

## National Hubs for Personalised Medicine

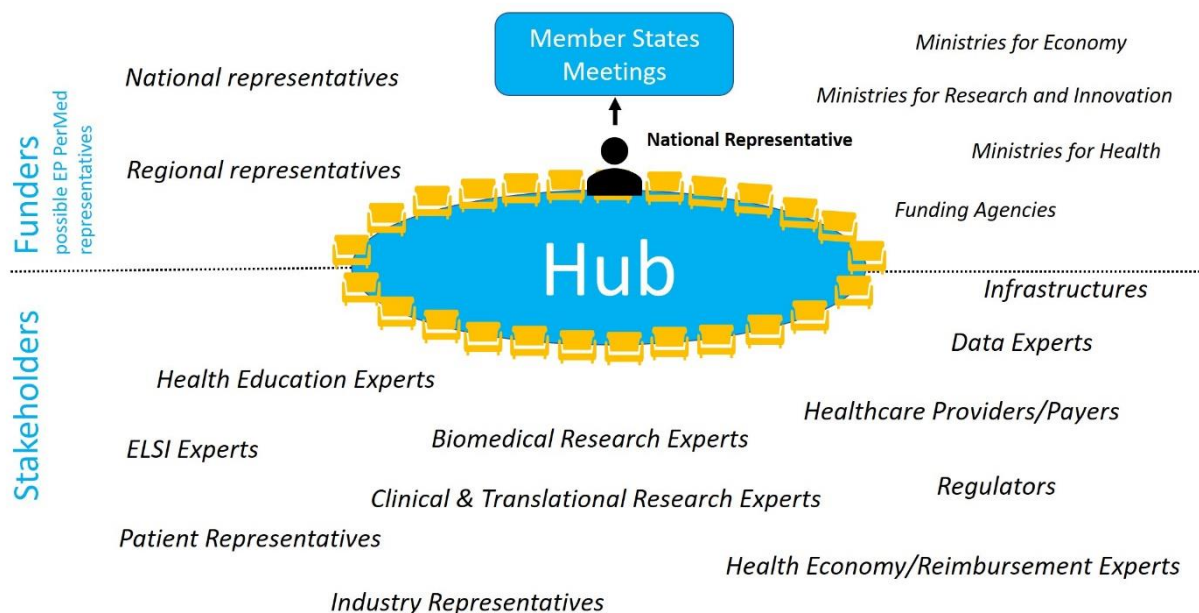
### Motivation:

For the implementation of Personalised Medicine (PM) connected with a high impact for patients and citizens in the individual countries, a coordinated interaction of different policy makers and stakeholders is necessary. For example, responsibilities for the implementation of health research into the healthcare system lie not only within national, but also within regional responsibilities, and could require the involvement of different instances, e.g. the ministries for health, research and economy on policy level. Likewise, available (digital) infrastructures must be taken into account and health experts must be integrated for practical implementation.

To fully exploit the opportunities to foster the implementation of PM offered by the European Partnership for PM (EP PerMed), the Preparatory Group recommends establishing national hubs that pool all resources and expertise in one country and identify the national/regional needs.

In this way, the national hubs allow the countries to speak with one voice and to increase their impact in the preparation and maximise the outcome of the EP PerMed.

### Possible Structure of Hubs (depends on the country realities):



**Hub = Pool of national and regional representatives and stakeholders from different PM aspect into one overall national working group**

**Advantages:**

- Hubs build a think tank fostering the implementation of PM and strengthen the PM community within one country
- Alignment of strategies and activities within one country combined with an increase of transparency and sustainability
- Alignment of dissemination and exploitation activities
- Exploring synergies allowing a holistic approach of partnership preparation and successful realisation
- Possibility to provide input and contribute actively to the different EP PerMed activities
- Hubs can exchange with hubs from other countries and share experiences and information
- **Pooling of national/regional resources maximises impact of investments in national/regional research programmes and healthcare systems**

**Further Notes:**

- The constitution and governance of the national PM Hubs is in the responsibilities of each country, but it is recommended that it reflects the different aspects/structure of the EP PerMed and allows the country to provide feedback on operational EP PerMed aspects.
- Depending on the organisation of the country, it might be recommended to develop additional regional Hubs. In this case they should be represented by at least one person in the national Hubs.

This Information Sheet is the result of ICPeMed/ERA PerMed reflections on EP PerMed aspects. The concept, legal and financial frameworks for the EP PerMed are still under development (e.g. governance, partner/member/stakeholder rules for participation, etc.), and the Information Sheet will be adapted in the future to integrate and outline such technical aspects when relevant. The Information Sheet received valuable input from the European Commission (EC) but does not represent an official EC document.

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