

ERA4Health Newsletter: July 2023

We are excited to introduce the first ERA4Health Newsletter! Our goal is to keep you up-to-date on the latest news, events, research, and other activities of the Partnership.

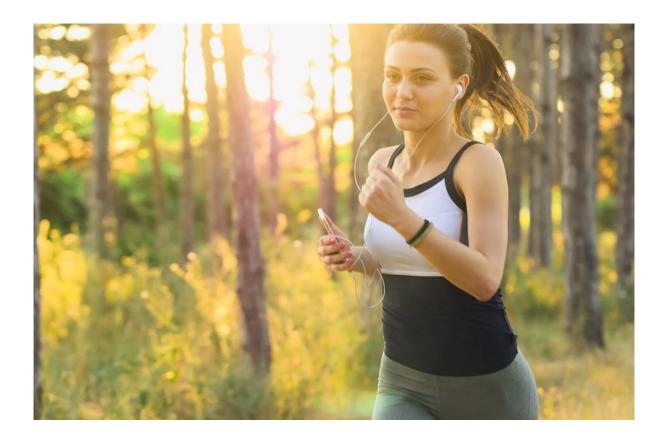
Dear readers,

The ERA4Health Partnership began its progress in November 2022 and during these first months we have been able to create a consolidated consortium from different countries within Europe and beyond. It is a personal pleasure to coordinate this Partnership on behalf of my Institution (Institute of Health Carlos III, ISCIII from Spain), creating a network of different funding organisations and other institutions that had already achieved very important goals, such as launching our first two Joint Transnational Calls.

You will find more information about our activities and achievements in this Newsletter, which it is the first one of our Partnership. Wishing you a lovely summer and please feel welcome join us through our website, or our social media Twitter and LinkedIn group, in order to be able to keep you updated about our next activities, calls and events.

Yours sincerely

Cristina Nieto



Fostering a European Research Area for Health Research

Through transnational joint calls for proposals, cross-cutting activities and making the most of interregional and international cooperation, ERA4Health aims to provide influential contributions as well as a sustainable model of funding for ground-breaking transnational research in the health domain across Europe and beyond.

Phase 1 will implement joint calls focused on nutrition and lifestyle-related diseases, cardiovascular diseases and nanomedicine. During the first 2 years, 4 calls will be launched. Two of them, **CARDINNOV** and **HEALTHEQUITY** have already been announced and closed for submission. The results are to be expected at the end of October this year. The next two calls are currently being prepared and will be announced in the fall of 2023.

In accordance with the decision of the Health Programme Committee and the European Commission next year and if the evaluation is positive a **phase 2** for ERA4Health will start in which additional joint calls and multinational Investigator Initiated Clinical Studies for other priority areas are expected to be launched.

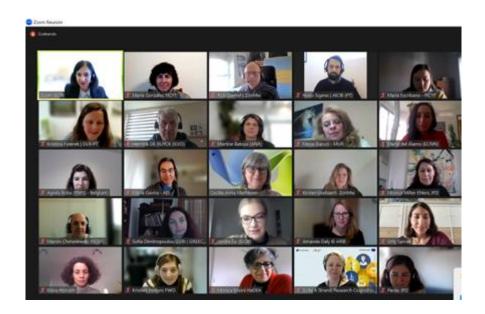
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Latest News

Kick-off meeting Partnership

The kick-off meeting of the ERA4HEALTH Partnership was held on the 23th and the 24th of January 2023, the project coordinator organised it virtually via a Zoom meeting. In addition to extensive participation of the involved 33 partners, the event gathered distinguished individuals such as **Monica Ensini**, HADEA Project Officer, and **Greg Owsianik and Giorgio Clarotti**, European Commission representatives.





Kick-off meeting STAB

Within the ERA4Health project governance the Management Board is being advised by a **Strategic Advisory Board (STAB)** and an Ethics and Responsible Research and Innovation Advisory Board. The STAB had their kick-off meeting on the 5th of June 2023, organised and led by the STAB secretariat (Nikki De Clercq, ILVO). The meeting provided an exciting opportunity for members to learn more about the project's aims and their roles, as well as to present themselves and their organizations. We are thrilled to have such a devoted group on board that is committed to share their expertise and foster the aims of the ERA4Health PS. It's clear that we're all passionate about advancing healthcare innovation and we can't wait to see what amazing contributions are in store!

The STAB is composed of relevant institutional (European) bodies and scientists from the fields of Prevention and Public Health strategies, Nutrition and Lifestyles related-diseases, Cardiovascular Diseases, Nanomedicine and other advanced health technologies identified in the SRIA. It incorporates as well other stakeholders, such as: European Health Alliance, patient organizations, industry, European associations for aging or pediatric population, Health Technology Assessment representatives, etc. This board should give a broad and strategic vision, especially on public health perspective.

Kick-off meeting ERAB

Monday 26 June 2023, the **ERAB** (Ethics and RRI' (Responsible Research and Innovation) Advisory Board) held their kick-off meeting, organised and led by Cecilie A. Mathiesen (RCN). The meeting provided an opportunity for members to learn more about ERA4Health's aims and their roles, as well as to present themselves, their background and experiences. We are very happy to have such an experienced and devoted group on board that is committed to share their expertise and guide us around ethics and RRI approaches and foster the aims of the ERA4Health Partnership.

The ERAB is a new form of governance body created by ERA4Health. It's clear that we're all passionate about advancing ethics and RRI practice in healthcare innovation and we are eager to start working together!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the meeting, ERAB members, ERA4Health partners and STAB members. We're grateful for the opportunity to work with such a great group and we're excited to see what the future holds.

First annual workshop for the search of synergies

On the 9th of June 2023 the **1st International workshop for the search of synergies** of the ERA4Health PS took place in remote mode. More than **90 participants** among PS members, regional/national authorities, research infrastructures and European Commission representatives took part in the workshop, which aim was to explore synergies between activities in ERA4Health and other relevant networks. More than **50 initiatives**, divided into **3 different domains** - Initiatives related to Health, Initiatives related to other fields than Health, Initiatives related to Clinical Studies and Research Infrastructures - at European and international level have been presented by the members of a Synergies Working Group set up for this purpose. This body will constantly investigate potential synergies with the PS and will organise annual workshops to update and present the new initiatives identified, widening and enhancing the network in order to facilitate their alignment with national policies.



Upcoming events

<u>September 5-6 & 8</u>: Peer Review Panel and Call Steering Committee HealthEquity meeting

<u>September 12-13</u>: Peer Review Panel and Call Steering Committee CARDINNOV meeting

September 14: Management Board meeting in Paris

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<u>September 14-15</u>: Workshop in Paris: Analysis of the bottlenecks and challenges in designing and conducting multicounty Investigator Initiated Clinical Studies

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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**

Social media

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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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