



## ERA4Health Newsletter: December 2023

Dear reader,

Welcome to the second ERA4Health Newsletter!

We hope this year has been fruitful for you, and we are thrilled to present the second ERA4Health Newsletter! Our goal is to keep our consortium partners, stakeholders, and all interested parties informed and engaged with the latest updates and developments from ERA4Health's strategic initiatives. In this edition, we recap our recent events and share news on upcoming opportunities, including the two recent joint transnational calls: NutriBrain 2024 and NANOTECMEC 2024. Don't forget, you can subscribe for regular updates on ERA4Health's website. Plus, get the latest insights on the joint calls recently unveiled by ERA4Health.

ERA4Health presents a chance to boost EU cross-border research collaboration by establishing a funding entity focused on priority areas that address the public health needs of the EU. ERA4Health is deeply committed to combating diseases and reducing their overall impact on communities. One of our main objectives is to meet the growing demand for an improved quality of life and a better care of patients. Moreover, we recognize the urgency to overhaul public health care systems, making them more effective, efficient, equitable, accessible, and resilient. In line with this, we are ramping up our efforts in disease prevention and championing initiatives that promote overall good health.

We trust you will appreciate our initial efforts to keep you informed about our endeavors in the world of health.

I hope you enjoy this second edition and we wish you all warm Christmas holidays.

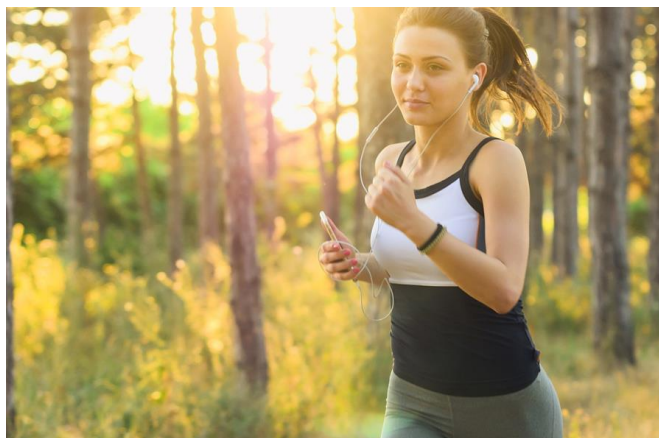
With warm regards

Cristina Nieto

### Latest News

#### New ERA4Health Joint Transnational Calls

ERA4Health has launched two new Joint Transnational Calls to address public health challenges. In November 2023, NANOTECMEC 2024 was announced, advancing nanomedicine for disease prevention and therapy. Concurrently, NutriBrain 2024 was launched, dedicated to exploring brain ageing modulation through nutrition. These calls represent a significant effort in collaborative international health research.



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### JTC 3: Unveiling the Link Between Nutrition and Brain Ageing

Exciting opportunity: NutriBrain 2024 Call for proposals! ERA4Health has announced the NutriBrain 2024 call, focusing on cognitive brain ageing and the impact of nutrition and lifestyle. This groundbreaking initiative invites interdisciplinary research to explore and mitigate cognitive decline risks. This call emphasizes understanding how lifestyle factors like diet, physical activity, and social interaction influence brain health. It's a unique chance for interdisciplinary teams to develop innovative approaches for brain health promotion and cognitive impairment prevention.

Mark your calendars: The call opened on November 3, 2023, with pre-proposal submissions due by January 15, 2024. Don't miss this chance to contribute to vital research in brain health.



## NutriBrain 2024



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### JTC 4: Pioneering the Future with Nanomedicine - NANOTECMEC 2024

Introducing JTC 4: NANOTECMEC 2024 - Revolutionizing healthcare with nanomedicine: ERA4Health's NANOTECMEC 2024 is a groundbreaking call inviting innovative research in nanomedicine to transform disease prevention, diagnostics, and therapy. This call fosters multidisciplinary collaboration, uniting academia, clinical/public health research, and industrial sectors. It's an opportunity to be at the forefront of developing practical nanomedicine applications for clinical use. Stay informed and get involved in shaping the future of healthcare

The NANOTECMEC call aims to:

- Boost innovative nanomedicine research projects.
- Foster collaboration between academic and clinical researchers, including teams from universities and hospitals, as well as industry partners.
- Special emphasis on involving Medical Doctors, clinicians, and SMEs

The call has already been published in November 2023.



