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Scaling-up Real-World Evidence Generation for Regulators in Europe: DARWIN EU

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By 2025 the use of Real-World Evidence will have been enabled and the value will have been established across the spectrum of regulatory use cases

- European Medicines Regulatory Network (EMRN) [strategy to 2025](#) -

Big Data Task Force recommendations (source EMA Website)

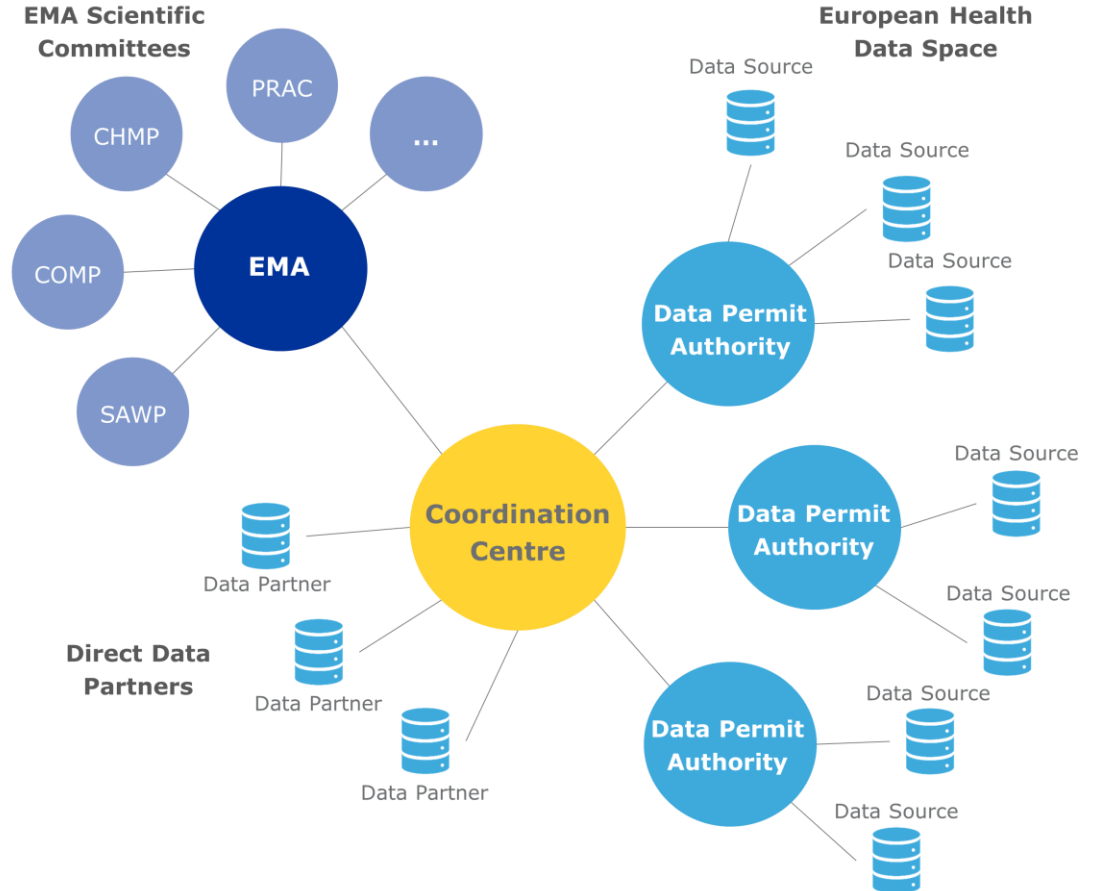


To establish and maintain a framework supporting better decisionmaking throughout the lifecycle of medicinal products with timely, valid and reliable evidence from real world healthcare.

Objectives:

- 1) To establish and maintain a continually enlarging network of accessible observational data sources
- 2) To execute all steps of high quality non-interventional studies with the network
- 3) To make the study results available to the EU Regulatory network to support decision-making

DARWIN EU® is a federated **network of data, expertise and services** that supports better decision-making throughout the product lifecycle by generating reliable **evidence from real world healthcare data**



What type of analyses and studies will DARWIN EU[®] deliver?

