

1. ERN-LUNG Kick-off meeting in Frankfurt (5-6 April)

Many of you (76 participants) were able to attend the Kick-off meeting of ERN-LUNG which took place in Frankfurt on the sunny days of 5-6 April 2017 in a nice atmosphere (as you can see on the picture...).

The [minutes](#) of the meeting (prepared by M. Sardone) were sent to the participants and can also be downloaded [here](#).

Picture: Participants of the ERN-LUNG Kick-off meeting



2. New members in Functional Committees

All leads and deputies of all Functional Committees (FCs) are nominated. The open positions could be filled during the Kick-off meeting. It would be good to have one or two patient representative/s for each FC (the patient group asked its members who would be interested).

The current [FC overview](#) for download.

3. Press release - can be used as a template

With the help of the “Communication and Outreach Committee” we prepared an English press release on the basis of the German one we used in Frankfurt. The English version might serve as a template for translation.

The English version can be [downloaded](#) here.

4. New partners (HCP) of ERN-LUNG?

ERN-LUNG is looking forward to including new members after the next call which is going to be launched by the Commission (later this year, i.e. fourth quarter). In the meantime, if the current full members are already working closely with other HCPs, these centres could have the possibility to work together with the ERN-LUNG members as ‘supporting partners’, as they do not need to have a national endorsement.

5. Definition of “Supporting Partner” (ERN-LUNG specific)

First of all, the candidate has to be supported either by a Core Network (CN) or by a Functional Committee (FC) or by the Network Coordination Team (NCT).

Furthermore, the following points apply:

- a) They did not go through the European Commission application process
- b) They are not endorsed by their national authorities;
- c) They do not need to fulfil the minimum criteria of the CN they want to join;
- d) They do not have voting rights;
- e) If full members want to be involved in other Core Networks than those they have been endorsed and accepted for as full members, they can ask the resp. CN/CNC for acceptance as ‘supporting partners’ in which case they have to nominate an extra person to take this role.
- f) It is up to ERN-LUNG to involve supporting partners to foster excellence in rare respiratory diseases across Europe.

6. Meeting Endorsement of ERN-LUNG - SOP

If you would like to request endorsement of a meeting to be able to use the ERN-LUNG logo in this context the following needs would have to be met:

- a) The endorsement is being proposed or supported by the Core Network (CN)
 - e-mail confirmation by CN leader is sufficient

AND

- b) Endorsement by a European Scientific Society (like ESC, ERS, etc.)
 - if this is not the case, the Medical Steering Committee has to support the endorsement

If a) and b) is given, the ERN-LUNG logo may be used.

This SOP can also be found here:

<https://cloud.ern-lung.eu/index.php/s/llcynlx9smMzHy2>

7. Logo - Sublicense Agreement

The draft for the sublicense agreement which has to be signed before the ERN-LUNG logo can be used by your HCP was sent to all official representatives and deputies of the respective HCPs on April 24.

Many of you already sent the signed version back to us as a scan (as suggested). Once the contract is also signed by Thomas you receive your signed version together with the logos.

Unfortunately, there were some mistakes in the HCP specific logos. We will ask the EU if these can be changed. In the meantime the general ERN-LUNG logo can be used.



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