

# Health Innovation - the European Health Data Space and Real-World Evidence

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## Assessing the Value of Real-World Evidence in the Innovation Process



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# Session 1:

## Assessing the Value of Real-World Evidence in the Innovation Process



# TRUST4RD

Tool for Reducing Uncertainties in the evidence generation for Specialised Treatments for Rare Diseases

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TRUST4RD: tool for reducing uncertainties in the evidence generation for specialised treatments for rare diseases

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# Typology and prioritisation of evidence gaps

- Uncertainties related to the size and characteristics of the population
- Uncertainties related to the natural history of the disease and its current management
- Uncertainties related to the new treatment
- Uncertainties related to the health eco-system

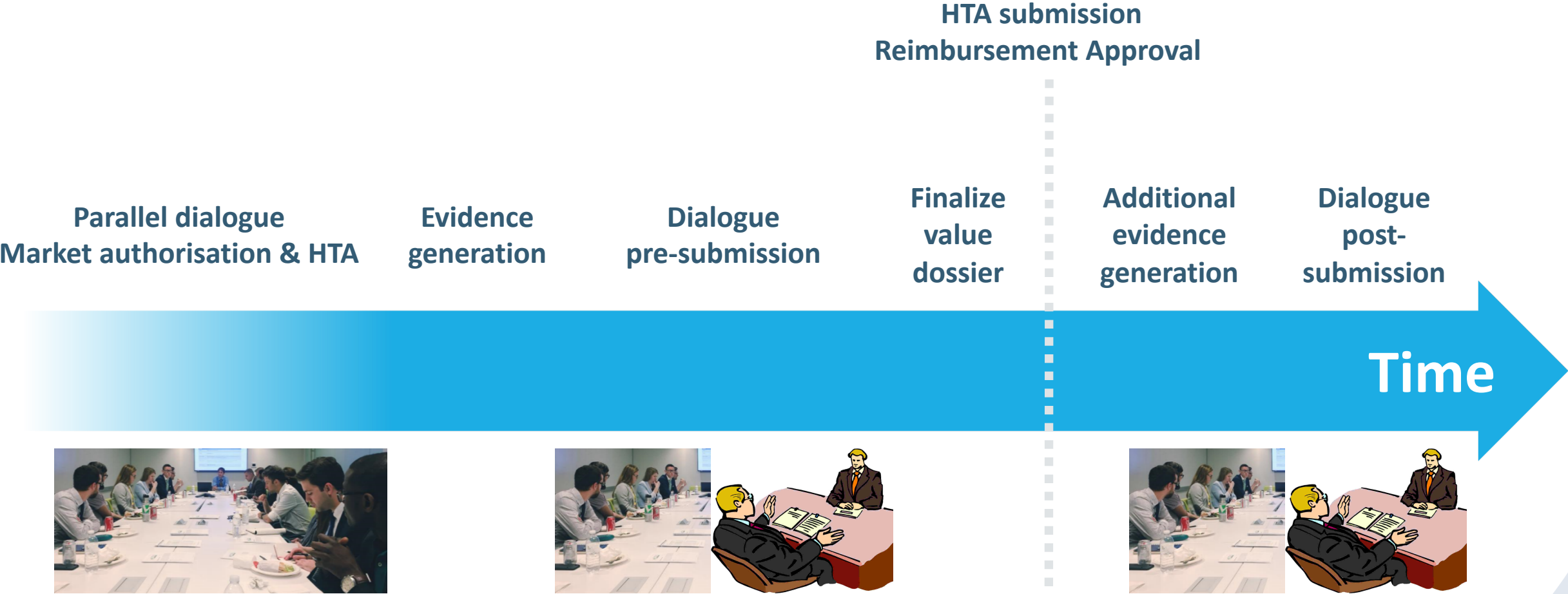
Identify evidence gaps.

Agree what's key to determining value.

Trade-off  
evidence generation requirements  
vs limitations of data collection

*Make explicit;  
set priorities*

# Iterative Dialogue timing – resolving uncertainties



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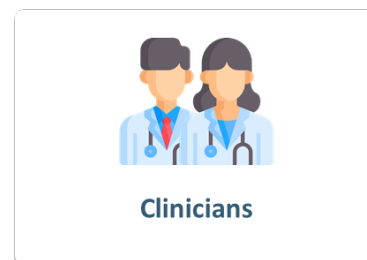
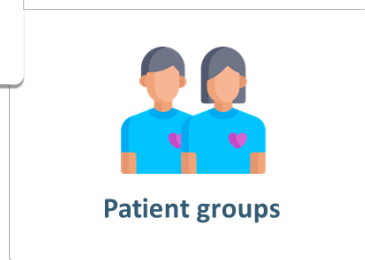
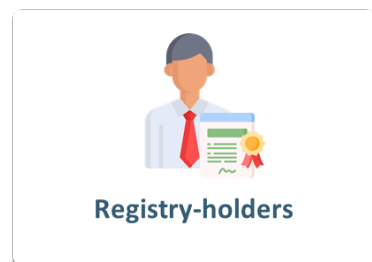
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Real-world evidence to support Payer/HTA decisions about highly innovative technologies in the EU—actions for stakeholders

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**Objectives.** There are divergent views on the potential of real-world data (RWD) to inform decisions made by regulators, health technology assessment (HTA) bodies, payers, clinicians, and patients. This RWE4Decisions initiative explored the particularly challenging setting of highly innovative technologies, which require Payers/HTAs to make decisions on a small evidence base with major uncertainties. The aim was to go beyond strategic intent to consider actions that each stakeholder could take to improve use of RWD in this setting.

