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*Paving the future for the treatment of children through a pan-European clinical network*



**THE CHALLENGE** Fragmentation and redundancy between sponsors, sites and countries; difficulties in involving young patients and families; the need to include collaborative expert inputs in the development of innovative paediatric trials for many disorders: all combine to make paediatric clinical trials particularly complex and challenging.



**THE GOAL** To build a sustainable, integrated infrastructure for the efficient and swift delivery of high-quality, innovative, “regulatory grade” clinical trials in children and adolescents across all conditions – including psychiatric disorders.



The c4c consortium at the General Assembly Meeting in Rome, May 2019



**THE PLAN** The project is creating a sustainable network to optimise the delivery of clinical trials in children by offering a single point of contact for sponsors, sites and investigators. Collaborating with experienced specialty networks and gaining high-quality input into study design through advice from our expert groups. The project has developed an education and training platform to shape the future leaders of paediatric drug development, promoting consistent approaches, aligning quality standards and coordination of sites at national and international levels.



**THE IMPACT** To facilitate the development of new medicines and therapies for the entire paediatric population



**ECNP AND c4c** ECAPN, an initiative of the ECNP Child and Adolescent Neuropsychopharmacology Network and part of the c4c consortium, aims to identify unmet needs and to improve the treatment of children and adolescents with psychiatric disorders in the clinical practice.

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