsletters will keep you informed about the progress of the PedCRIN project. If you want to subscribe to the PedCRIN Newsletter, please do so through the link in the right column of the PedCRIN [website](#). When receiving the PedCRIN Newsletter, do not hesitate to forward it to your contacts that might be interested in information about PedCRIN and the project.

What has been done already?
PedCRIN project was started in January 2017. In **February 2017, PedCRIN call for application was launched to fund investigator-initiated paediatric or neonatal interventional clinical studies on medicinal products to support study management tasks in countries other than the coordinating country.** In response to this call **13 applications are received from (6) different EU countries.** Of these studies neonatal are (3), paediatric (7) and both neonatal and paediatric (3).
To raise awareness among the paediatric community, including patients, parents, patient representatives and Young Persons Advisory Groups, about PedCRIN activities and to inform them about the project a Factsheet, website and Facebook and Twitter profiles are launched. Soon, also the project Brochure and the translated versions of the Factsheet (French, Italian, Spanish, Finnish, German, Dutch and Polish) will be available on the PedCRIN website.

To identify the needs and expectations of paediatric medical research communities regarding the tools and actions that have to be developed or need to be updated to optimize PedCRIN services and activities, a survey was disseminated. In total 147 questionnaires were submitted by at least 29 different countries. The questionnaires were mainly filled out by paediatricians (57), specialty paediatricians (58), medical doctors (36), and researchers (39). Three top areas that were mentioned in the survey were: infectious diseases, neonatal/paediatric intensive care, and neonatology. Of the respondents 81% actively took part in any clinical trial involving paediatric subjects (0-18 years), mainly as Co-investigators (41%).

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