



Innovative Medicines Initiative

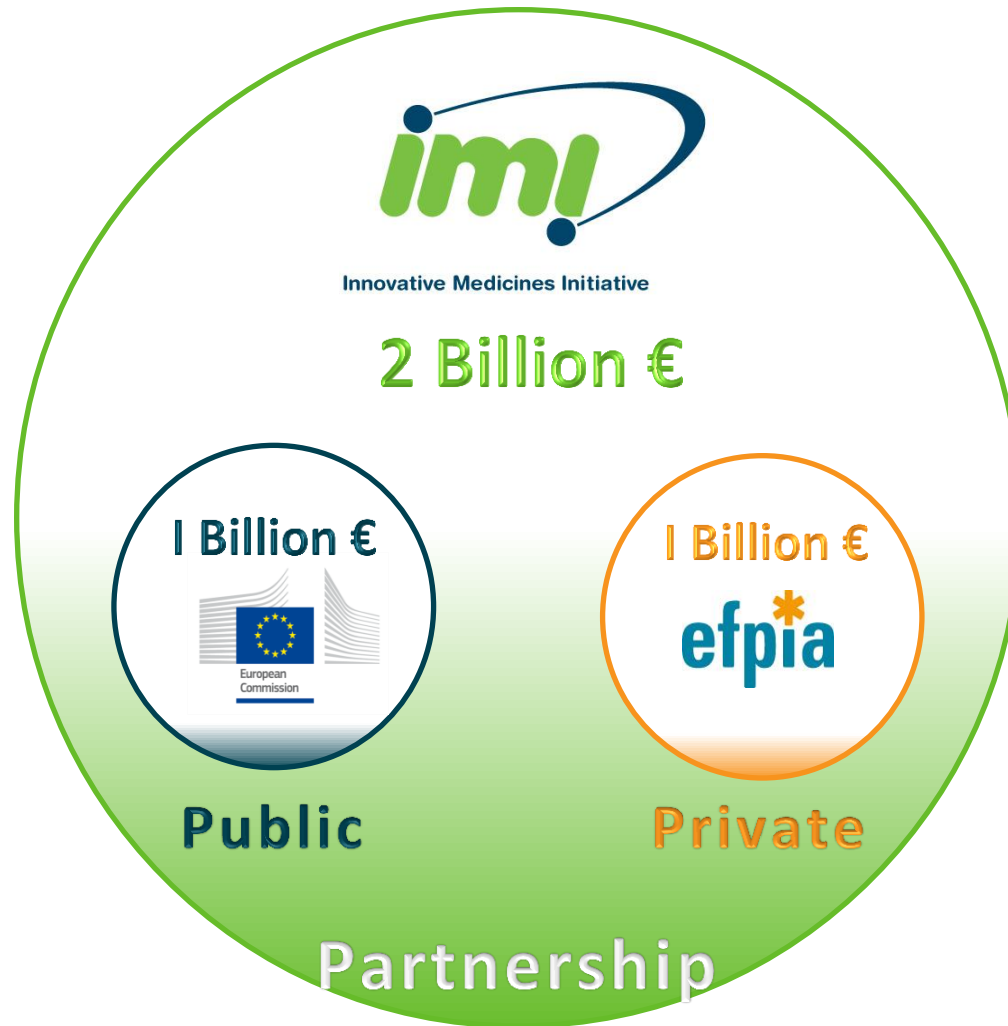
## **Introduction:**

***IMI moves personalized  
medicine forward***

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# Innovative Medicines Initiative:

*Joining forces in the healthcare sector*



# Key challenges addressed

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- Disease heterogeneity
- Lack of **predictive** biomarkers
- Outdated clinical designs and regulatory processes
- Insufficient incentives for pharma industry and biotech companies
- Need for mindset shift in stakeholder communities



# Key concepts underlying IMI

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“Non-competitive” collaborative research for EFPIA companies

Competitive calls to select partners of EFPIA companies (IMI beneficiaries)

Open collaboration in public-private consortia (data sharing, wide dissemination of results)

