

# THE EU CLINICAL TRIALS REGULATION AND ITS IMPACT ON ONCOLOGY

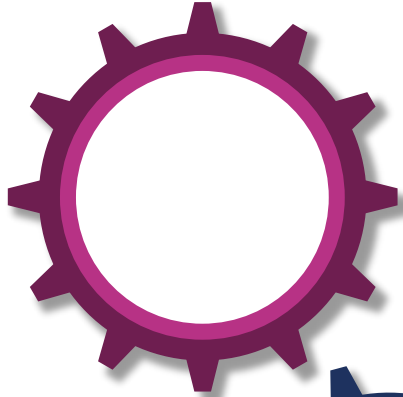
Setting the scene

**Rosa Giuliani**

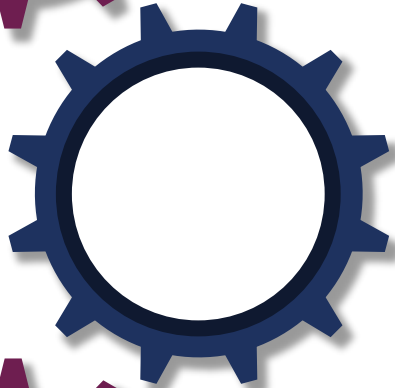
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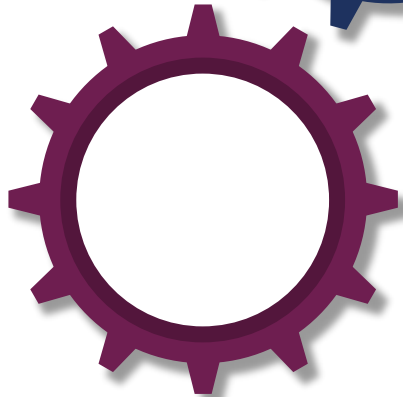
# OVERVIEW



**Introduction to the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO)**



**Setting the scene and key elements of the Clinical Trials Regulation**



**The importance of the Clinical Trials Regulation and its impact on oncology**

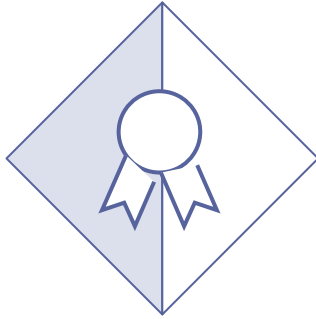
# ESMO IN A NUTSHELL

The European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) is the leading professional organisation for medical oncology.

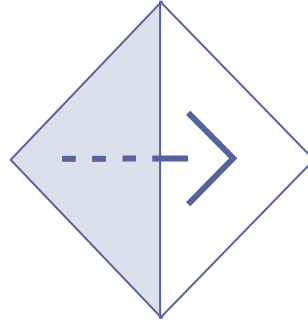
Driven by a shared determination to secure the best possible outcomes for patients,  
ESMO is committed to caring for the carers  
who are engaged in action against cancer in their communities.



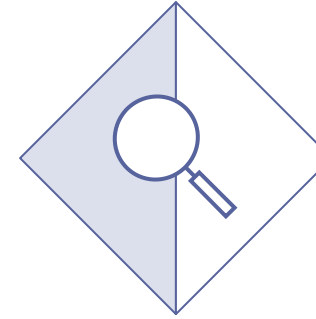
# ESMO MISSION



**Improve  
quality of prevention,  
diagnosis, treatment and care**



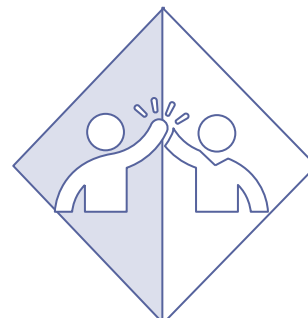
**Advance  
the art and practice  
of oncology**



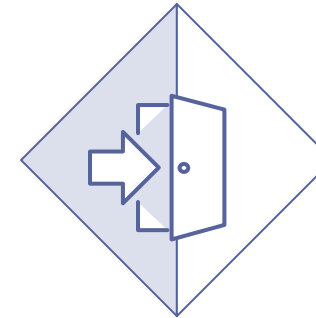
**Disseminate  
knowledge to cancer  
patients and the public**



