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Towards a European Council for Health Research

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Overview

- Europe's 2020 Strategy: The Innovation Union
- The opportunity: Horizon 2020
- The European Council for Health Research (EuCHR)

The Innovation Union

The Innovation Union is Europe's strategy for growth.

It promise to bring more jobs, economic growth, and social bienestar.

Moving discoveries quicker to the bedside

- The challenge can only be met by increased knowledge through biomedical research and a **coherent and strategic European action** that engages all key stakeholders in healthcare.
- Addressing **cross-border collaboration, coordination, the innovation cycle, as well as sustainability** will be essential to speed up the translation of discoveries into clinical applications.

Healthcare research is a driving factor for investment and employment. **Health is wealth!**

The opportunity: Horizon 2020

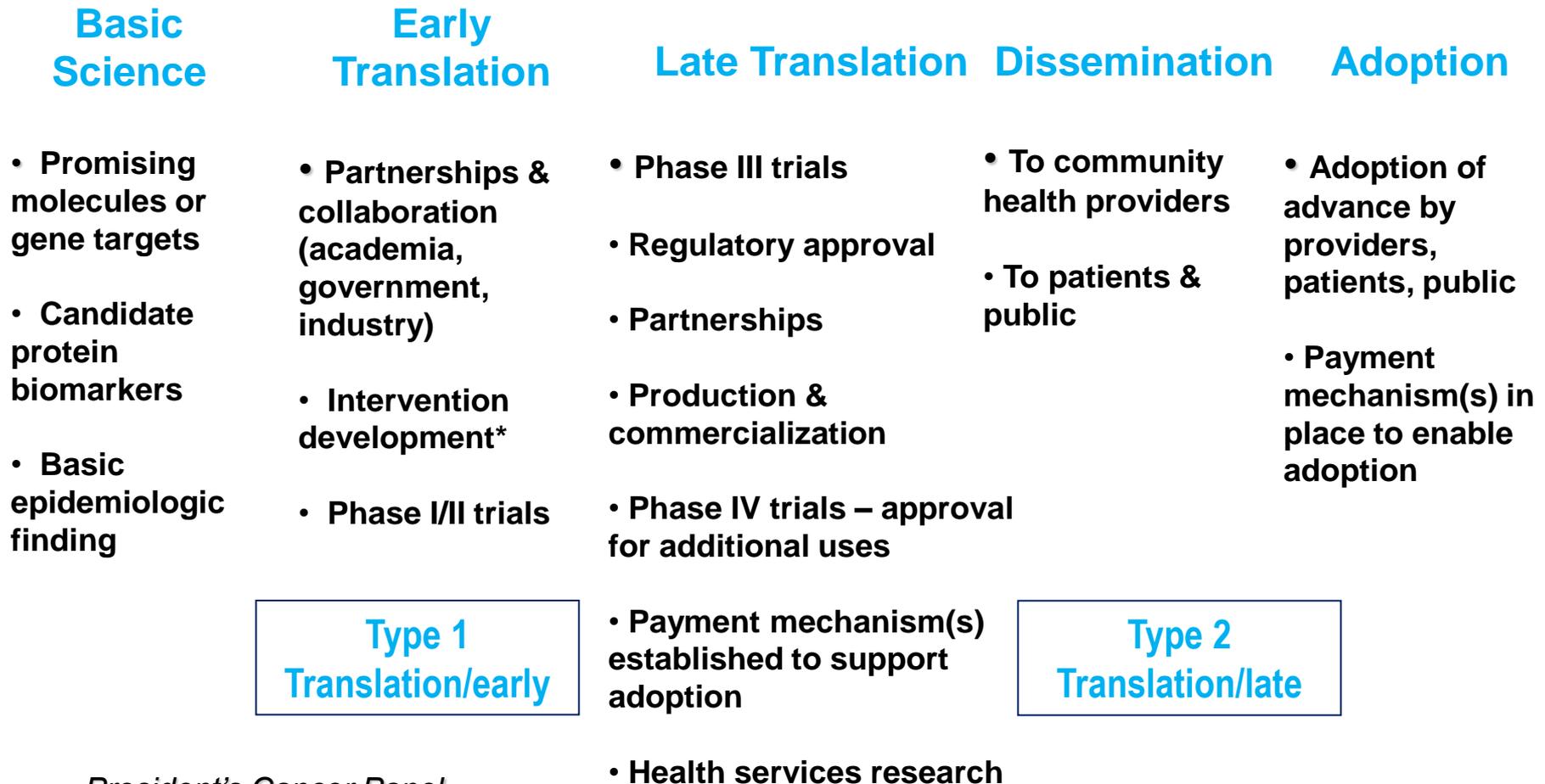
- Horizon 2020 has 3 main pillars:
 - Excellence in science
 - industrial leadership
 - Better societies. Societal challenges (Health, demographic change and well-being,...)

Some priorities in the health theme

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- Understanding the determinants of health (including environmental and climate related factors), improving health promotion and disease prevention;
- Developing effective screening programmes and improving the assessment of disease susceptibility
- Improving surveillance and preparedness
- Understanding disease
- Developing better preventive vaccines
- Improving diagnosis
- Using in-silico medicine for improving disease management and prediction
- Treating disease

How best cover the full innovation cycle from research to market?