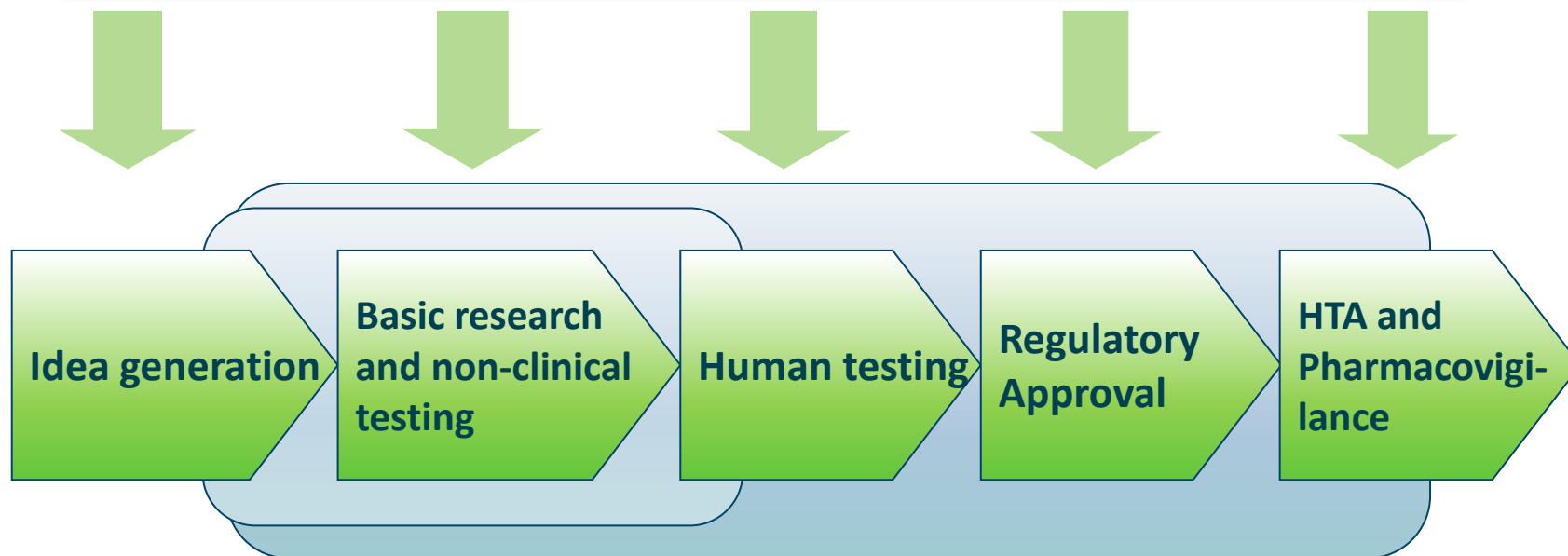


# The Evolution of IMI

From bottlenecks in industry to bottlenecks in society



Make Drug R&D processes in Europe more efficient and effective and enhance Europe's competitiveness in the Pharma sector