**Results.** Case studies of recent Payer/HTA decisions about highly innovative technologies were considered in light of recent international initiatives about RWD. This showed a lack of clarity about the Payer/HTA questions that could be answered by RWD and how the quality of real-world evidence (RWE) could be assessed. All stakeholders worked together to create a vision whereby stakeholders agree what RWD can be collected for highly innovative technologies based on principles of collaboration and transparency. For each stakeholder group, recommended actions to support the generation, analysis, and interpretation of RWD to inform decision making were developed. For HTA bodies, this includes cross border HTA/regulatory collaboration to agree RWD requirements over the technology life cycle to inform initial recommendations and reassessment, data analytics methods development for HTA, and promotion of transparency in RWE studies.

**Recommendations.** Stakeholders need to collaborate on demonstration projects to consider how RWE can be developed to inform healthcare decisions and contribute to a learning network that can develop systems to support a learning health system and improve patient outcomes through best use of RWD.

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Stakeholders agree what real-world data (RWD) can be collected for highly innovative technologies  
– when, by whom and how –  
in order to generate real-world evidence (RWE) that informs decisions  
by healthcare systems, clinicians and patients.

## Transparency

**Plans for RWD collection and generation of RWE should be shared publicly to ensure that data sources can be focused, coordinated and combined by:**

clarifying what questions RWD may be able to address in regulatory and Payer/HTA decisions

publishing methods for critical assessment of RWE

sharing information about RWD studies underway across different jurisdictions to enable data amalgamation

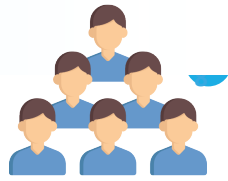
use of clear processes for managing conflicts of interest among stakeholders.

## Collaboration

RWE generation is a **shared responsibility** and should be pre-specified and **planned with all stakeholders**.

**Iterative dialogues** should involve all stakeholders throughout the lifecycle of a technology to discuss plans for evidence generation and the potential for RWE to resolve important decision uncertainties.

**Each stakeholder needs to take responsibility** for aspects they can influence and work collaboratively with other stakeholders to achieve the common goal of developing RWE that can inform Payer/HTA decisions and improve patient care.



## To European or multi-country HTA or payer collaboratives (1/2)

- ✔ Collaborate with academia to better understand the potential of new statistical, econometric and modelling approaches to develop robust RWE for use in Payer/HTA decisions.
- ✔ **Encourage industry to engage in multi-stakeholder dialogues to discuss evidence generation plans including RWD collection.**
- ✔ **Use joint processes (multi-HTA and with regulators) to document evidence gaps and key uncertainties in the clinical (and economic) evidence and identify which areas might be addressed by patient-relevant RWE.**
- ✔ Document the regulatory post-licensing evidence generation (PLEG) obligations and the additional Payer/HTA PLEG needs. Establish what PLEG is needed on national, regional, and European level.





## To European or multi-country HTA or payer collaboratives (2/2)

- ✔ **For individual HTAs, agree the core dataset that is required for HTA reappraisal, within a reasonable timeframe, so that common data collection protocols can be agreed across countries and joint analyses performed.**
- ✔ Engage with the clinical community (particularly ERNs) to avoid conflicting or duplicative data collection.
- ✔ Develop methods guides to show how RWE will be critically assessed and how the validity and applicability of RWD/RWE from another country/health setting will be determined.
- ✔ Encourage the development of a public portal registering RWE studies that may be used in decision-making and when fully established only accept studies previously registered and reported on the portal.

Stakeholder actions and collaboration to improve learnings on real-world evidence.  
Proposal for a EU Learning Network on RWE



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# Session 2: Stakeholder actions & collaboration to improve learnings on RWE

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# RWD in the life-cycle of the pharmaceutical