**Educate and train  
oncology  
professionals**



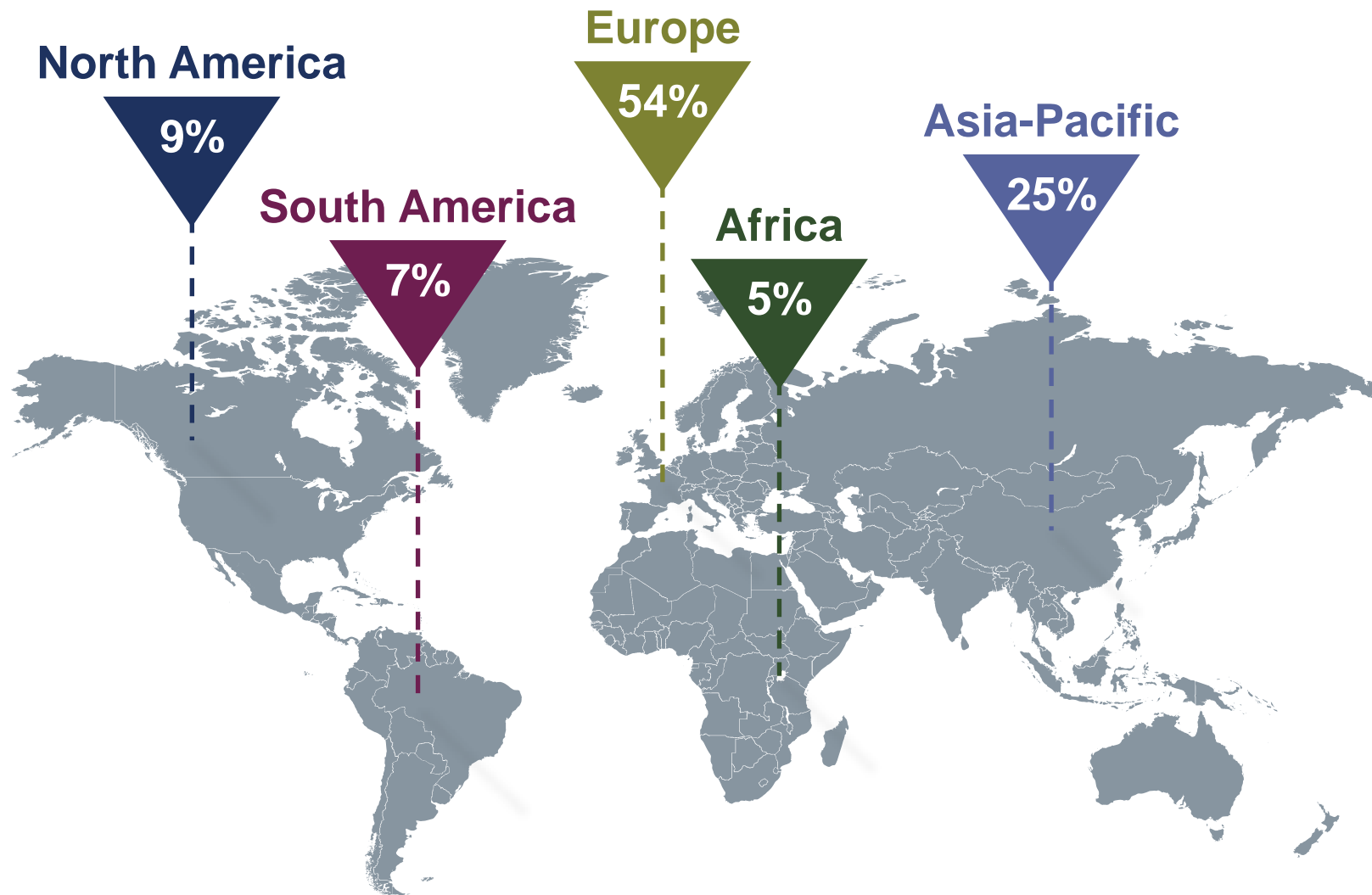
**Ensure  
a high standard of  
qualification**