Primary focus of early IMI calls  
2007 SRA

Shift to addressing challenges in society and healthcare  
2011 SRA

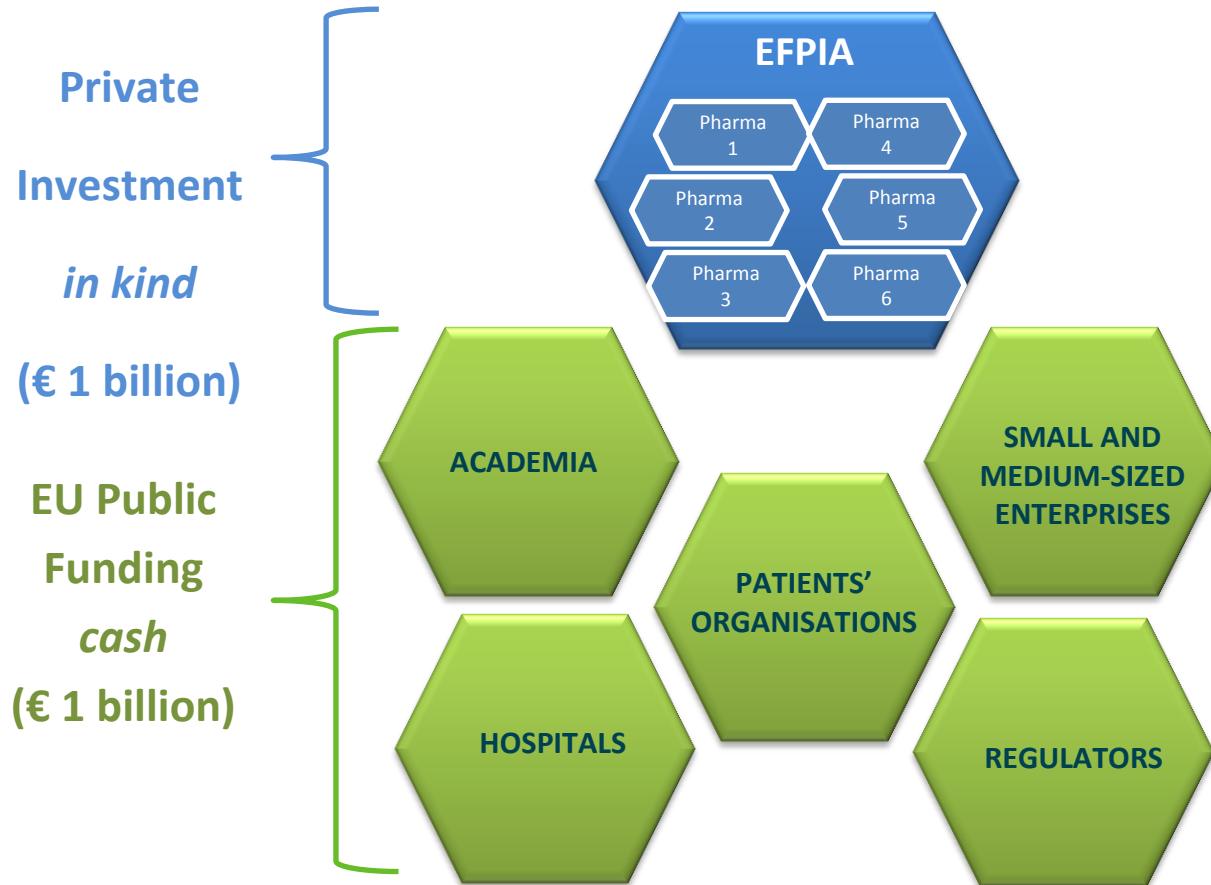
SRA – Strategic Research Agenda



# How IMI works – Project architecture



## A Typical IMI Consortium



# IMI as a neutral platform

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**Fosters large scale industry collaboration and engagement  
with scientific community**