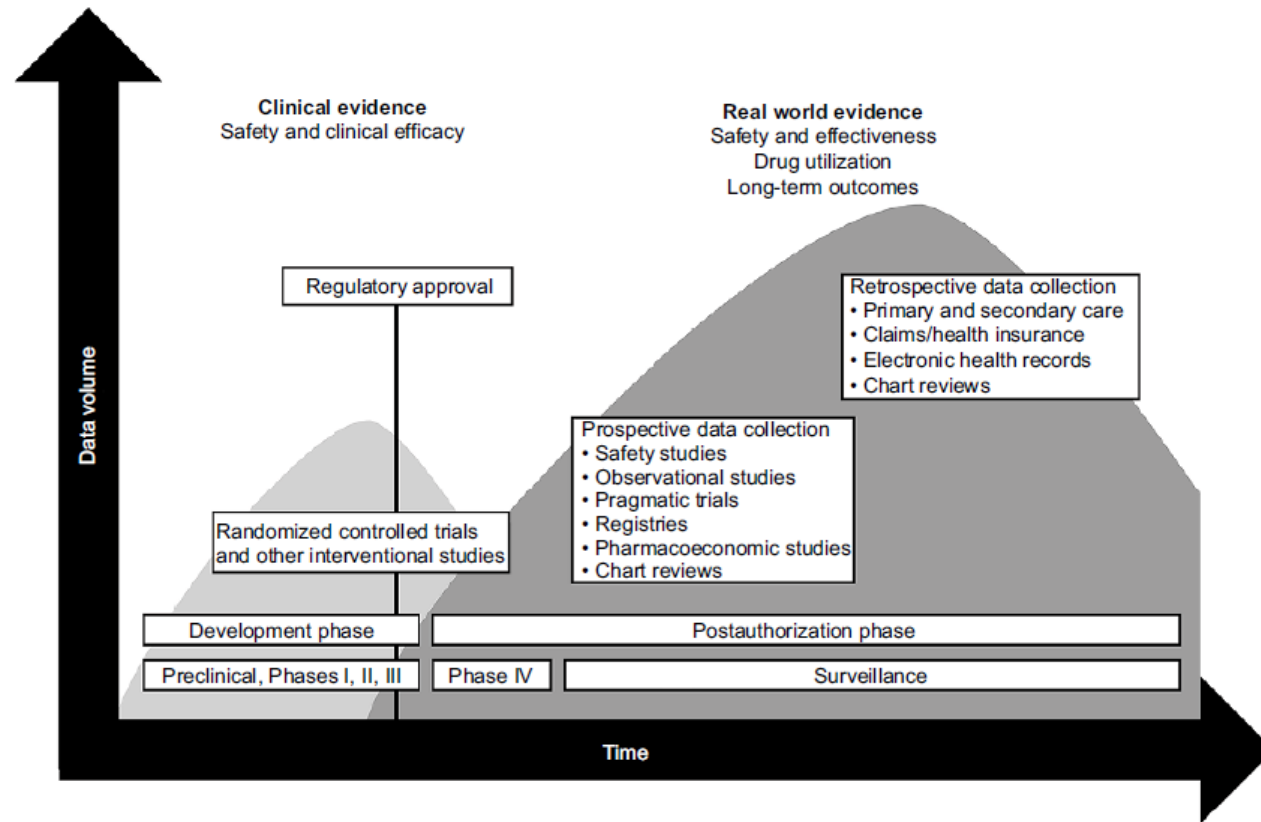


Figure 2 Schematic illustration of the utilization of randomized controlled trial data and real world data through the lifecycle of a medical intervention.

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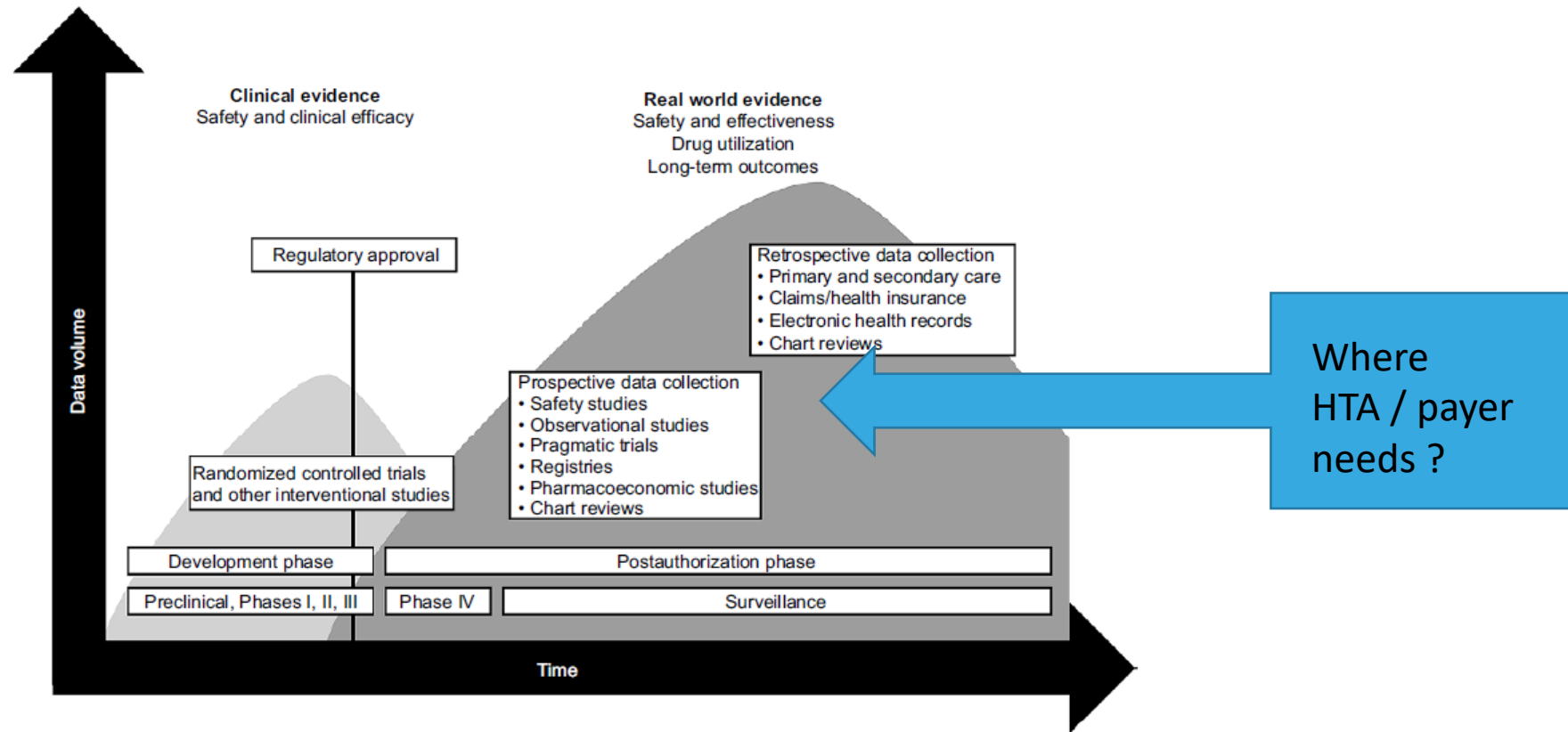


