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European H2O network for patients seeks bids for running its new international observatory

The European Health Outcomes Observatory (H2O) partnership is looking for a public organisation to partner with in order to create the pan-European Observatory that will be leading the development and growth of the H2O network. The H2O network is a novel and world-leading initiative to put health data in the hands of patients and to transform the use of patient data across a range of health care activities. This is a unique opportunity to become part and shape a truly transformational initiative that puts patients at the core of decision making in healthcare.

H2O is a public-private partnership that has been set up initially under the umbrella of the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI). In its first five years, under IMI, H2O will establish independent, not-for-profit, national institutes – “observatories” – to start with in four countries (Austria, Germany, The Netherlands and Spain) and three disease areas (diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease, and cancer). Through H2O, patients will be able to access an overview of their own health data to better manage their health care and interactions with their clinicians.

The pan-European observatory will play a central role in maintaining the H2O mission and overseeing the H2O network. This new body will be an independent, not-for-profit association, capable of fostering a European-aligned approach. It will lead the H2O ecosystem and will extend the H2O concept from its initial focus by adding more disease areas, new data sources, and other settings.

The H2O partners are now inviting proposals from national public sector bodies that could partner with this new body and participate in its Board. Several criteria for potential applicants are outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP), with the most significant being that the applicant would be a "national public sector body with knowledge and competence over the health sector in its country (and) could commit to become a partner representing the constituency of public authorities on the board of the pan-European observatory".

The Request for Proposal can be accessed on the H2O website <https://health-outcomes-observatory.eu/>. Responses should be submitted by 23:59 CEST on Monday 31st May. Webinars will be held in May to provide interested parties the opportunity to ask for clarification (details of these will be announced on the H2O website).



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About H2O

H2O is a public-private partnership funded by the Innovative Medicines Initiative and EFPIA members. It was launched on 1 October 2020 and will run for 60 months, through September 2025.

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H2O partners

The 23 partners include: Medizinische Universität Wien (**coordinator**) and Takeda Pharmaceuticals International AG (**project leader**); Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Erasmus Universitair Medisch Centrum Rotterdam, Institut Català de la Salut – Hospital Universitari Vall d’Hebron, Novartis Pharma AG, F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd, and Eli Lilly International as **Executive Committee members**; and King’s College London, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Forum Europeen des Patients / European Patients’ Forum, The European Institute for Innovation through Health Data, The Hyve BV, TEAM IT Research, Karolinska Universitetssjukhuset, Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, De Stichting Integraal Kankercentrum Nederland, AbbVie INC, JDRF, Medtronic International Trading SARL, Pfizer Ltd, Sanofi-Aventis Recherche & Development, and Trial Nation as **consortium members**.

<http://health-outcomes-observatory.eu/>

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