**Catalyses open innovation**

**Facilitates Intellectual Property agreements**

**Ensures excellence of partnerships and projects**

**Promotes active involvement of patients, regulators and  
payers**



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# Ongoing IMI Projects



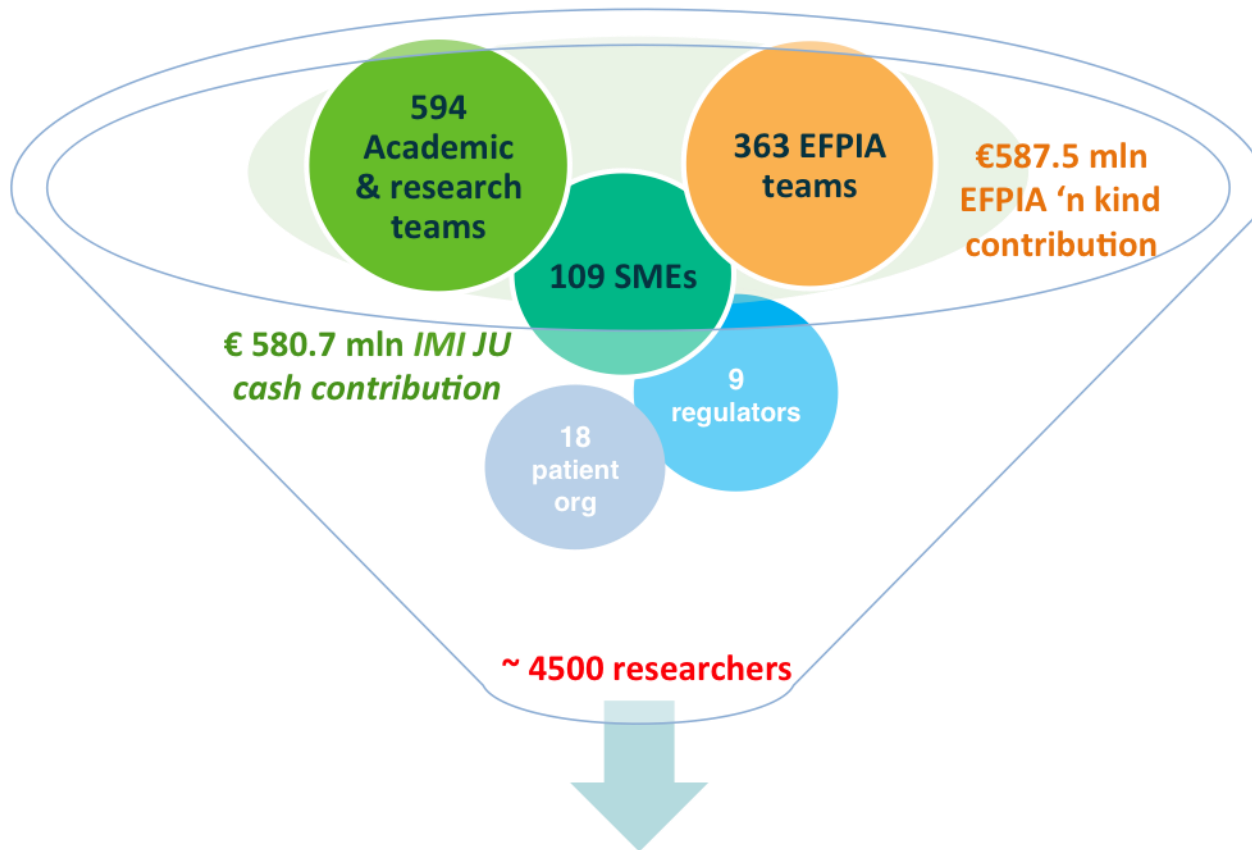
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# Key figures of ongoing IMI Projects

