



Improving patients' access to  
gene and cell therapies for people  
with rare diseases in Europe

## RARE IMPACT initiative

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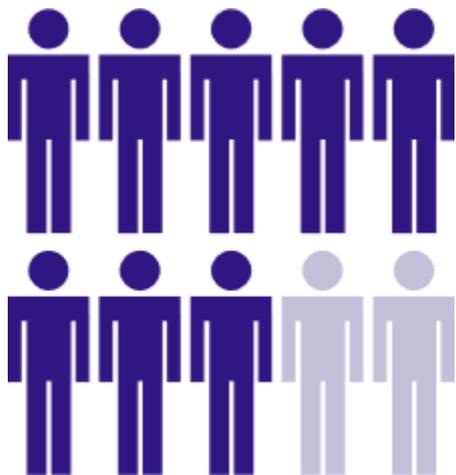
# RARE IMPACT was founded in response to the patient access challenges to the first wave of ATMPs

## Introduction

### Why RARE IMPACT?

### Who are we?

**30 million Europeans** are living with rare diseases and **72%** of rare diseases are **genetic in origin**



To date, **patients' access** to these advanced therapies has been **hampered** by both **practical and technical challenges**



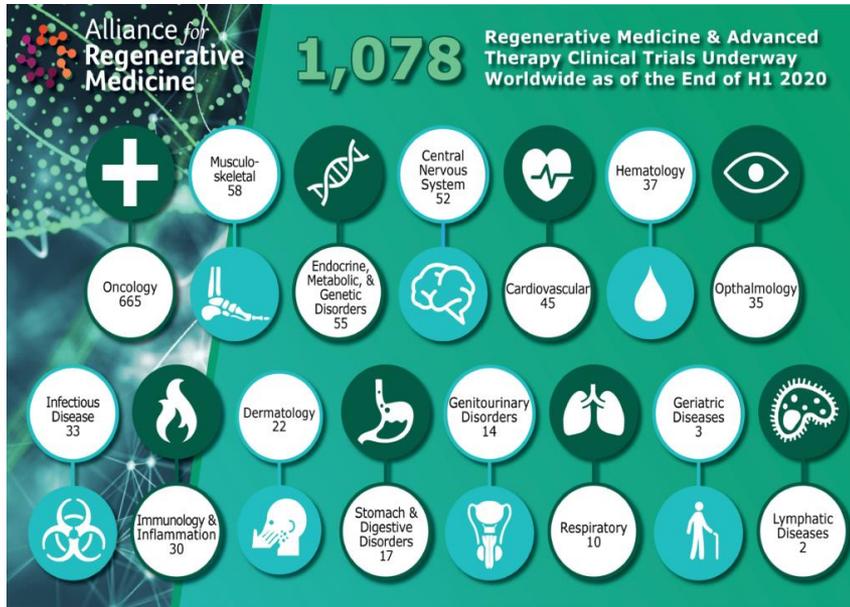
Gene and cell therapy availability – Jan '20

- Available in ≤ 3 European markets: 5
- Withdrawn from market: 5
- Available in > 3 European markets: 3

**The ultimate ambition of the RARE IMPACT initiative is to optimise patient access to effective gene and cells therapies**

# Around 270 Advanced Therapies Clinical Trials ongoing in Europe (source: ARM, 2020)

## Why RARE IMPACT?



Of gene therapies up for approval over the next five years, 45% are anticipated to focus on cancer treatments and **38% are expected to treat rare inherited genetic disorders.**  
(source: ASGCT)

# RARE IMPACT is a consortium of manufacturers of gene and cell therapies and umbrella organizations



Few changes in RARE IMPACT phase II.



