



Rett Syndrome Europe Activity Report

2013 - 2014



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RSE aims of the statutes

- AIM 1: To make Rett syndrome better known to the public, professionals, carers and those who are directly concerned in all European countries
- AIM 2: To improve the communication within the European Rett Community
- AIM 3: To promote as a representative European organisation, the interests of people with RTT and families
- AIM 4: To Expand RSE to all European Countries and to assist, if necessary, in the creation of national associations
- AIM 5: To promote research into Rett syndrome



Building the Network

- AIM 1: To make Rett syndrome better known to the public, professionals, carers [...]
- 1. Revitalise the network

Constant update of all the contacts in all countries to be able to communicate

2. Inform, advertise special events
News/Articles/Events on RSE website



RSE website stats

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Return to Stats

Months and Years

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2012									834	1,552	1,471	1,357	5,214
2013	1,338	1,396	1,520	1,449	1,246	1,230	739	708	1,033	1,623	1,208	781	14,271
2014	1,015	854	1,675	1,019	1,233	1,257	1,014	708	1,177	435			10,387

Average per Day

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Overall
2012									42	50	49	44	47
2013	43	50	49	48	40	41	24	23	34	52	40	25	39
2014	33	31	54	34	40	42	33	23	39	38			37







 AIM 1: To make Rett syndrome better known to the public, professionals, carers [...]

On 8th March, took place at the Centro Médico Teknon in Barcelona, the 4th Catalan day on Rett Syndrome. The main topic was "From Research to Assistance in Adulthood".

This year, in addition to offering all the updated information necessary for early diagnosis and better treatment, it emphasised the importance of the regulation of care model for girls with Rett syndrome in Catalonia and the ability to replicate in other autonomous regions of Spain.

During one day, a broad community of politics led by the Catalan Ministry of Social Security, researchers, patients' associations, directors of centres of expertise, multidisciplinary centres, private foundations, day centres, social workers, etc... performed presentations.



To make Rett syndrome better known to the public, professionals, carers [...]

Eurordis Photo Exhibition
 "Come closer"



Black Pearl Gala (February 2014)





To make Rett syndrome better known to the public, professionals, carers [...]

Eye-tracking and AAC workshop in Paris (March 2014)









Building the Network

 AIM 2: To improve the communication within the European Rett Community

→ Discuss with other European parents and other Rare Diseases communities

RareConnect (2012)

Facebook (2013)



Building the Network





https://www.rareconnect.org/en/community/rett-syndrome

rett syndrome europe

Facebook statistics





RareConnect statistics (since October 2013)

RSE Moderators: Danijela Szili, Stella Peckary, Thomas Bertrand

273 members (84 new members during last year)
3 patient groups featured
24 articles (8 new articles during last year)
13 documents
12 testimonials (6 new testimonials during the last year)
88 forum topics (38 new forum topics during last year)

Data below is since last year (October 2013):

Who has visited the Rett Syndrome Community since October 2013?

11,438 unique visitors (+62%)

What do they do when they visit?

These visitors visit 2.22 pages on average

Top 10 countries with most visitors					
1.	United States 2,737				
2.	Spain 1,191				
3.	United Kingdom 918				
4.	Germany 696				
5.	Italy 524				
6.	Mexico 465				
7.	France 384				

Where are visitors to your community coming from?

India 342
 Ireland 338

How did visitors find your community?

Australia **361**

<u>1.</u>	google 7,48	<u> </u>	
2.	m.facebook.com	(mobile)	1,471
3.	facebook.com	1,298	
4.	(direct) 1,0 9	<u>)3</u>	
<u>5.</u>	eurordis.org 290		
6.	rettsyndrome.eu	228	
<u>7. </u>	rett.cz 117		
8.	bing 98		
9. *	m.mail.naver.cor	m 85	