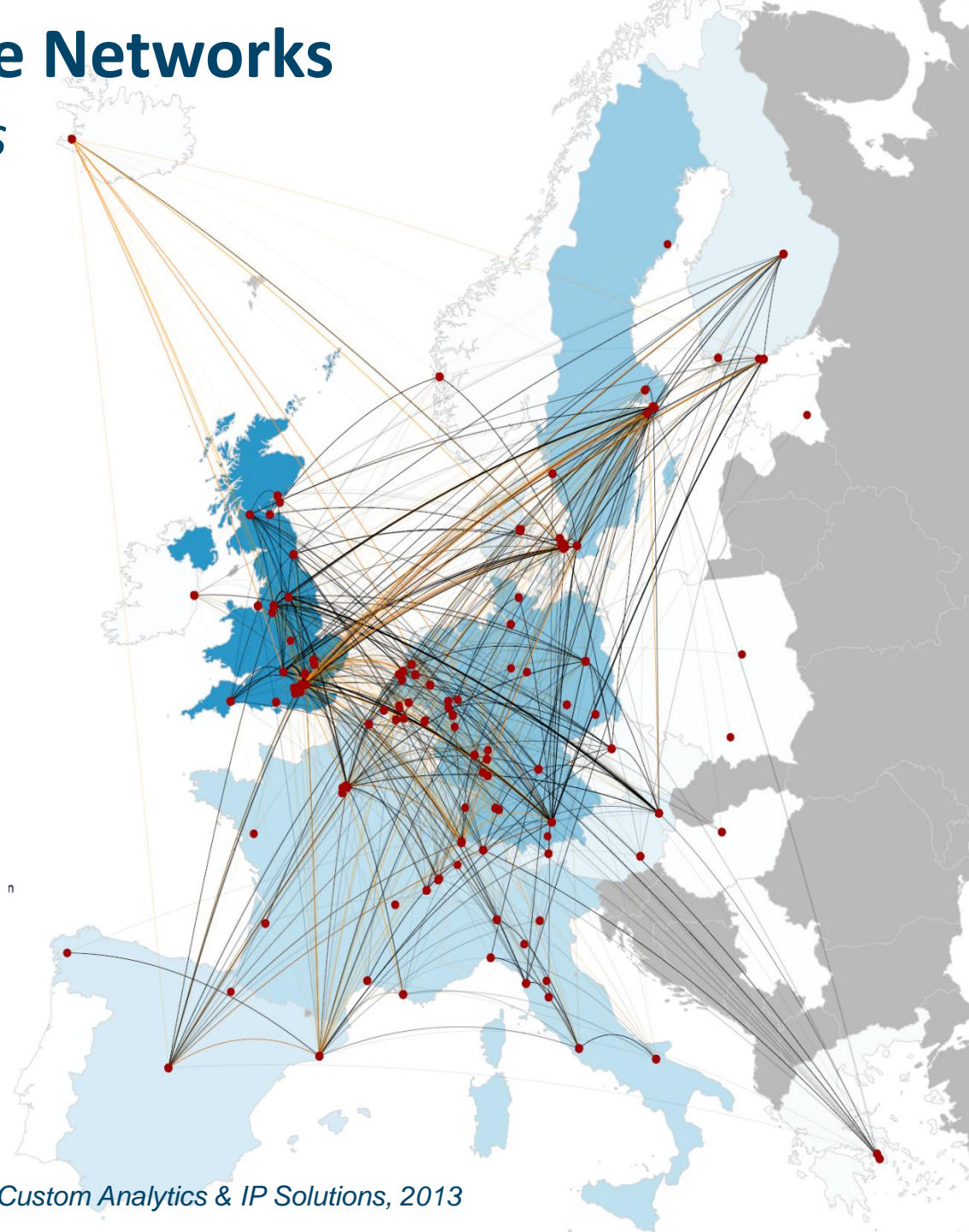
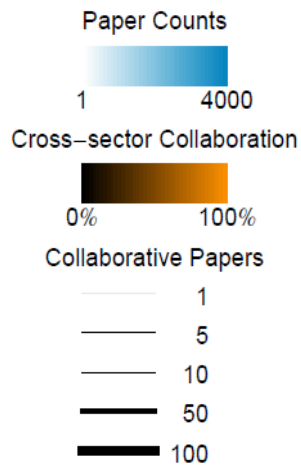


**Increased probability of success**  
**Earlier patient access**



# Mapping Collaborative Networks

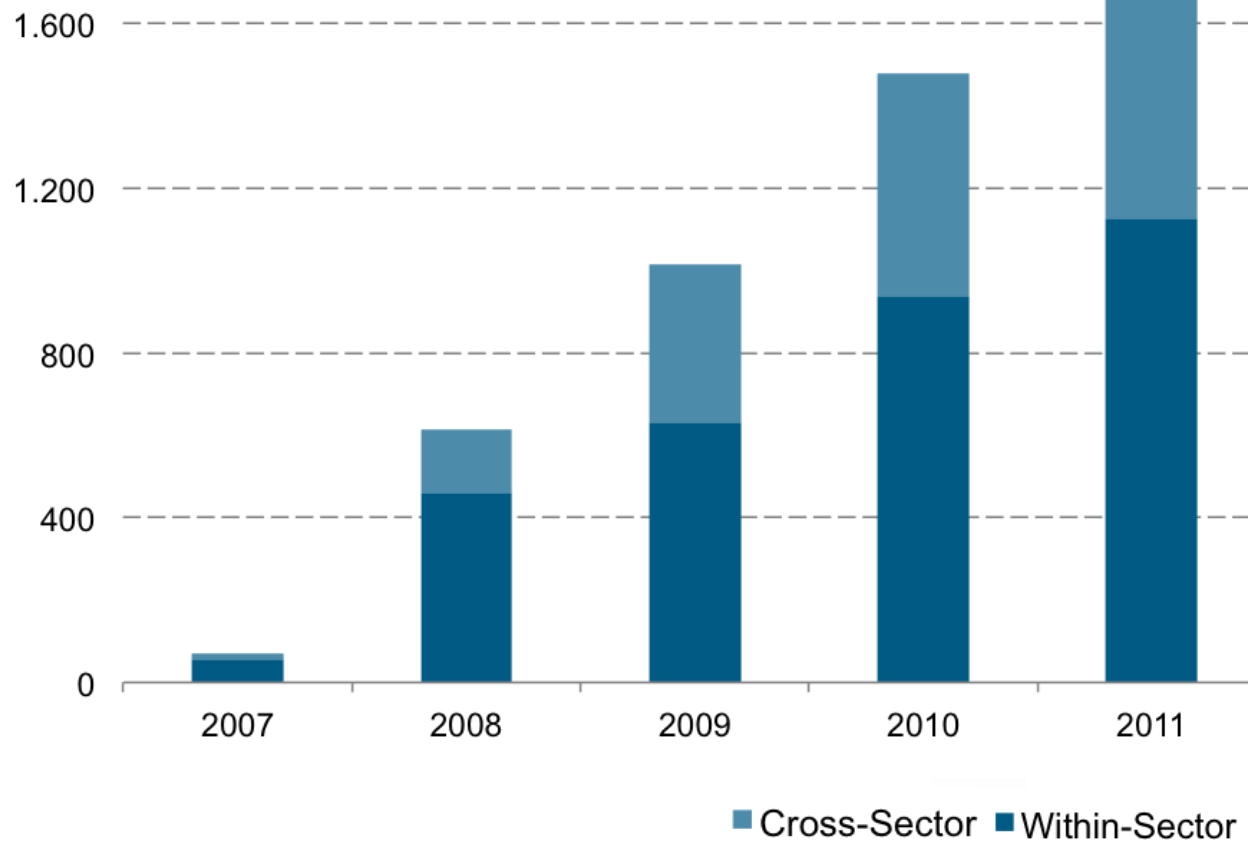
*Collaborative publications  
among IMI researchers*



