

# ERN: Clinical Practice Guidelines and CDSTs

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# GENERAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERTISE

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- **Establishment of the ERNs (Directive 2011/24/EU) and EUCERD Joint Action**
  - Milestone in the health policy process
  - Patients' rights in cross-border healthcare + cooperation in research
  - Assessment Manual and Toolbox (AMT)
  - FPS as Independent Assessment Body (IAB) to perform technical assessment of ERN members' applications
  - Taxonomy and templates for ERN documents



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# GENERAL BACKGROUND

- Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) and Clinical Decision Support Tools (CDSTs)
  - Why we need those tools?
  - AGREE-II Methodology
- **Characteristics and requirements** for CPGs
  - Evidence-based
  - Multidisciplinarity
  - Different patients sub-groups
  - Transparent elaboration
  - Clear explanation
  - Evidence quality + recommendations strength
  - Updatable
- **Characteristics** of the CDSTs
  - Opinions of experts
  - Large diversity + variability
  - Examples: OPPs, Clinical Pathways, etc.
  - Generalization of CPGs



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# Consortium Members

**COORDINATION** Fundación Pública Andaluza Progreso y Salud (**FPS**)  
Agencia de Calidad Sanitaria de Andalucía (**ACSA**)

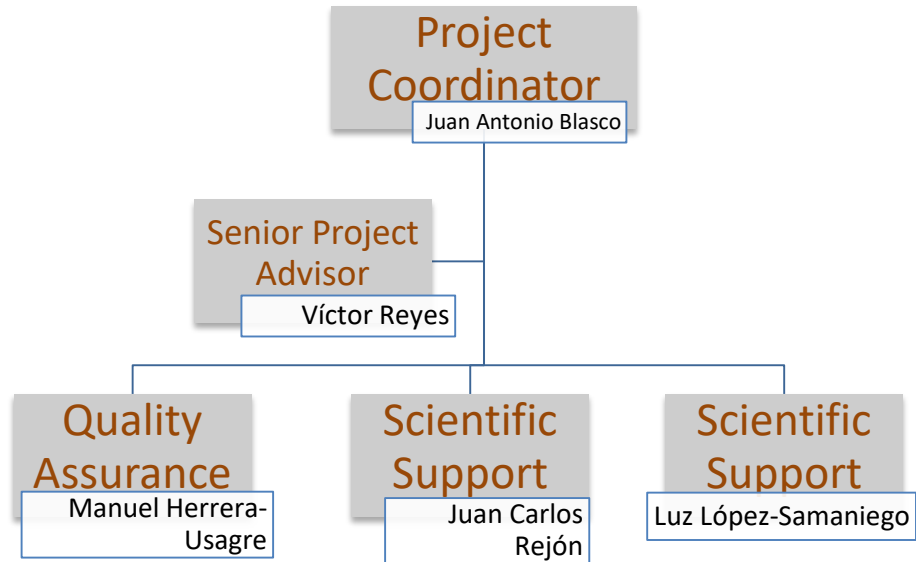
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# Coordination Team

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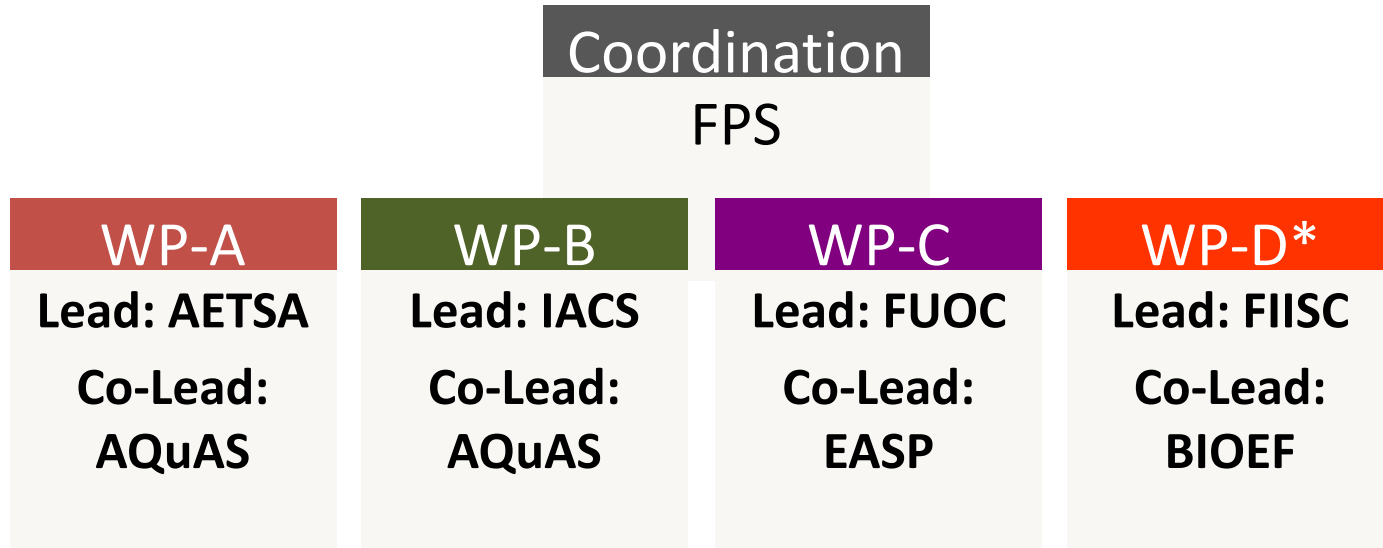