Category of observational analyses and studies

Description



Off-the-shelf studies

Studies for which a generic protocol is adapted to a research question



Complex Studies

Studies requiring development or customisation of specific study designs, protocols, phenotypes, or Statistical Analysis Plans (SAPs)



Routine repeated analyses

Routine analyses based on Off-The-Shelf or Complex Studies (see above), repeated periodically with a pre-specified regularity (e.g. yearly)



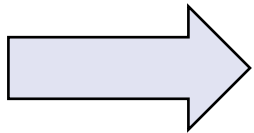
Very Complex Studies

Studies which cannot rely only on electronic health care databases, or which would require complex and/or novel methodological work

DARWIN EU® establishment and operational phases

		Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Option I	Option II
Studies	Off the shelf	2	6	30	60	60
	Routine repeated	1	6	30	60	60
	Complex study	1	4	12	24	24
	Very complex	0	0	0	1	1
Data Partners (total)		10	20	30	40	40

A highly needed paradigm shift for the fast delivery of reliable evidence for regulatory decision-making on the utilisation, safety and effectiveness of medicinal products throughout their lifecycle.



Not possible by simply scaling up the traditional approaches.



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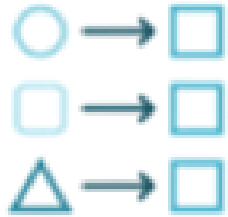
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Interoperability

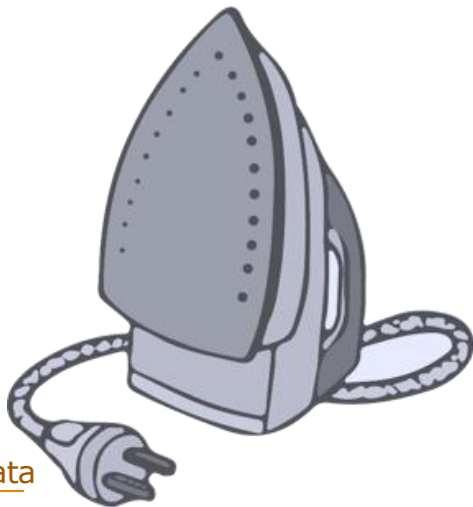


Common Analytics



Data

Analytical method



[Link to data](#)

The structure...

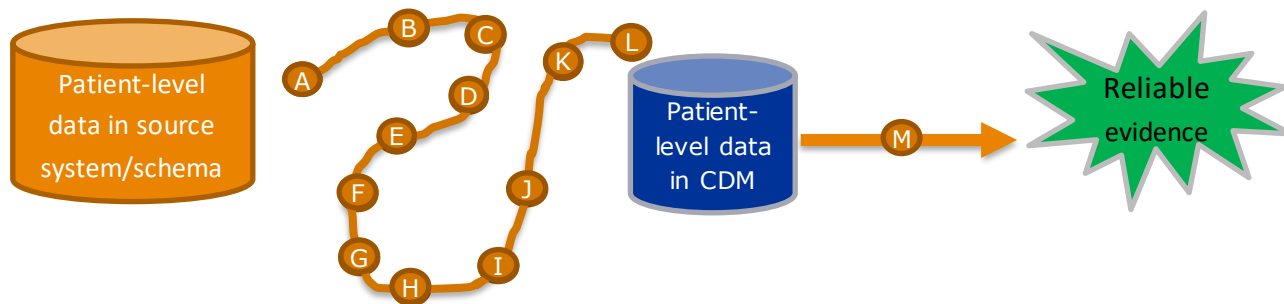


The language...

110V, 120V, 127V, 220V, 230V,
204V, ...

Generating Reliable Evidence using the OMOP Common Data Model

We need to make studies repeatable, reproducible, replicable, generalisable, and robust



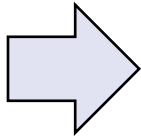
A Common Data Model enables standardised analytics to generate reliable evidence.

www.ohdsi.org



Standardising the analytics

A catalogue of open source standardised analytics is developed to support “all” regulatory decision-making on the utilisation, safety and effectiveness of medicinal products



Requires alignment on the priority and choice of the analytical methods, and the standardised output!

For more information see:

<https://darwin-eu.org/index.php/methods/standardised-analytics>



Operating a high-quality Data Network

- Selection of data partners
 - 1) Prioritisation of already converted data sources
 - 2) Potentially mapping highly valued data sources
- All data sources go through an onboarding process approved by EMA including quality control steps

See <https://darwin-eu.org/index.php/data/how-to-join-the-network> for more information.