## Now open! Joint Transnational Call on Nanomedicine

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### NANOTECMEC

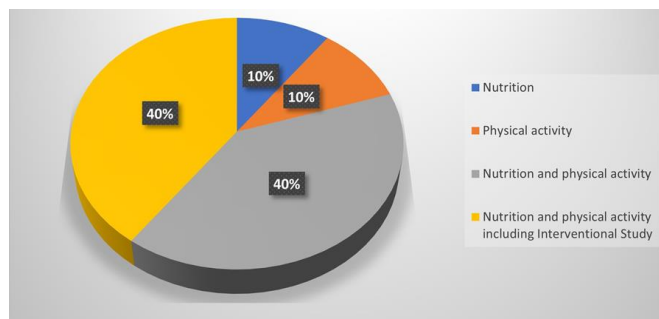


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### Celebrating the success of ERA4Health HealthEquity Call 2023 - JTC1

The ERA4Health HealthEquity Call 2023 has propelled a collection of groundbreaking projects, all with the shared goal of enhancing health equity. These range from advancing nutritional standards in Europe (FOODPATH) to innovative obesity prevention (IM-EQ), and fostering youth health empowerment (CONNECTION), demonstrating a steadfast commitment to reducing health disparities through focused, community-driven approaches.

The ERA4Health HealthEquity Call 2023 has culminated with remarkable engagement, drawing 31 eligible proposals from 15 countries and 145 research groups. Demonstrating a robust 32% success rate, the call resulted in 10 projects being funded, a collaborative triumph supported by European Commission co-funding totaling €12.94 million. This initiative not only underscores a strong international commitment to health research but also highlights the competitive spirit driving excellence in the pursuit of health equity.

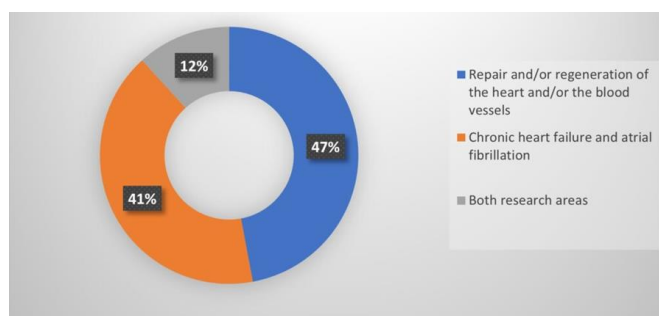


Overview of the areas which were funded under HealthEquity Call 2023.

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### Celebrating the Success of ERA4Health Cardinnov Call 2023 - JTC2

The ERA4Health Cardinnov Call 2023 has successfully been concluded, with 17 out of 40 eligible full proposals receiving funding, drawn from an impressive 71 initial pre-proposals. The call's reach was truly global, with participation from 16 countries and engagement of 181 research groups, illustrating a vibrant international effort to push the boundaries of cardiac health research. The selected projects reflect the call's commitment to innovation and collaboration, with topics such as 'Self-Antigen expressing RNA therapy for atherosclerosis' and 'Restoring balance with Specialized Proresolvin mediators'.