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# RWE4Decisions Case Study Workshops – Key Learnings

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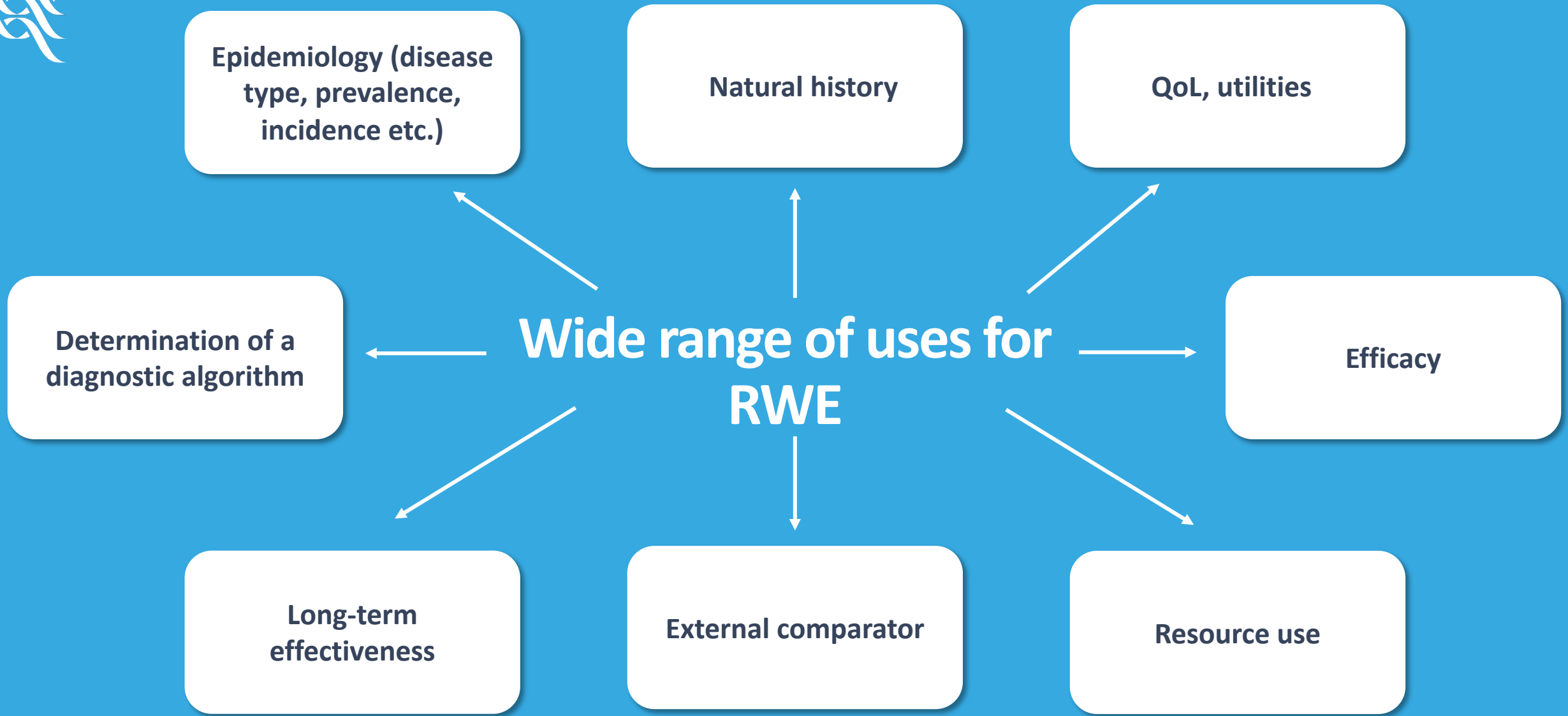
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# RWE4Decisions Case Study Workshop (Sept 2020)