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## Manufacturers:

BIOMARIN

NOVARTIS



ultragenyx  
pharmaceutical

Sangamo  
THERAPEUTICS



Spark  
THERAPEUTICS

SAREPTA  
THERAPEUTICS

Chiesi  
People and Ideas for Innovation in healthcare



GILEAD  
Creating Possible

REGENXBIO

SANOFI

bluebirdbio

AUDENTES  
THERAPEUTICS

PTC  
THERAPEUTICS

Orchard  
therapeutics

## Non-profit organisations:

FONDAZIONE GENETHON  
CURE THROUGH INNOVATION

telethon

AFMTELETHON  
INNOVER POUR GUERIR

## Trade associations:

efpia  
European Federation of Pharmaceutical  
Industries and Associations

EUCOPE  
European Confederation of  
Pharmaceutical Entrepreneurs AISBL

Alliance for  
Regenerative  
Medicine

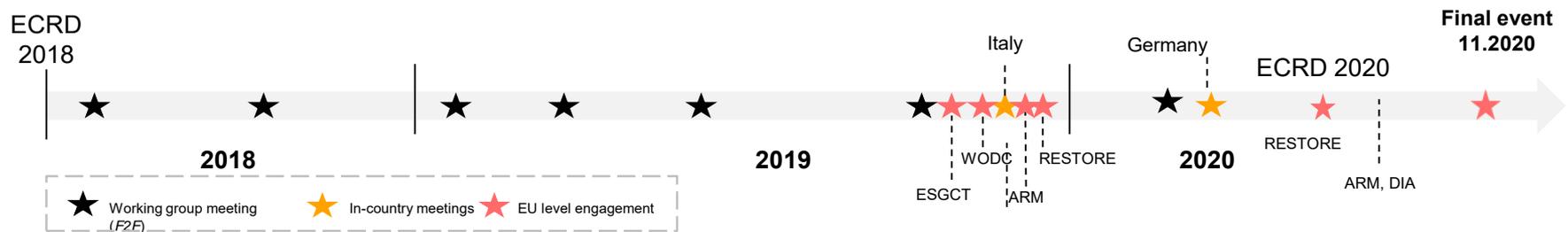
# RARE IMPACT: 2018 - 2020 (PHASE 1)

## Context

- ATMPs bring **hope** and **opportunity** to people living with a rare disease
- **Difficult patient access** to ATMPs
- Growing number of ATMPs (approval and pipeline), but just **a handful of patients have received treatment** with current ATMPs

## Objectives

- Definition of the **challenges to patient access** to the advanced therapies “4 As” (**assessment, affordability, availability and accessibility**),
- Propose **actionable solutions** to address these challenges
- Engagement with **stakeholders** to ensure patients obtain better access to the gene and cell for rare diseases in Europe



## RARE IMPACT: what has been done?

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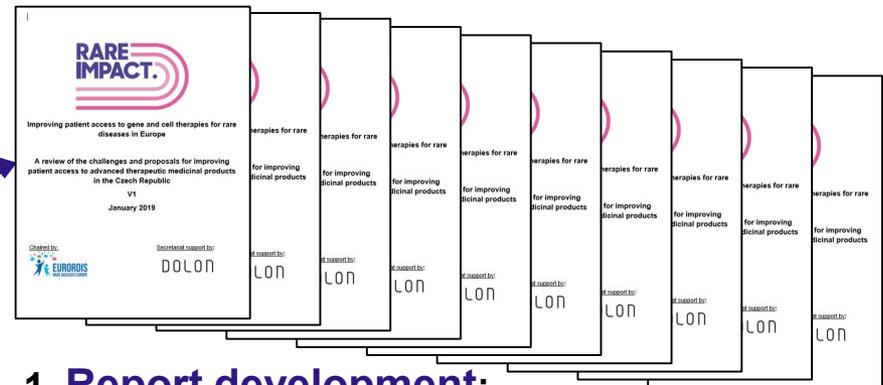
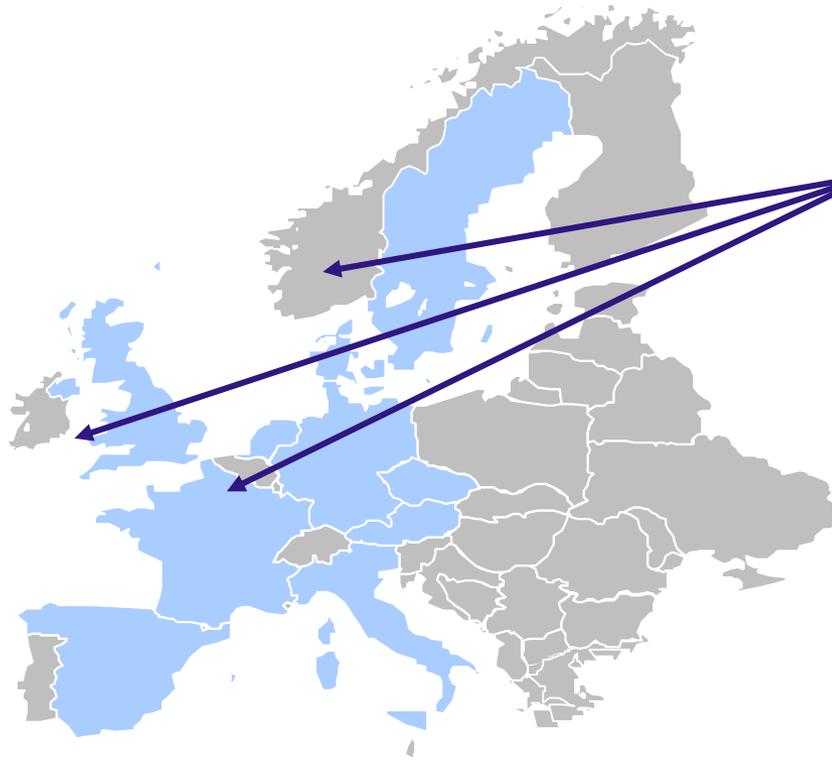
- Multi-stakeholders' consortium: mutual learning (working group meetings)
- Knowledge gathering and exchange (through literature review and engagement of external stakeholders)
- Engagement with patient organisations and policy makers (at national and EU level)
- Awareness raising on the challenges and solutions ideation on improved access to cell and gene therapies by people with rare diseases