External Influence and Advocacy

- AIM 3: To promote as a representative European organisation, the interests of people with RTT and families
 - → Having RSE officially in the network of European institutions
- 1. RSE is a member of EURORDIS: Allows RSE to vote at the GA of EURORDIS During the ECRD (European Congress for Rare Diseases), Danijela and Thomas in Berlin (May 2014)
- → RSE was granted funds in EURORDIS "Support Rare Disease Federations" 2014 call for Eastern European countries to be able to attend today's RSE General Assembly



External Influence and Advocacy

Rare Diseases: an EU Public Health Priority

Improving access to quality care

Improving access to Orphan Drugs





Deal with ethical issues

Promote Research and link patients to professionals acrosss country borders



External Influence and Advocacy

2. EURORDIS Training resources:

- Summer School June on « patient advocates in clinical trials and drug development » June 2014, Barcelona, Friðrik Friðriksson (Iceland)
 - DEADLINE FOR 2015 SUMMER SCHOOL IS DECEMBER, 8

3. EURORDIS Task Force:

- DITA Drug Information and Transparency Access Task Force, Danijela
- **4. EUCERD** European Union Committee of Experts in Rare Diseases *Gérard Nguyen*
- **5. EMA** European Medicine Agency (London):
- Training programs for patients and patients advocates: Pharmacovigilance
 Workshop
- **6. EUnetHTA** European network for Health Technology Assessment:
- Europe HTA2.0 Teaming up for Value, October 2014, Roma, Danijela (EUnetHTA and Eurordis fellowships)
- 7. EUPATI European Patients Academy on Therapeutic Innovation:
- Workshops organised