Demonstration project of a light-touch multi-stakeholder dialogue meeting about highly innovative technologies in development. Can we address any of the RWE4Decisions stakeholder actions?









# Workshop outcomes

## Open and confidential discussion of RWE generation plans

Consideration of

1. Challenges
2. Pros and cons of different RWE designs/data sources
3. Propositions for long-term evidence generation post-launch
4. Practicalities of data collection (responsibility & approaches to reduce duplication/maximize use)
5. Be clear that RWE may not resolve important uncertainties

## Plan iterative dialogues

RWE4Decisions proposes iterative dialogues to discuss RWE requirements

HTA/Payers need to agree which questions should be discussed when (create a timeline) - Link to life cycle of RWD availability

## Use of RWE studies

RWE studies to create matched external controls should have clear protocols and analytical plans with robust data capture (e.g. via eCRF) and quality control mechanisms, including analyses to show sensitivity of the cohort to different data rules.

Applicability of RWE studies to different jurisdictions should be considered.

A plan for the use of RWE studies should be developed that does not cherry pick elements.



# Recommendations



## International disease based registries

Recommended – but practicalities of use for an individual product is complex and needs further discussion (content, funding, management, ownership).



## Collaboration across EU

Engage with ERNs and EJPRD to ensure HTA/Payer needs are understood when disease registries are developed and to ensure Payers can have access to relevant data.



## Payers

Be clear about what data is required post-HTA/reimbursement and collaborate to define a layered core dataset outlining data that is

- essential
- important
- nice to have



## Other initiatives

Avoid duplication with other initiatives (Early Dialogues, etc). Identify purpose of a light-touch process focussed on RWE and where it can contribute given insufficient capacity in other systems.

# Call to Action

**RWE4Decisions calls for a Multi-Stakeholder EU Learning Network on Real-World Evidence within the European Health Data Space**

RWE4Decisions calls for the creation of a **multi-stakeholder EU Learning Network on Real-World Evidence**, which is based on a transparent governance mechanism. This Learning Network, designed for Member States to implement evidence-based decision-making, should be supported by EU funding, and:

1. clarify **when, by whom and how** real-world data should be collected in order to generate real-world evidence that **meets the needs of patients and healthcare systems**;
2. be based on a **voluntary mechanism**;
3. be underpinned by **robust methodologies** in alignment with other initiatives.



# Can we create a multi-stakeholder Learning Network on RWE?

The Learning Network needs to:

be premised on open governance, reciprocity and legitimacy through comprehensive membership

enable knowledge sharing and dialogue, and operate on the basis of shared responsibilities and clear roles



be able to develop actions, to reach goals efficiently and be able to question goals and practices to develop new learning methods

enable the attainment of common goals, develop network members' own work, skill and capabilities

In order to deliver on the goals, the Learning Network must be:

owned by a public institution

enabling the multi-stakeholder interaction

sustainable through long-term funding



# Thank you for attention

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# The Mission-oriented Research and innovation approach



*« Missions provide a solution, an opportunity, and an approach to address the numerous challenges that people face in their daily lives ».*

