

## **Inherited NeuRoMetabolic Diseases Information Network (InNerMeD-I-Network)**

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Inherited NeuroMetabolic Disorders (iNMDs) are a group of rare genetic metabolic diseases that impact on the brain causing mental retardation and progressive neurodegeneration which, if not promptly treated, could end in early death. Lack of information on these conditions can lead to delayed diagnosis and treatment, with consequent tragic results. Increasing awareness is therefore the first crucial step in fighting these pathologies.

InNerMeD-I-network wants to create a network of information targeted on diagnosis and treatment of iNMDs based on the collection and exchange of proper information among scientific communities, health professionals, patients, patient associations and all interested stakeholders. The project aims to increase current knowledge on iNMDs and speed up the timely and precise identification of patients who may benefit of the available treatments (experimental and marketed). The network will also favour biomedical research, straightening research capacities and fostering innovative therapeutic tools derived from the recent scientific advancements based on biomarkers use and personalised approaches.

The InNerMeD-I Network, coordinated by the Brains for Brain Foundation (Italy), includes 4 associated partners: Gianni Benzi Pharmacology Research Foundation (Italy), Copenhagen University Hospital (Denmark), University of Zagrebu (Croatia) and Hospital Sant Joan de Déu (Spain), plus fifteen collaborating partners including clinical and research centres, patients and parents associations and scientific societies.

Thanks to partner's specific expertise, InNerMeD-I-Network will create a formidable concentration of competences in such a complex and heterogeneous medical field.