

ECNP Networks Initiative (ENI)

Guideline for proposals for the creation of a European research network

Objectives of ENI

1. The creation of multiple themed research networks in neuropsychopharmacology.
2. To compete successfully for European funding.
3. To create powerful, sustainable, independent European research consortia.
4. To disseminate the resulting research findings in identified sessions of ECNP congresses.

Requirements of the network

1. Participants to be ECNP members or to be ready to become one if proposal is accepted.
2. To be recognised as European leaders in the relevant domain of research.
3. To be based in research or clinical centres normally already successful at a national level in conducting research and in most cases applying for external funding.
4. To have already launched successful collaborations with other centres.
5. The potential collaborative centres must agree on a single chair who will make the application.

Requirements of the application for the creation of a network

1. A short (4 page) document that describes the main goals and aims of the network, This document should clearly state that the proposed network is not duplicating an already existing European network. If a European network already exists in the same domain, it should be clearly stated that the proposed network is complementary and meets unmet needs.
2. A list of the collaborative centres, the reason for their inclusion and the (main) representative of each centre.
3. A list of the main roles and responsibilities of each centre.
4. A clear plan of the actions to be taken by the network (agenda, time schedule, flow chart).
5. A provisional budget should be clearly established (see below).
6. Agreement to include both the name of the ECNP Network Initiative and the representatives of the collaborative centres as authors in any manuscript related to the work accomplished by the network.

ENI provided support aspects

The proposer of the creation of a network has to agree with the following statements:

1. ENI only provides funding for the organisation of meetings and to facilitate the collaboration between centres.
2. Funds will not be available for the implementation of the research protocol, for recruiting patients, for generating or analysing data, for recruiting new centres, etc.
3. The maximum budget is currently €15,000 per year for two years. Funding can be renewed if progress and plans are convincing and the overall budget allows.

Order of the application

1. The proposal is sent to the chair of the ENI Board, and copied to the ECNP Office (ENI@ecnp.eu).
2. The chair of the ENI Board will discuss the proposal with the ENI Board of Members.
3. The chair of the ENI Board will decide for or against funding, given the overall budgetary position.
4. The chair of the ENI Board will forward the proposal and the advice of the ENI Board to the ECNP Office.
5. ECNP Office will send the decision of the chair of the ENI Board to the proposer. ,
6. Failed applications can be reconsidered after two years.