Professor Mariana Mazzucato

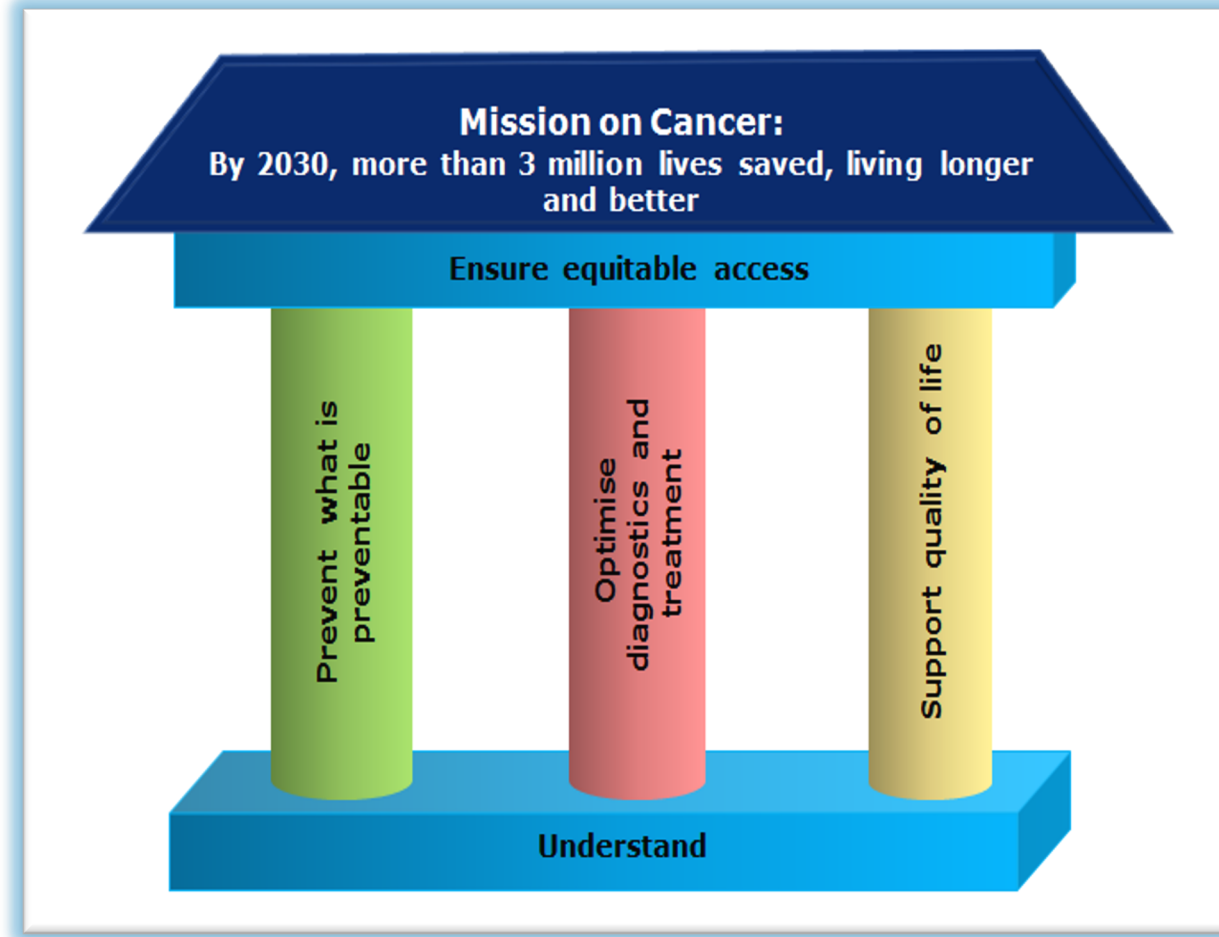
# Goals of Missions

- to give direction to European research and innovation in solving society's pressing challenges and produce tangible results
- to involve citizens and stakeholders more closely in setting research priorities, but not only, which will lead to equal access for everyone in Europe to the best of European innovation & research resources, and global know-how