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# Work Packages



*\*Participation of the rest of Health Technologies Assessment and Guideline Producing Agencies*



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# Coordination role

- **Interactions + communications:**
  - DG SANTE (EC)
  - Consortium members
  - Advisory Body
- **24 ERNs Coordinators and Contact Points**
  - ERNs Coordinators Group (ERN-CG)
  - Working Group of Knowledge Generation (WG-KG)
  - Other stakeholders (e.g. EURORDIS, Scientific Societies).
- **Meetings logistics**
- **Quality Assurance**



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# GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT



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- To provide assistance to the ERNs and their healthcare providers in the process of **development, appraisal and implementation of CPGs and CDSTs**
- **To improve the capacity** of the Networks in their task **to produce and adhere to high quality CPGs and CDSTs**



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# WORK PACKAGES

# WP-A | Governance

- To provide technical advise and guidance to the EC, the Member States and the ERNs Coordinators in the **creation of an Advisory Body (AB)**
- To support and help the ERNs **to define the model, characteristics and rules of the 24 Expert Panels (EPs)**



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# WP-B | Methodology

- **To prepare the methodologies** for the development, appraisal and implementation of the CPGs and CDSTs, including **guidance documents, practical tools and recommendations to the EPs**



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# WP-C | Training

- **To offer training and support to the 24 ERN contact points for the use of the methodologies developed under WP-B**
- **To offer and provide basic training to all clinical experts, patients and other stakeholders** involved in the development of the CPGs and CDSTs
- **To produce training materials in online formats for self-evaluation and training** in the development, appraisal and implementation of CPGs and CDSTs



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# WP-D | Development

- **To provide support and guidance for the real development and appraisal of CPGs and CDSTs** to the 24 contact points and the Expert Panels
- **To test and evaluate the utility and effectiveness of the methodological framework and tools** for the development and appraisal of CPGs and CDSTs and to include improvements when needed



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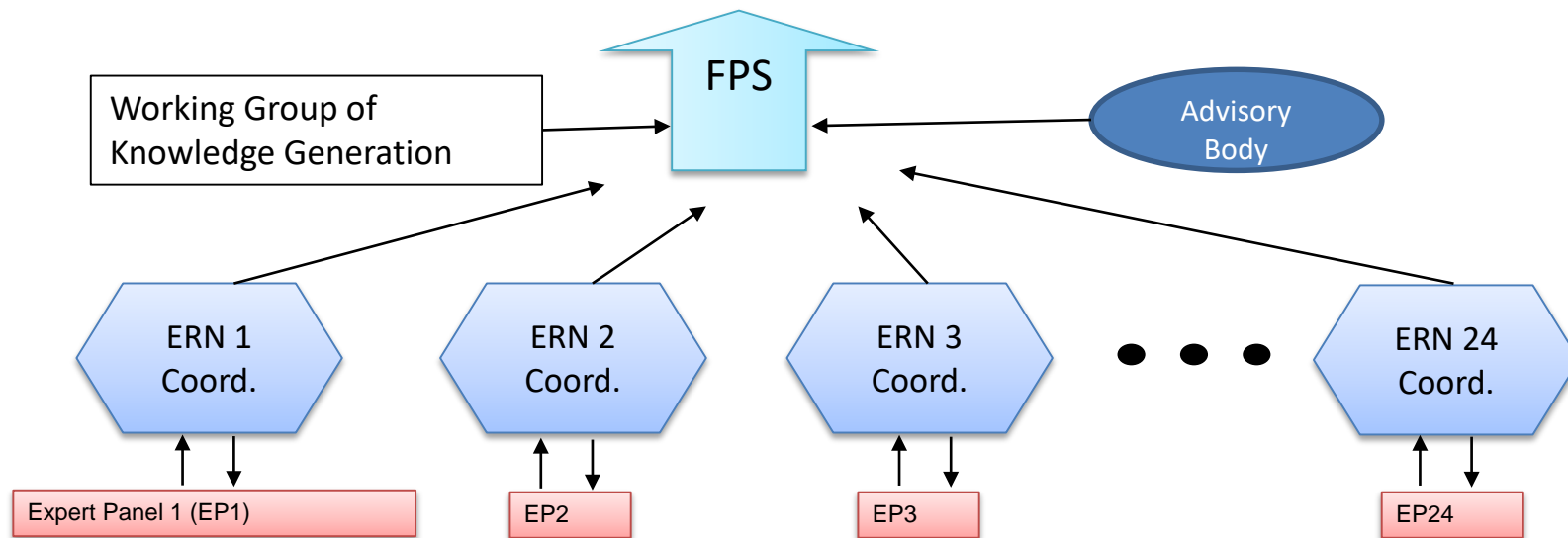