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# RARE IMPACT achievement: 10 country reports



## 1. Report development:

- Direct calls with country-level patient associations, payers, policymakers and academics (>35 interactions)

## 2. Report sharing:

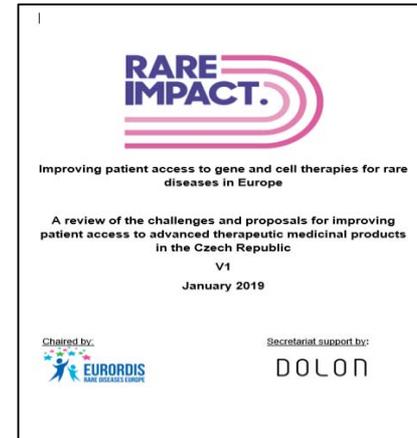
- Calls and meetings with country-level patient associations
- Multi-stakeholder in-country meetings
- Discussions to be continued...

Geographic scope



# RARE IMPACT: European Report presenting the challenges and solutions

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- RARE IMPACT **policy solutions** to improve patient access to advanced therapy medicinal products at **EU level**
- RARE IMPACT **final event** of 23 November 2020: a **call to EU stakeholders to take forward the solutions in a dialogue** to improve access to the advanced therapies

# EU REPORT: There is a gap between regulators and HTA bodies in evidence considerations

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## CHALLENGE

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### Gap between Regulators and HTA:

1. Assessment methods
2. Registry requirements



## SOLUTIONS

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- 1 European-level guidance on ATMP assessment methods
- 2 Multi stakeholder collaboration on development and use of registries and real-world datasets

# Affordability challenges can be overcome through collaboration on innovative approaches

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## CHALLENGE

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1. **Barriers to annuity payments and innovative payment options**
2. **Concern about sustainability of ATMP prices and innovation model**



## SOLUTIONS

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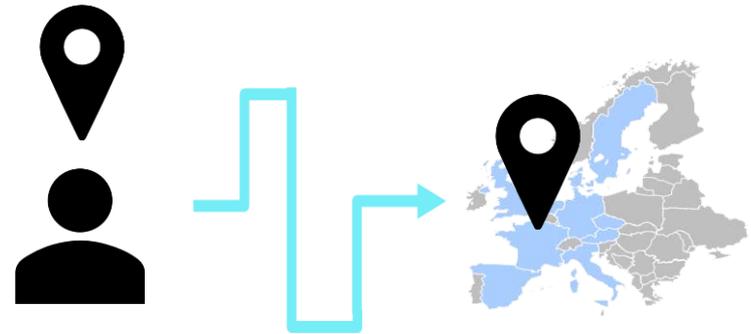
- 1 **Work with stakeholders at the national level to remove barriers to annuity and innovative payment models**
- 2 **Explain and discuss the ATMP innovation model with all stakeholders**