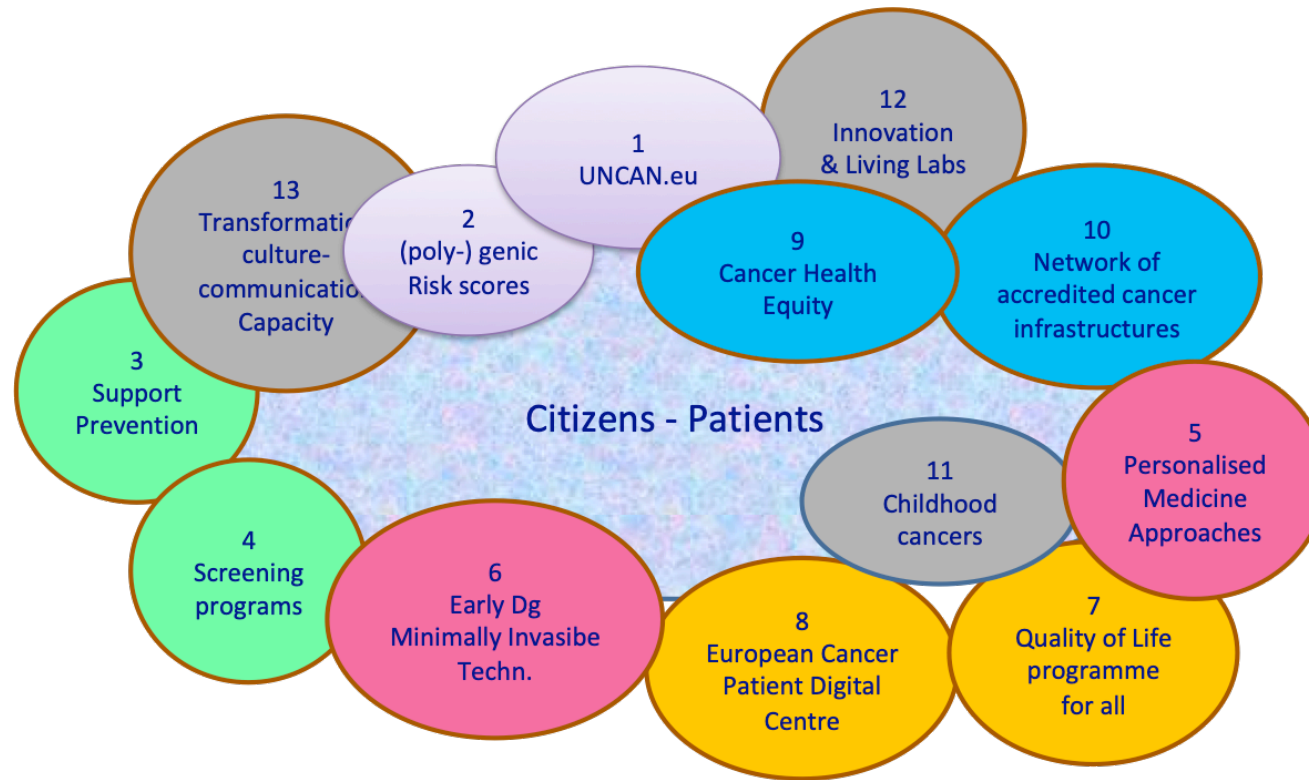
# Conquering cancer: mission possible

## Mission Outline September 2020





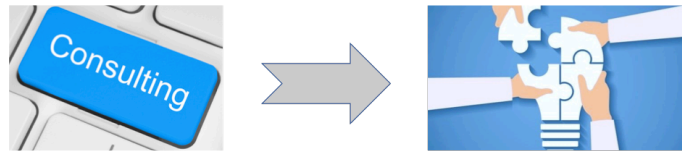
# 13 Citizen- and patient-centred recommendations for actions of the Mission on Cancer



Existing EU/national/Regional structures



# Work of the Mission Board Advise on Mission Actions: Cross Sectors-Cross Borders



- ✓ Citizens, patients, carers
- ✓ Member states authorities
- ✓ EU and National Stakeholders
- ✓ European Commission –DGs
- ✓ Members of the European Parliament





# Citizen engagement and Board member ambassador activities

Since May 2020 : more than 80 meetings

## Citizen engagement

- citizen engagement events  
in nat'l language
- stakeholder events  
in nat'l language or English
- 2 EU-wide Focus Groups  
in English

<i>Austria*</i>	<i>Italy*</i>
<i>Belgium*</i>	<i>Latvia</i>
<i>Bulgaria*</i>	<i>Lithuania*</i>
<i>Croatia*</i>	<i>Luxembourg*</i>
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<i>Germany</i>	<i>Slovenia*</i>
<i>Greece*</i>	<i>Spain*</i>
<i>Hungary*</i>	<i>Sweden*</i>
<i>Ireland*</i>	

## Board as 'Ambassadors

- Meeting with Ministry of Research, Health, Economics or Education
- Citizen engagement (citizens, patients and caregivers) on outline and/or several recommendations
- Meeting nat'l and EU stakeholders all sectors
- Support from Assembly members if deemed useful
- Take into account written/published input from range of stakeholders all sectors

## EU-Missions

survey



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**Recommendation 8: Create a European Cancer Patient Digital Centre where cancer patients and survivors can deposit and share their data for personalised care**

This recommendation involves the creation of a European Cancer Patient Digital Centre (ECPDC), i.e. a centrally controlled (national) health data infrastructure where cancer patients and survivors can deposit their health data with their care providers (e.g. imaging, genetic data, clinical data, lifestyle data) in a standardised, ethical and interoperable manner. The ECPDC repository would include a summary of the data.

**First goal for people living with and after cancer and their carers**

- ✓ Provide a health passport ( health data provided by their medical care providers (e.g. imaging, genetics, blood markers, clinical and lifestyle data) in a standardised, ethical and interoperable manner
- ✓ Provide a personalized center of knowledge including information on treatments and follow-up recommendations, and foster a (long-term) personalised care plan

**Second goal for research & innovation**

Data within the ECPDC will serve as a valuable resource for research to improve understanding of cancer and its impact on patients' and survivors' lives, thus contributing to the development of improved diagnostics, treatment, care and quality of life support (recommendations 1 and 2, 4 to 7, 9, 13)

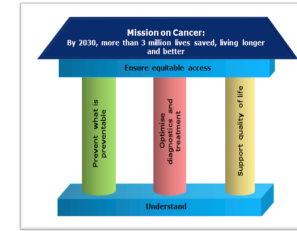
financial issues and asserting survivors' rights. Data within the ECPDC will serve as a valuable resource for research to improve understanding of cancer and its impact on patients' and survivors' lives, thus contributing to the development of improved diagnostics, treatment, care and quality of life support (recommendations 1 and 2, 4 to 7, 9, 13)

**Overall aim:**

give a voice to patients and survivors, enable them to enforce their rights, and increase their confidence in sharing their data for cancer research, innovation and policy development.

