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## TO THE DIRECTORS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, FULL OR AFFILIATED MEMBERS OF ERN EpiCARE

Esteemed Director,

Your Institution is a Member of the European Reference Network for Rare and Complex Epilepsies **EpiCARE**, a network of Health Care Providers providing therapeutic excellence through working together in the field of epilepsy.

The **3<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of ERN EpiCARE** will be held in **Lyon, France on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2020**, and I am contacting you to **request your financial support for members of your epilepsy teams to attend this important meeting with a view to represent your Institution.**

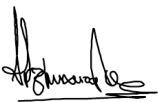
**EpiCARE will soon enter its 4<sup>th</sup> year of action.** It now incorporates 28 full members in 13 EU countries and 15 affiliated partners in 10. Another 28 HCPs across the EU recently applied for full membership. We would appreciate it if all of our partners could be present at our annual meeting as the **representation of every EpiCARE member is highly important** for the development and sustainability of the reference network.

ERN EpiCARE members and the coordinating team have worked tirelessly in order to be able to facilitate cross-country collaboration, promote multidisciplinary case management through a joint care pathway, and facilitate the development of diagnostic tools at the service of our HCPs. Work-packages with the aim of developing therapeutic modules look at targeted medical therapies, epilepsy surgery, neonatal seizures and dietary treatments. Other task forces work aiming to consolidate cross-country registries for rare epilepsies, develop guidelines and educational material for professionals and patients. The focus of the work is clinical care and health delivery; however, the network enables collaborative research, with the ability for monitoring outcomes and clinical trials in orphan diseases, with the ultimate aim of improving health outcomes and quality of life for patients. To achieve this, we work in close collaboration with the EpiCARE patient group, member of the European Patient Advisory Group (ePAG).

To develop future activities more than 100 representatives of HCPs members of EpiCARE will meet in Lyon for 2 days.

The Coordination budget will cover all expenses related to meeting rooms facilities and catering.

The support of your institution in covering travel and accommodation expenses of one or more representatives of the medical teams working with you would be very much appreciated.



Document signed off:  
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