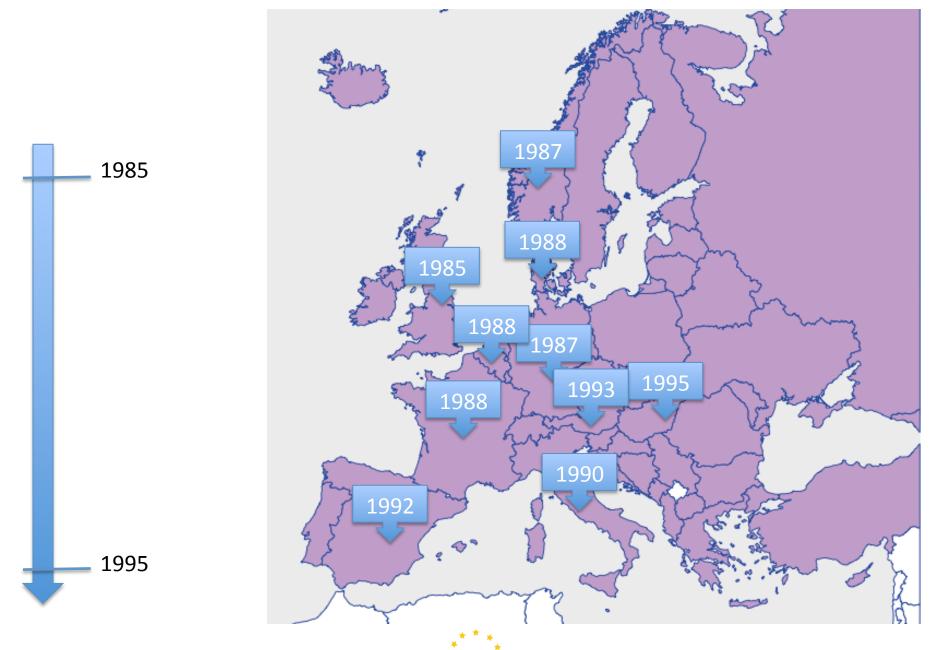


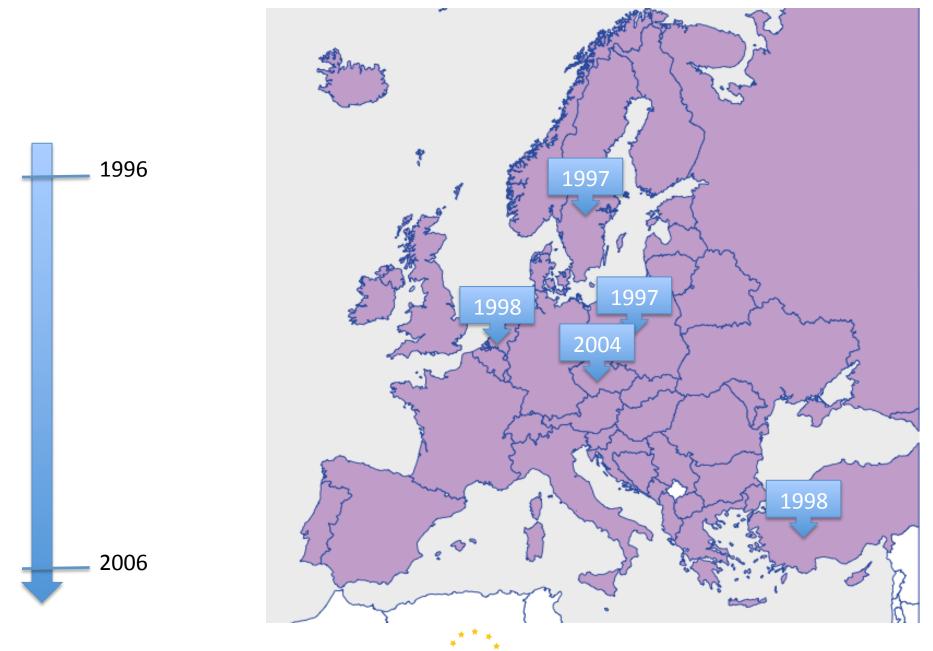
Our Network

- AIM 4: To Expand RSE to all European Countries and to assist, if necessary, in the creation of national associations
- 1. Macedonia
- 2. Bulgaria
- 3. Cyprus
- 4. Armenia
- 5. Moldova
- 6. Albania

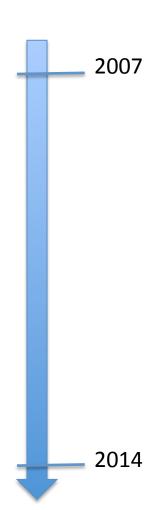
→44 contacts

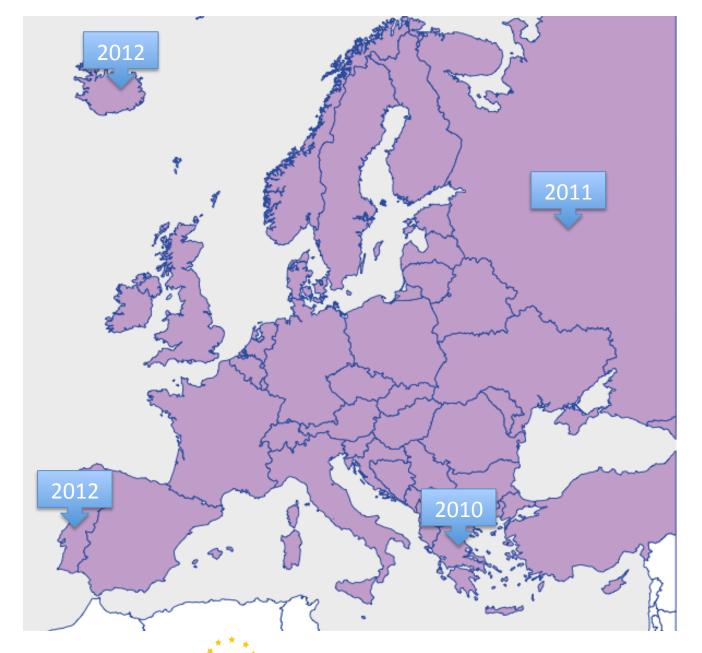






44 European contacts in 2014









Number of patients in archive: 2012 (+6%)

Australia 1 France 252 IItaly 654 Serbia 50

Croatia 29 Germany 0 Poland 0 Spain 424

Czech Republic 0 Hungary 58 Portugal 0 Sweden 0

Denmark 64 India 3 Romania 16 United Kingdom

Finland 0 Srael 93 Russia 16 USA 96

http://www.rettdatabasenetwork.org

Oliviero Dell'Oro (Italy) Jordi Serra (Catalonia) «The aim of this project is to connect the already existing databases and to create a unified repository [...] The data will be accessible to the participants and to the scientific community according to rules that assure transparency and equity [...] This international effort will be of great value in order to perform genotypephenotype correlations, to study modifier genes, and to select subgroups of patients for clinical trials.»



Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions

Would you like to learn more about the revamped Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions? Searching for bottom-up research funding? Are you a research institution/company looking for partnership?

From January 2014, the Marie Curie Actions will be renamed the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA). They come under the "Excellent Science" pillar of Horizon 2020 and will award 6,162 million euro over the period 2014-2020.

6,162 million euros

Types of MSCA:

Research networks (ITN): support for Innovative Training Networks

ITNs support competitively selected joint research training and/or doctoral programmes, implemented by European partnerships of universities, research institutions, and non-academic organisations. The research training programmes provide experience outside academia, hence developing innovation and employability skills. ITNs will include industrial doctorates, in which non-academic organisations have an equal role to universities in respect of the researcher's time and supervision, and joint doctoral degrees delivered by several universities. Furthermore, non-European organisations can participate as additional partners in ITNs, enabling doctoral-level candidates to gain experience outside Europe during their training.



http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/h2020-section/marie-sklodowska-curie-actions

Marie Curie ITN (Innovative Training Network): "Networked" for Rett (RETT-net)

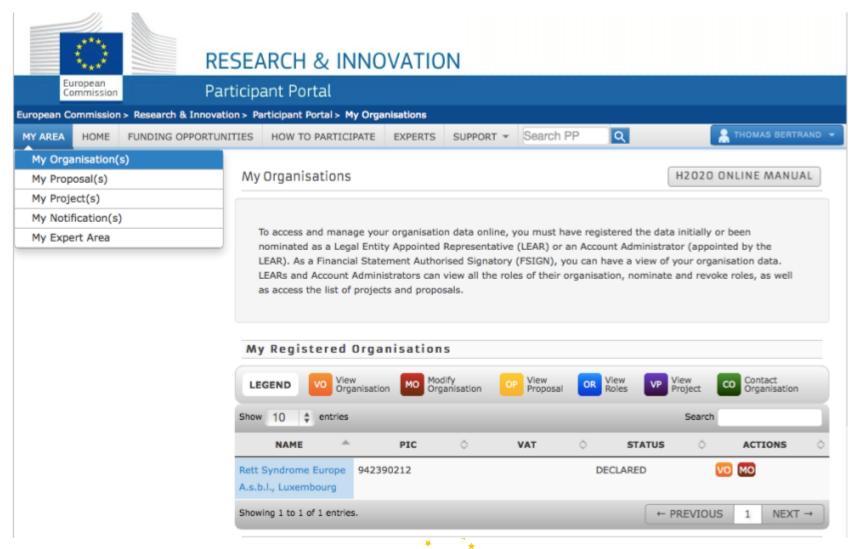
Participants are the major European centers working on Rett syndrome in Italy (Siena), France, UK (Cardiff), Israel, Hungary and Spain.

The aim of the program is the activity in the field of Rett syndrome to foster exchanges of relevant experience, policies and practices between European countries including:

- -Enhancing the visibility and recognition of the international registry, Rett Networked Database and improve accuracy of data
- -Connecting the Rett Networked Database to biobank resources
- -Contributing to the development and dissemination of knowledge on Rett syndrome through to the support of patients' association
- -Contributing to improvements in access to quality services from diagnosis to care

The plan is to recruit researchers for filling the Rett networked database, improve the biobanks and offering them a training in Rett (at least 7 for a period of 3 years) in a way that each center has at least 1 MD per year. Each center will have 1800 Euros per month in order to plan formation (the recruitment of researchers to be trained; training and networking costs, organization of joint activities and conferences; management and overheads).







THANK YOU!