# Availability challenges require EU level guidance to ensure equitable access to approved therapies



## CHALLENGE

1. **Variability in use of cross-border healthcare legal provisions**
2. **Inconsistent implementation of hospital exemption legislation**



## SOLUTIONS

- 1 **Issue guidance on cross-border pathways at the European level**
- 2 **Seek clarification from European Commission on intention and implementation of hospital exemption**

# Certifying ATMP centres is critical: standardised approach needed to avoid delaying patient access

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## CHALLENGE

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1. There are variable ATMP certification requirements for centres of excellence



## SOLUTIONS

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- 1 Assess and educate around the existing system in place for treatment centre qualification
- 2 Encourage stakeholder dialogue to explore options to reduce administrative burden and ensure consistency across Member States

# RARE IMPACT (PHASE 2): Overview of the 3 new workstreams

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WORKSTREAM	DESCRIPTION	LEAD BY
1 	Price and the economics of ATMPs: Stakeholder engagement in support of patient access and innovation	Dolon
2 	Evidence generation for ATMPs	EURORDIS
3 	ATMPs and the criteria of selection Centres of Expertise	EURORDIS

# Overview of workstream 1

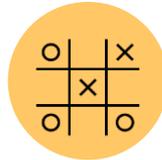


## Price and the economics of ATMPs: Stakeholder engagement in support of patient access and innovation



**GOAL**

Enabling a stakeholder dialogue in support of patient access and innovation



**APPROACH**

**Phase 1: Explore and explain the economics of innovation and price setting for ATMPs**

**Phase 2: External engagement for collective exploration of ATMP economics & innovation**



**DELIVERABLES**

1. Narrative document
2. Interactive learning exercises
3. Supportive workshop materials



## Workstream 2: Evidence generation and ATMPs

### Opportunity:

ATMPs are **innovative, potentially transformative therapies** for patients with high unmet need

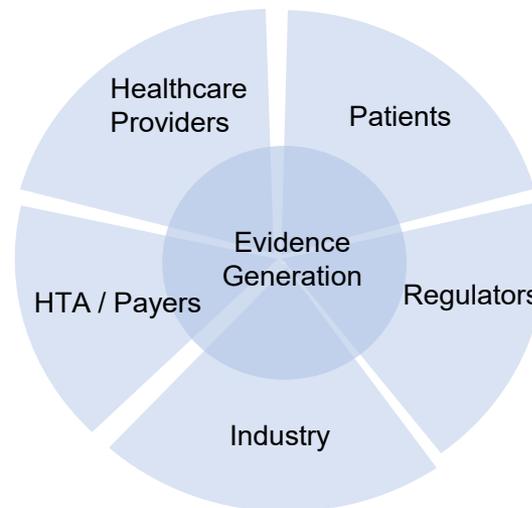
### Challenge:

High level of uncertainty surrounding the value of ATMPs for all stakeholders:

- Small sample of treated patients
- Long-term outcomes not well-established pre-approval

### What evidence is required to establish value of ATMPs?

**Need for alignment between stakeholders on evidence base**



**Path to ATMP access**

- **Efficient**
- **Predictable**

### Deliverables:

- **Overview of the uncertainties** that impact the multiple stakeholders
- Recommendations for **alignment on standards for evidence generation**
- Recommendations for **improved coordination of registries** to support ATMP evidence base



## Workstream 3: ATMPs and the criteria of selection Centres of Expertise

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### Approach:

- To **gather knowledge on the process for the selection** of CoEs that deliver ATMPs (at hospital, company, national and EU levels)
- To conduct **mapping exercise and research to comparison of the quality and technical criteria** for cell, tissue, cell-gene and gene products
- To develop a proposal a **core set of quality and technical criteria** (general and specific) in order to promote greater vertical alignment from regulatory to provider requirements

### Final scope:

- To **compare the regulatory and manufacturers requirements** for Centres of Expertise that deliver ATMPs to identify the common and divergent approaches, for **quality, safety and disease specific knowledge** (short-term)
- To promote **better alignment between requirements and criteria** set between regulatory and manufacturers (long-term)

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Thank you for your attention!