

4th ERN Conference

The [4th ERN Conference](#) titled “ERNs in action” was held in Brussels on 21 and 22 November 2018. This two-day event gathered more than 400 participants including national authorities, healthcare providers members of the ERNs, health professionals, hospital managers, patients' representatives, EU Institutions.

The event was meant to share and discuss the results achieved so far and the challenges ahead. The event opened a new stage in the networks' lifecycle, namely the deployment phase. After an intensive period of preparatory actions and awareness raising, the first 24 ERNs are operational.

[Download the conference programme](#)

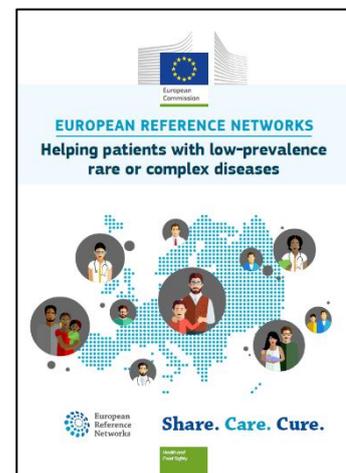
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ERN Flyer and Video

During the 4th ERN Conference the European Commission presented a new video and flyer for patients and healthcare professionals, explaining how the ERNs work.



[Watch the video](#)



[Download the flyer](#)

EURACAN at the 4th ERN Conference

EURACAN was represented by 10 delegates at the ERN Conference and presented 3 posters which are available to members on the [ERN Collaborative Platform](#). The first was on the achievements of EURACAN so far. The second was on the EURACAN-EORTC-Roche Collaboration on Molecular Profiling in Rare Cancers. The final poster was on the latest ESMO-EURACAN-PaedCan Clinical Practice Guidelines.

ESMO-EURACAN Guidelines

The [ESMO–PaedCan–EURACAN Clinical Practice Guidelines for diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of bone sarcomas](#) were published in the Annals of Oncology on 1 October 2018. These Clinical Practice Guidelines, prepared and reviewed by leading experts, help the oncology community provide patients with the best care options. This makes for the 3rd collaboration after the ESMO-EURACAN Clinical Practice Guidelines on [gastrointestinal stromal tumours](#) and [soft tissue and visceral sarcomas](#).



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Past events

ESMO Congress 2018



The [European Society of Medical Oncology \(ESMO\) 2018 Congress](#), held under the tagline “Securing access to optimal cancer care”, took place in Munich between 19 and 23 October. Visitors of the congress received a Programme Book containing the latest EURACAN Brochure.



During ESMO 2018, several elected members of the [European Patient Advocacy Group \(ePAG\)](#) for EURACAN got together for their Annual Meeting to ensure that patients are fully represented in the governance of the ERN.

CME e-session “Networking of rare cancers in Europe”

On 13 September 2018, EURACAN Coordinator Jean-Yves Blay gave a [European School of Oncology \(ESO\) e-session on “Networking of rare cancers in Europe”](#). He was joined by discussant Paolo Casali, the EURACAN Sarcoma Domain Lead. This session was accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME).



Rare Thoracic Malignancies Event

On 14 September 2018, Peter Hohenberger, Task Force Lead on Guidelines, and Nicolas Girard, Rare Thoracic Domain Lead, held an educational event on Rare Thoracic Malignancies. This event was held during the 27th Annual Meeting of the German Society of Thoracic Surgeons in Mannheim, Germany, and was also broadcast live.

Upcoming events

ESO-ESMO-RCE Preceptorship on Rare Adult Solid Cancers

The European School of Oncology (ESO), the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) and Rare Cancers Europe (RCE) are hosting the [3rd ESO-ESMO-RCE Preceptorships & Clinical Update on Rare Adult Solid Cancers](#) in Milan between 1 and 3 December 2018.



This advanced course has been conceived in context of EURACAN and the [Joint Action on Rare Cancers \(JARC\)](#). The Faculty has been largely selected from EURACAN, also with the aim of letting this educational effort closely interact with the networking activities of EURACAN and the networking educational efforts that are ongoing within EURACAN, JARC and RCE.