**Promote  
equal access to  
optimal cancer care**

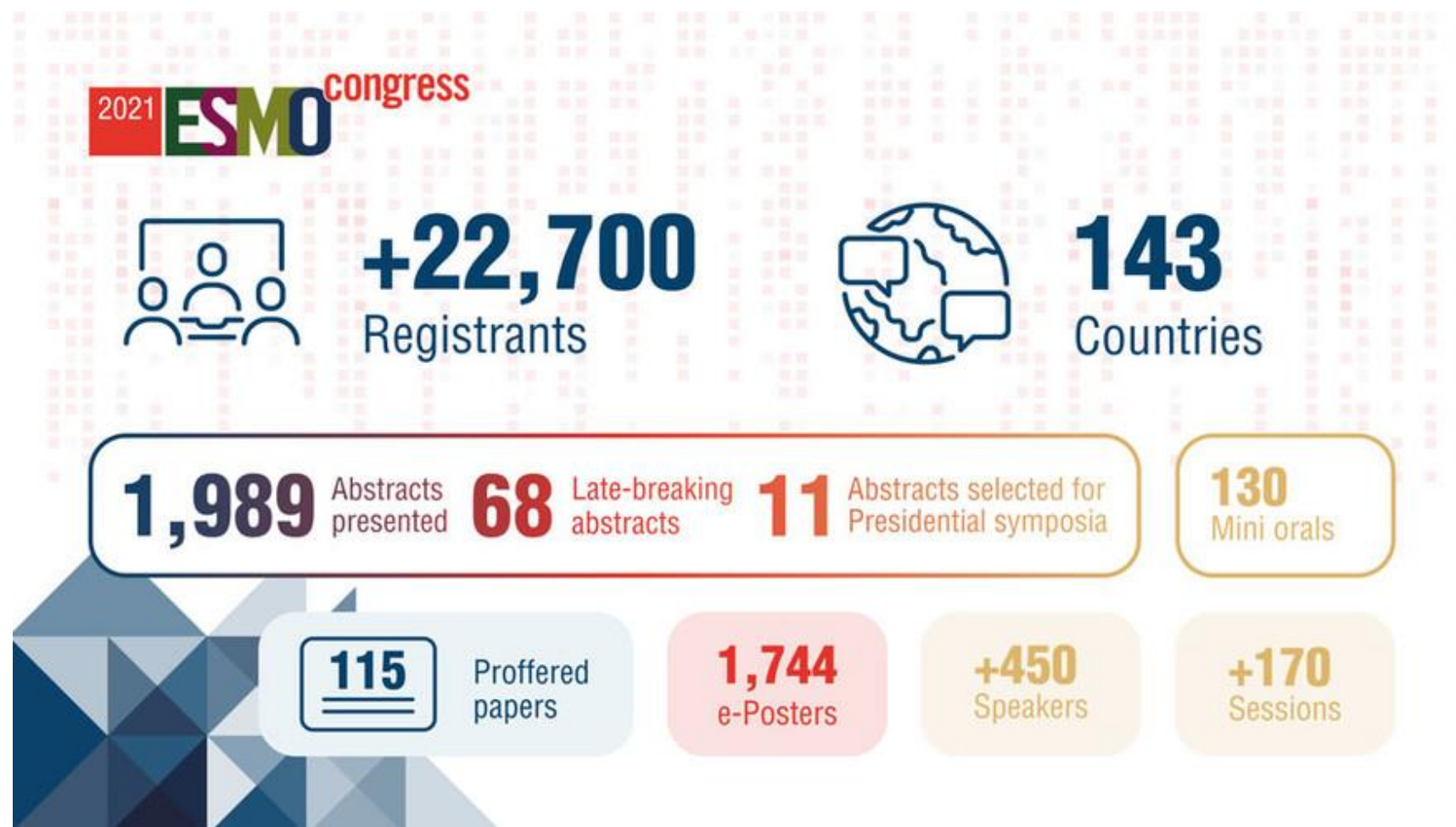
# ESMO MEMBERS

A global community



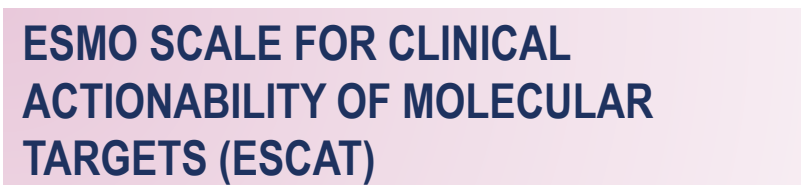
- ▶ > 25,000 members
- ▶ > 160 countries
- ▶ Reciprocity agreements with 44 national oncology societies

# ESMO CONGRESS 2021



# BEYOND EDUCATING AND TRAINING

Tools, partnerships and collaborations across the oncology community



# ESMO WELCOMES THE CLINICAL TRIALS REGULATION

And aims to work towards



Ensuring that medical oncologists are well informed about the implications of the new Regulation



Raising awareness of the need to implement the legislation in a consistent manner in all 27 EU Member States (once applicable)