# PROJECT STRUCTURE AND PLAN

# CPGs and CDSTs Production Structure

Guideline Development Agencies: AETSA, AQuAS, IACS, BIOEF, FIISC



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# Project Plan

	YEAR 1		YEAR 2		YEAR 3		YEAR 4	
	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4	Semester 5	Semester 6	Semester 7	Semester 8
Coordination Team	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active
WP-A	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active
WP-B	Active	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive
WP-C	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active
WP-D	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Active	Active	Active	Active	Active



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# Project Plan | WP-B

## ERN CPGs and CDSTs | Project Plan

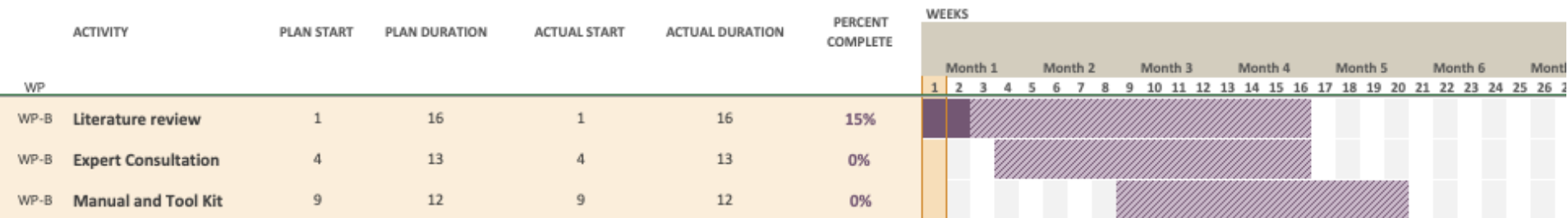
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# Milestones for ERNs representatives/ WG-KG

Date (2020)	WP	Comm. Channel	Objective	Participation required
February-March	WP-B	E-mail	Consultation upon CPGs and CDSTs Methodologies and Tools	WG-KG / 24 ERNs
February-March	WP-C	E-mail + videoconference	Consultation upon CPGs and CDSTs training needs	WG-KG / 24 ERNs
May	WP-D	E-mail	Consultation upon the goals, planning and intended timetable for the development and appraisal of CPGs and CDSTs	All 24 ERNs
May-October	WP-A	E-mail + videoconference	Consultation upon the Expert Panels creation	WG-KG / 24 ERNs
July	WP-C	E-mail	Consultation upon the Physical Training Courses attendance	All 24 ERNs
September	WP-C	E-mail + phone call	Confirmation for Physical Training Courses attendance	All 24 ERNs
October	WP-C	Face-to-face	Physical Training Courses (Brussels)	All 24 ERNs



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# Tools

# TOOLS

The Advisory Body Virtual Workspace (**ABViW**) + The CPGs and CDSTs Expert Panels Technical Helpdesk (**EPATH**)

- Online consultations + meetings
- Workspace for sharing, consulting and publishing technical documents
- Organization of agendas
- Integration of Collaboration Tools
- User friendly



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# Thank you

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