



Project Partner Search

Background and motivation

Motivation:

We, the ME Association Belgium and EMEA, are committed to ME/CFS and related disorders. We strive for a change in the treatment of these patients and the recognition of their problems and situation. ME is a complex and debilitating disease. Because of its complexity and psychiatric approach patients are not getting the treatment and care they need.

Context (state of the art)

We believe that bundling the research on brain-related diseases can help understand the different problems. In making the data available, research can be used more efficient. We are interested because ME patients have similar problems. Through working together with other brain-related and neurodegenerative diseases, we can understand more about the mechanism behind these problems and learn more about what's going wrong in the brain of ME patients.

There are a lot of diseases with the same characteristics, it would be of great value to bundle the existing research/data, differences as well as similarities, in a collective database.

Objective(s)

- More coordinated research in Europe
- Collect existing data, research and studies
- Creation of a central database to collect information available regarding the disease (and related conditions or diseases with similar characteristics) in order to make diagnosis possible
- Educating doctors and specialist in this complex disorder
- Registration of patients to get a picture of the real situation and determine the economic impact
- Support young people with ME
- Come to recognize the disease and develop a treatment through understanding of the mechanism behind ME and its comorbidities

Target group:

- ME/CFS patients
- Fibromyalgia patients
- Stage III Lyme patients

Partners sought for

Type of partner wanted (Public authority, research institute, SME, ...):

- Research Institutes,
- Department of education
- ICT
- Bio-bank
- Department of Public Health

Competencies needed:

- Research, ICT, medicine, care and welfare, education

Partners involved

- ME Association Belgium
- European ME Alliance (EMEA)

Practical information and contact details

Funding programme (name and call identifier):

1. **“Health coordination activities 2015”**: ERA NET Collaboration and alignment of national programmes and activities in area of brain-related diseases and disorders of the nervous system. <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal4/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2206-hco-11-2015.html>
2. **“Health coordination activities 2015”**: Towards sustainability and globalisation of the Joint Programming Initiative on Neurodegenerative Diseases. <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/9061-hco-17-2015.html>
3. **“Personalising health and care 2015 – 2nd stage”**: Development of new diagnostic tools and technologies: in vivo medical imaging technologies. <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2277-phc-11-2015.html>
4. **“Personalising health and care 2015 – 2nd stage”**: Understanding disease: systems medicine. <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2274-phc-02-2015.html>
5. **“Personalising health and care 2015 – 2nd stage”**: Understanding common mechanisms of diseases and their relevance in co-morbidities <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/2275-phc-03-2015.html>

Call deadline:

- 14/10/2014
- 24/02/2015

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