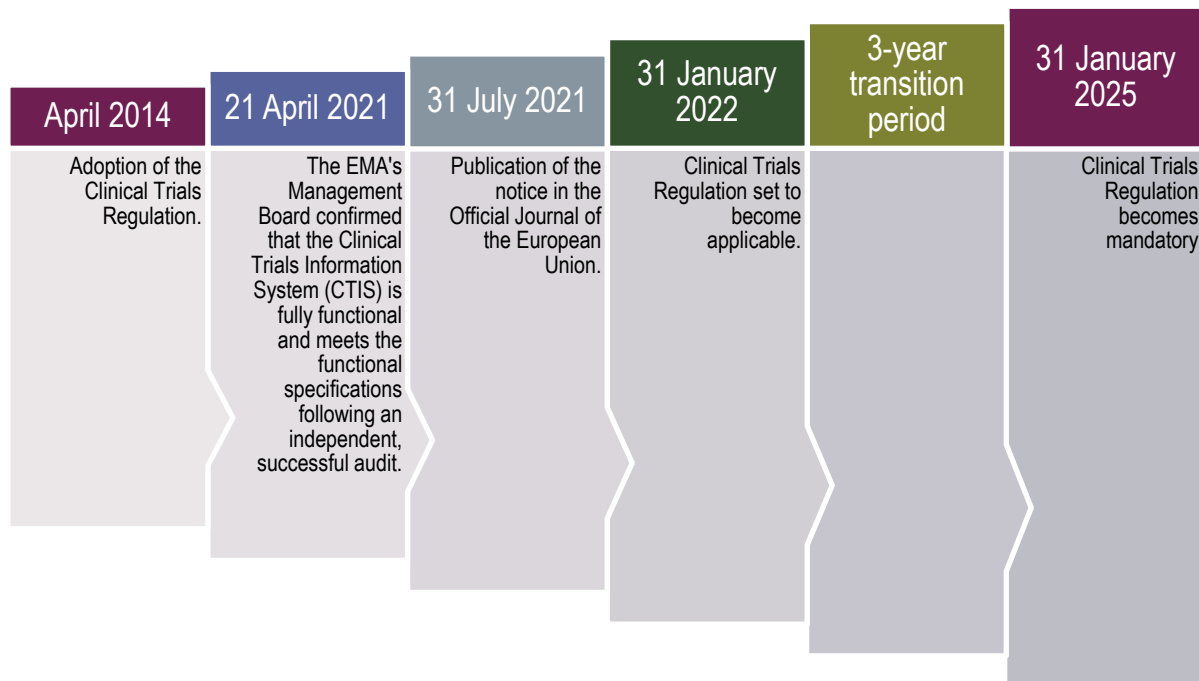


Addressing the need to rationalise administrative and bureaucratic hurdles associated with clinical research