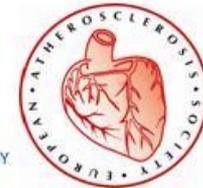
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EASL
EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF THE LIVER



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European Society of Anaesthesiology

ESA



FENS Federation of European Neuroscience Societies

eular the european league against rheumatism

EASO
European Association for the Study of Obesity



BioMed Alliance

- General Assembly agreed on December 1st 2011 to support the idea of working towards the establishment of a EuCHR
- The General Assembly also agreed to the formation of a Core Working Group to derive a vision for the EuCHR and to delineate the road map

A **centralized structure** to build upon excellent resources and institutions already established and derive health research policy.

This initiative, which will have a **structural effect in organizing biomedical research**, should ensure expert scientific input on policy from the outset, provide funding to advance innovation and competitiveness, encourage participation by researchers across borders and **beyond**, and warrant savings for national health systems.

Supporting Statements

- European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries Association (EFPIA)
- Commission High Level Group
- Copenhagen Research Forum

“EFPIA is ready to engage into a stakeholder debate proposed by the BioMed Alliance on how to structure a European Council for Health Research to optimize healthcare research and delivery across Europe”

EuCHR Core Working Group

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EuCHR. Where are we?

- Meeting with key members of the EU Parliament (January 24, 2012)
- The Working Group on the EuCHR will meet on February 15 to discuss the vision and to delineate the road map (end of March)
- Discussion of the vision with individual biomedical organizations (wide consultation/needs and priorities) and confront their positions. Produce a document that reflects the common position of the biomed community concerning structure, priorities. etc. (April)
- Forum to discuss the vision with all relevant stakeholders (late May)
- Set the agenda for the next steps (organizational issues, operation and implementation). How a EuCHR can be structured to optimize healthcare delivery across Europe and reap real health and economic benefits

Window of opportunity is very narrow

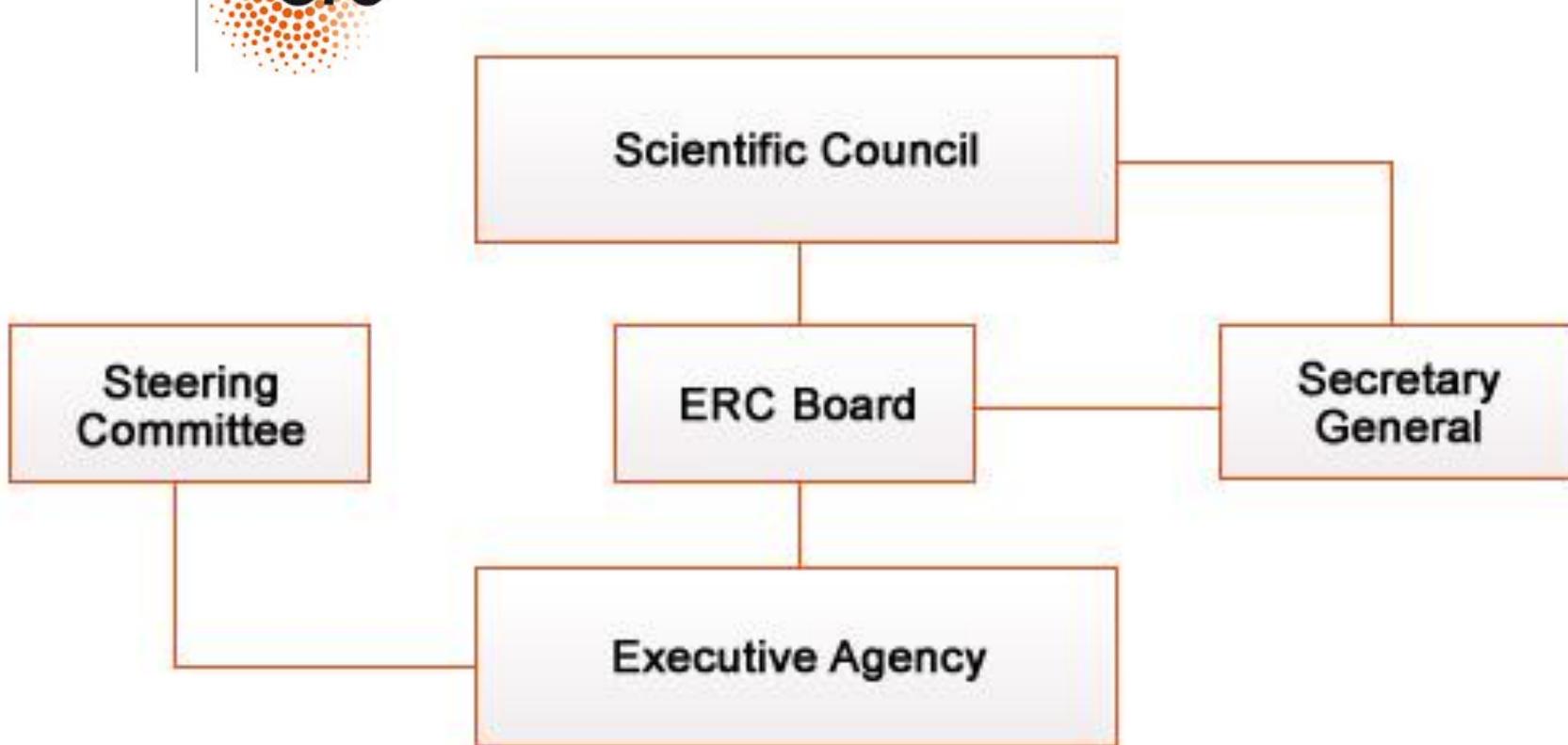
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