Data Partners – Phase I

UK

1. Clinical Practice Research Datalink (CPRD GOLD)

Belgium

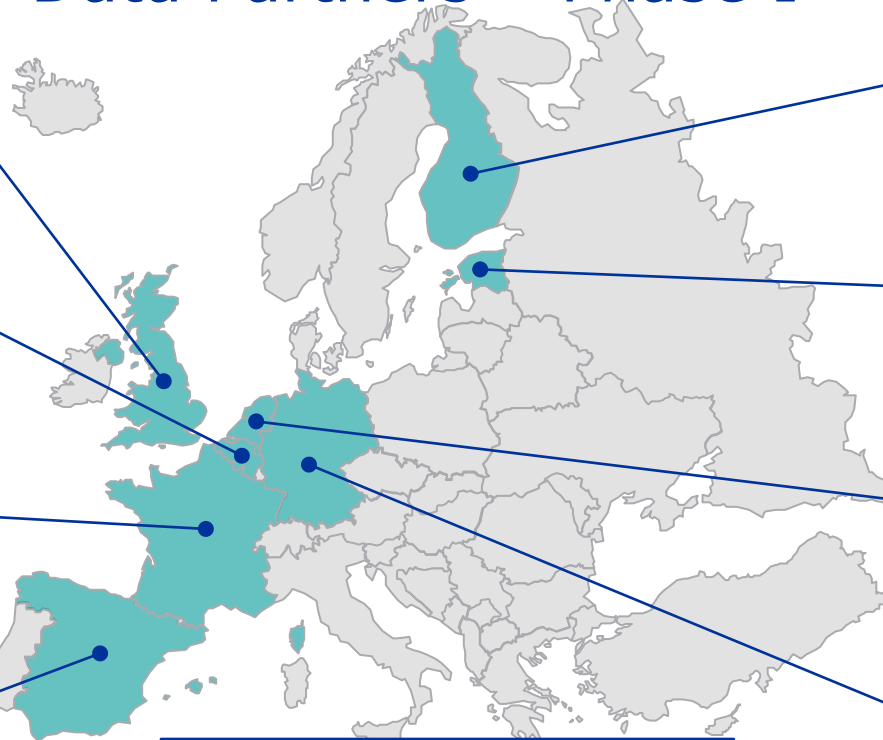
2. IQVIA Belgium Longitudinal Patient Data

France

3. Bordeaux University Hospital

Spain

4. IDIAPJGol
5. Parc Salut Mar Barcelona, Hospital del Mar (IMIM)



Finland

6. Auria Clinical Informatics at Hospital District of Southwest Finland (HDSF)

Estonia

7. University of Tartu (Biobank)

Netherlands

8. Integrated Primary Care Information
9. Netherlands Comprehensive Cancer Organisation

Germany

10. IQVIA Germany Disease Analyser

~26 million active patients

Currently **onboarding Phase II DPs** and **selecting Phase III data partners** via **open call for expression of interest**

Selection of Ongoing studies

<https://darwin-eu.org/index.php/studies>

Background all-cause **mortality rates in patients with severe asthma aged ≥ 12 years old**
[[EUPAS103936](#)]

CHMP
Complex

Multiple myeloma: patient characterisation, treatments and survival in the period 2012-2022
[[EUPAS105033](#)]

HTA/Payers
OTS

EHDS coagulopathy of COVID-19

EC/EHDS
Complex

Drug utilisation study of **medicines with prokinetic properties** in children and adults diagnosed with gastroparesis

NCA
OTS

Effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines against severe COVID-19 and post-acute outcomes of SARS-CoV-2 infection.

ECDC/VMP
Complex

Naloxone use in treatment of opioid overdose.
[[EUPAS105644](#)]

CHMP
OTS

OTS = off-the-shelf study

Drug utilisation study on co-prescribing of **endothelin receptor antagonists** (ERAs) and **phosphodiesterate-5 inhibitors** (PDE-5is) in pulmonary arterial hypertension.
[[EUPAS106052](#)]

CHMP
OTS

Drug utilisation study of prescription **opioids**.
[[EUPAS105641](#)]

PRAC
OTS

Closing remarks

- RWE use is being enabled and established across regulatory use cases, informing regulatory decision making on medicines across their lifecycle
- Current focus on scale-up: Data Partners, studies, pilot use cases and developing standard analytical pipelines
- Higher study volume meeting the demand and shorter timelines being initiated in Phase III



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