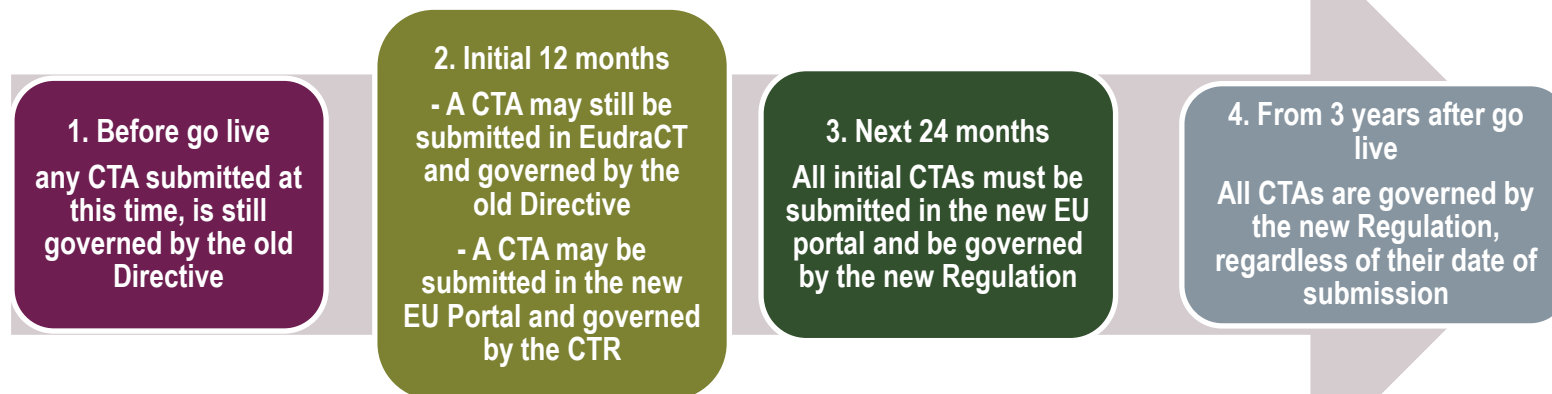




# Recap of the EU Clinical Trials Regulation No 536/2014



## Timeline for application of CTR nationally



# MAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLINICAL TRIALS REGULATION



# EU CLINICAL TRIALS REGULATION NO 536/2014

## Interaction with the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679

### Article 28

2) Without prejudice to Directive 95/46/EC, the sponsor may ask the subject or, where the subject is not able to give informed consent, his or her legally designated representative at the time when the subject or the legally designated representative gives his or her informed consent to participate in the clinical trial to consent to the use of his or her data outside the protocol of the clinical trial exclusively for scientific purposes. That consent may be withdrawn at any time by the subject or his or her legally designated representative. The scientific research making use of the data outside the protocol of the clinical trial shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable law on data protection.

3) Any subject, or, where the subject is not able to give informed consent, his or her legally designated representative, may, without any resulting detriment and without having to provide any justification, withdraw from the clinical at any time by revoking his or her informed consent. Without prejudice to Directive 95/46/EC, the withdrawal of the informed consent shall not affect the activities already carried out and the use of data obtained based on informed consent before its withdrawal.

### Recital 33

It is often not possible to fully identify the purpose of personal data processing for scientific research purposes at the time of data collection. Therefore, data subjects should be allowed to give their consent to certain areas of scientific research when in keeping with recognised ethical standards for scientific research. Data subjects should have the opportunity to give their consent only to certain areas of research or parts of research projects to the extent allowed by the intended purpose.

### Recital 157

By coupling information from registries, researchers can obtain new knowledge of great value with regard to widespread medical conditions such as cardiovascular disease, cancer and depression. On the basis of registries, research results can be enhanced, as they draw on a larger population. Within social science, research on the basis of registries enables researchers to obtain essential knowledge about the long-term correlation of a number of social conditions such as unemployment and education with other life conditions. Research results obtained through registries provide solid, high-quality knowledge which can provide the basis for the formulation and implementation of knowledge-based policy, improve the quality of life for a number of people and improve the efficiency of social services. In order to facilitate scientific research, personal data can be processed for scientific research purposes, subject to appropriate conditions and safeguards set out in Union or Member State law.

### Recital 161

For the purpose of consenting to the participation in scientific research activities in clinical trials, the relevant provisions of Regulation (EU) No 536/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council (15) should apply.

# EU CLINICAL TRIALS REGULATION NO 536/2014

## Recap of key points for oncologists

1. EMA has developed an **EU portal** with a database of clinical trials to increase transparency.
2. CTR discusses the concept of **non-commercial clinical trials** without providing a definition, and encourages Member States to adopt measures to encourage them (i.e. exemption from inspection fees and lower authorisation fees).
3. CTR introduces the concept of **low-intervention clinical trials** including provisions for a risk proportionate approach for safety reporting, monitoring and insurance coverage.
4. CTR also introduces the concept of **co-sponsorship**.
5. When collecting data, the **provisions surrounding consent in the CTR will apply**, but for any processing of this data, the GDPR will apply.

→ ESMO is currently developing a policy guide on CTR for oncologists

# TWO ESMO WEBINARS ON THE CLINICAL TRIALS REGULATION



**The Clinical Trials  
Regulation and its  
impact on oncology**

**Tuesday 12  
October from  
**13:00-14:00 CEST****

**The Clinical Trials  
Regulation - Challenges  
and burdens affecting  
non-commercial research**

**Thursday 28  
October from  
**13:00-14:00 CEST****

# ESMO PUBLIC POLICY WEBINAR ON THE CLINICAL TRIALS REGULATION AND ITS IMPACT ON ONCOLOGY



**Date:** Tuesday 12 October 2021

**Time:** 13:00 – 14:00 CEST

**Moderator:** Rosa Giuliani, ESMO Director of Public Policy

Topic	Speaker	Organization	Time
Setting the scene	Rosa Giuliani	European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO)	13:00 – 13:10
Regulatory perspective	Peter Arlett	European Medicines Agency (EMA)	13:10 – 13:20
Clinical research perspective	Stéphanie Kromar	European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC)	13:20 – 13:30
Patient perspective	Jan Geissler	CML Advocates Network & Workgroup of European Cancer Patient Advocacy Networks (WECAN)	13:30 – 13:40
Discussion and Q&A	All		13:40 – 13:55
Conclusion and closing remarks	Rosa Giuliani	European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO)	13:55 – 14:00



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