# Collaborative activities in IMI Projects



## N Collaborations



## Advances in autism research



Based on sequencing 78 Icelandic **parent–offspring trios**, a total of 219 distinct individuals (44 autistic, 21 schizophrenic offspring) the consortium has identified 4933 de novo mutations.

The consortium has found that as a **man ages**, the number of de novo mutations increases in his sperm, increasing the chance for his child to carry a deleterious mutation that could lead to autism or schizophrenia.



A new animal model that replicates a **nonsyndromic autism** was developed. A demonstration of the reversal of the condition with specific therapy in mice presents an opportunity clinical development of **new treatments for autism**.



“**Synapse dysfunction** in autism: a **molecular medicine approach** to drug discovery in neurodevelopmental disorders” – a review of the opportunities and challenges in drug development for autism and the insight into the neurobiology of ASDs.



# A unique partnership





# newmeds

# PharmaCog



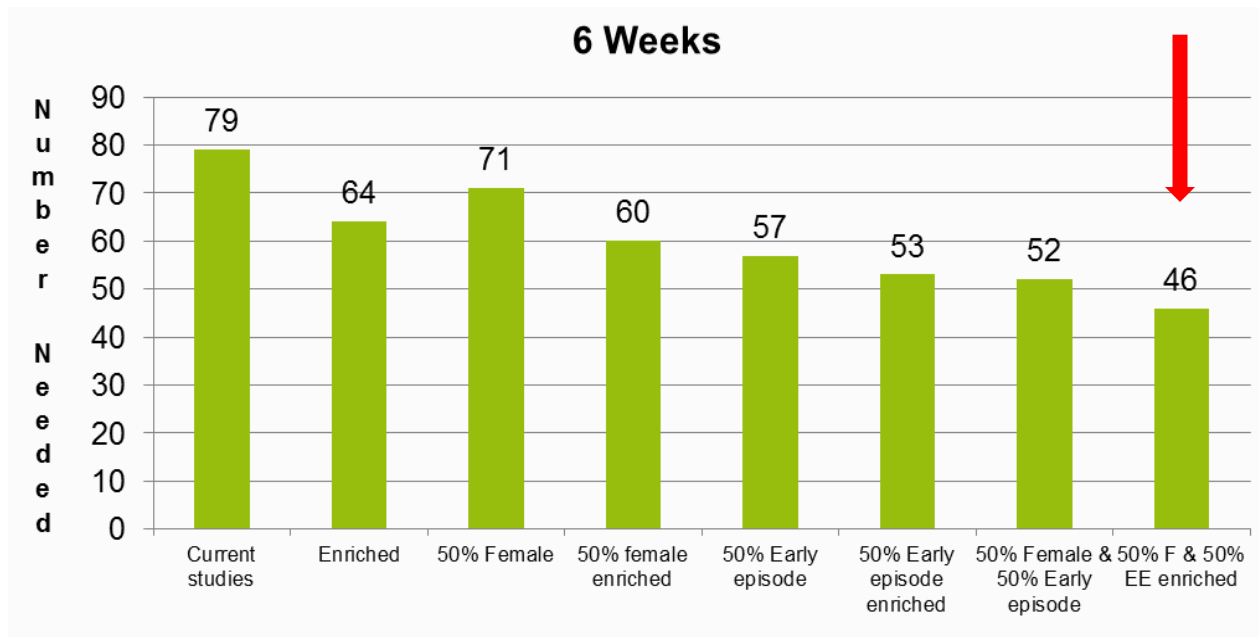
# Optimizing trials for schizophrenia treatment