Overview of the areas which were funded under Cardinnov Call 2023

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### Find out about PartFinder, the Partner Search tool

ERA4Health's PARTFINDER is an innovative tool designed to connect research groups worldwide, streamlining the formation of national and international research consortia. This user-friendly platform not only facilitates joint participation in grant competitions but also offers a seamless experience without the need for login, providing a glimpse of essential data. For those seeking deeper engagement, creating an account unlocks additional features like detailed views of announcements, personalized profiles, and the ability to post and favorite listings, enhancing collaboration in the global research community

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### Recent Events

#### Management Board Meeting, Paris - 14th of September

The ERA4Health 1<sup>st</sup> physical Management Board meeting was held at the Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) headquarters in Paris (France) on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 08.30-13.00h CET, and also virtually on Webex. This meeting was also attended by representative of the European Commission, EC European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HaDEA), Ministry of Higher Education and Research (France), and Agence Nationale de la Recherche, France. All partners or pillar leaders in the consortium discussed the progress of the work packages and amendment in the grant agreement which led to the entry of Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS) into the legal framework of this project. All consortium partners agreed on the accession of the new partner to the consortium.

Cristina Nieto of ISCIII, as the Pillar 0 leader, introduced the structure of the ERA4Health project and its governance, which includes three configurations of the Management Board and the ERA4Health Advisory Boards and Committees.



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### **Workshop: Analysis of the bottlenecks and challenges in designing and conducting multicounty Investigator Initiated Clinical Studies, Paris - 14th and 15th of September**

On September 14th & 15th, the ERA4Health Partnership marked its inaugural face-to-face workshop in Paris. Hosted by the European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network (ECRIN), the event gathered an impressive crowd of over 65 participants. Attendees ranged from the ERA4Health consortia members to a diverse group of stakeholders, including sponsors, investigators, EMA/ACT-EU, European Medicine Agencies, ethics committees, and methodologists. Notably, Grzegorz Owsianik from the European Commission (DG-RTD) and Project Officer Monica Ensini from HaDEA also graced the occasion. The primary focus was to discuss the intricacies of planning and designing IIC.

Day one of the workshop shed light on the challenges in planning and conducting IICs and discussed the main barriers identified relating to funding, personnel training, lack of harmonization in applicable regulation and administrative constraints. The day continued with presentations of different stakeholders' perspectives, including investigator's, sponsor's, funder's and regulator's points of view.

Day two of the workshop spotlighted the modern trial methodologies, emphasizing designs like basket, umbrella, platform trials, TWiCs, and decentralized trials. Insightful perspectives from industry leaders highlighted both challenges—from the novelty of certain methods to the administrative aspects of the current CTR—and opportunities. Attendees actively contributed through an engaging feedback session. A big thank you to all participants! Stay connected with our newsletter for future updates and events



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### **2nd STAB Meeting of ERA4Health - A key stakeholder event in clinical research**

On November 17, 2023, the 2nd STAB Meeting of ERA4Health was successfully held in Brussels, Belgium. This hybrid event, led by hosts Alexandre Ceccaldi (ETPN) and hosted by Nikki De Clercq (ILVO BE), brought together key figures in European clinical research. The agenda was rich with updates on the ERA4Health Partnership and in-depth discussions on pillars of capacity building, future call topics, and joint funding activities. Notable contributions from speakers like Cristina Nieto García, Adelina Ovcharenko, and Hugo Soares, among others, highlighted the collaborative spirit and forward-thinking strategies in healthcare research. This gathering marked a significant milestone in shaping the trajectory of European clinical research and healthcare advancements



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### New ERA4Health RRI Guidelines Formulated in October 2023

The ERA4Health has developed the Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) Guidelines, finalized on October 31. These guidelines are a cornerstone for researchers and stakeholders, providing a framework for ethical and socially responsible health research. They emphasize the importance of aligning research practices with societal needs and ethical standards, fostering trust and enhancing the impact of health research

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If your organisation is interested in being involved in the ERA4Health network and activities, please contact **Cristina Nieto**, [era4health@isciii.es](mailto:era4health@isciii.es)

### Social media

Don't miss out on the latest news and updates from ERA4Health PS! Stay connected with us on **Twitter** and **LinkedIn** to stay informed, connect with professionals in the field, and be part of the conversation. Follow us today and join the community!



Thank you for showing interest in this Partnership. We greatly value your support and participation. If you have any questions, comments, or research insights you would like to share, we encourage you to reach out.

Sincerely,

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