# 13 Recommendation

UNCAN.eu would encompass relevant stakeholders and enable integration of innovative models and technologies with longitudinal patient



- 1 Launch **UNCAN.eu** – a European Union-wide research programme to identify (poly)pharmacological targets and develop novel drugs
- 2 Develop an EU-wide research programme to identify (poly)pharmacological targets and develop novel drugs. Collect evidence of policy interventions
- 3 Big-data analysis and machine learning integrated in screening and early detection programmes to generate new insights. Member States and
- 4 large-scale inter-sector, EU-collaboration and advanced data analyses in personalised medicine.
- 5 Advance and implement **personalised medicine approaches** for precision prevention, diagnosis and treatment
- 6 Collect data on health related and social and legal needs; short & long term toxicities. successful research in the development of effective early diagnostic tools, integrated and driven by AI, as well as in minimally invasive treatment strategies and -
- 7 Develop an EU-wide **research programme and policy support** for precision prevention, diagnosis and treatment. technologies may lead to more cure and a better quality of life
- 8 Create a **European Cancer Patient Digital Centre** where personalised care is available. Available to all patients
- 9 CCI tumor boards to integrate data quality assurance and cross linkage of data bases for understanding, prevention of toxicities, efficacy of innovative therapies; health
- 10 Set up a **network of Comprehensive Cancer Centres** to increase quality of life. Member States to increase quality of life
- 11 Traditional and non traditional innovators for digital science. Digital health passports
- 12 Accelerate **innovation and implementation** of digital health passports. Digital health passports for adults: cure more and cure better
- 13 Transform cancer culture, communication and capacity building. **Technology-focused Living Labs** to conquer cancer



## Citizen/patients inputs



- Support for a **European Cancer Patients Data Centre**
- **Support for a Health passport** that not only contains relevant information on patients clinical history and received treatments, but may also serve as an educational tool.
- For senior patients such a passport might be difficult to use and also concerns were raised about the security of such a database.
- A health passport with all relevant patient information is appreciated, but not sufficient to improve shared decision making.
- Patients should also have easy access to their own health data to strengthen the position of patient in shared decision making .
- There was support for more **personalised prevention**, based on assessment of individual risk **based on big data**

## Summary

To fulfill our goal of conquering cancer

- *Use all data available from every stakeholder including patients/citizens*
- *All stakeholders should define the level of evidence they need to make decisions*
- *Patients/citizens should participate with their data in decision making to answer their needs*
- *Equity requires cross border-cross MS collaborations*

**Evidentiary Challenges for Highly Innovative Technologies**

**The Way Forward to Improve Shared Learnings on Real-World Evidence for Decision-Makers**



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# Concluding session: The way forward to improve shared learnings on RWE for decision-makers

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# The Way Forward

In light of the proposal for an EU Health Data Space, a revised EU Pharmaceutical Strategy and a Regulation for EU collaboration on HTA, there is a need for an **EU Real-World Evidence Action Plan** to stimulate alignment and collaboration amongst ongoing initiatives and responding to key challenges by:

- Ensuring the development of a framework for cross country collaboration on analyses;
- Supporting an infrastructure for sharing of evidence generation plans and post-licensing evidence generation;
- Ensuring data quality and accessibility as well as data security and privacy;
- Developing evidence standards and agreeing on common data sets;
- Promoting comprehensive and aligned guidance across bodies;
- Ensuring systematic patient involvement in order to capture real world experience;
- Promoting the use of digital data in health care.



# Call for a Multi-Stakeholder Learning Network on RWE



## WHAT?

A Network including HTA bodies/payers, the EMA, patient representatives, researchers, clinicians, industry and academics...

To improve evidence-informed decisions for market access and reimbursement of highly innovative technologies



## WHY DISTINCTIVE?

Multi-stakeholder in approach, HTA/payer led

Sustainable collaboration (beyond pilots)



## WHY?

To harness the use of data in the evaluation of the truly added-value of pharmaceuticals

To address the operational, technical and methodological gaps



## ADDED VALUE?

To develop practical learnings on the potential use of RWE through a 'learning by doing' approach

*Share experience - pool resources - build trust*



# Where next? Opportunities in 2021 and beyond

## Continue Demonstration Projects

- INAMI-RIZIV to drive forward demonstration projects
- Welcomes interest from stakeholders, including all HTA authorities and payers willing to contribute to case study workshops in 2021
- Identification of case studies in collaboration with International Horizon Scanning Initiative (IHSI)



## EU RWE Action Plan & EU Funding for RWE Learning Network

- Dialogue with DG CONNECT & DG SANTE on the need for a EU Real-World Evidence Action Plan
- Explore sustainable funding for EU multi-stakeholder Learning Network on RWE
- Collaboration with ERNs



## Opportunities to share Learnings with policy- and decision-makers

- RWE4Decisions appreciated the support of the German EU Presidency and looks forward to working with the Portuguese and Slovenian Presidencies to progress policy thinking on the value of RWE
- Share learnings on RWE for decisions - e.g. meetings of the Pricing and Reimbursement Authorities (CAPR)
- Share learnings within context of OECD



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