Proposed ways to reduce required numbers of patients needed for antipsychotic trials while preserving 90% power ( $p < .05$ )

Based on resampling of data from 34 such trials (n=11,670 patients) data from Astra Zeneca, Janssen, Lilly, Lundbeck, Pfizer

**Samples can be reduced from 79 to 46 patients per arm by targeting trials**

**The trial duration can be reduced from 6 to 4 weeks**



Current mix =70% female; 20% early episode; 40% enriched

Enriched=prominent positive and negative symptoms

Early episode=under 3 with 4 or more years of illness

Note: Per patient cost 6wk study \$70,000-\$100,000



*'Think Big'*

**Research on human diseases at an  
*unprecedented scale***



- ✓ Access to information on **40 million patients** through EHR
- ✓ **Alzheimer'** disease: research on **10-times more subjects than ADNI** (Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative)
- ✓ Metabolics research on **> 20,000 obese & Type 2 diabetes subjects**
- ✓ Linkage of clinical and "omics" data
- ✓ Development of a secure (privacy, legal) modular platform
- ✓ Continue to build a network of data sources and relevant research

**58 partners** (3 consortia + Efpia)

**>200 scientists** involved

**14 European countries** represented

**Total budget €56.4m**

**"3 projects in one"**





# Exploiting Electronic Health Records

## Academic perspective

- Provide tools and services to better plan and conduct academic trials
- Facilitate comparative effectiveness research



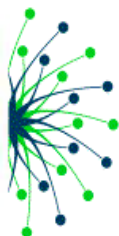
## Pharmaceutical perspective

- Improve patient recruitment process and study design
- Better understanding of real patient populations
- Support observational and outcomes research studies in real-world settings
- Enable more cost effective research and clinical trials



## General Healthcare perspective

- Facilitate the re-use of EHR data to more efficiently manage public health issues
- Enabling safer and more evidence-based diagnosis and treatment



# A new taxonomy of diseases to foster personalized medicine

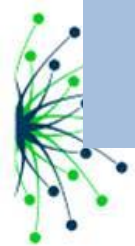
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- Cancer
- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Rheumatic diseases
- Alzheimer
- Parkinson
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease



# The IMI Education and Training projects



# A patients' academy on therapeutic innovation

- ▶ **develop and disseminate** accessible, well-structured and user-friendly information and education on medicines R&D
- ▶ **build competencies** among well informed patients and the public about pharmaceutical R&D
- ▶ **build expert capacity** in patient advocates
- ▶ **create the leading public library** on patient information in six most common languages under public licensing
- ▶ **establish a widely used, sustainable infrastructure** for objective, credible, correct and up-to-date knowledge
- ▶ **facilitate patient involvement in R&D** to support industry, academia, authorities and ethics committees



# Objective of the workshop

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**To demonstrate that public-private partnerships move personalized medicine forward by:**

- addressing key scientific challenges
- developing tools to translate scientific advances into regulatory guidelines
- considering new pathways to accelerate patient access to innovative therapies
- providing a neutral platform that fosters collaboration between stakeholders





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