

# EuroCoord: Enhancing clinical and epidemiologic HIV research in Europe through cohort collaboration



EuroCoord is a European Union funded Network of Excellence established by several of the largest HIV cohorts and collaborations within Europe - CASCADE, COHERE, EuroSIDA, and PENTA.

Funded for a period of five years from January 2011, this large, integrated network aims to exploit the scientific strengths of each collaboration to ensure that the best, most competitive observational HIV research is performed.

The collaborative method of working exemplified by EuroCoord allows the network to have access to data from over 250,000 HIV positive people from many different settings in Europe and beyond.

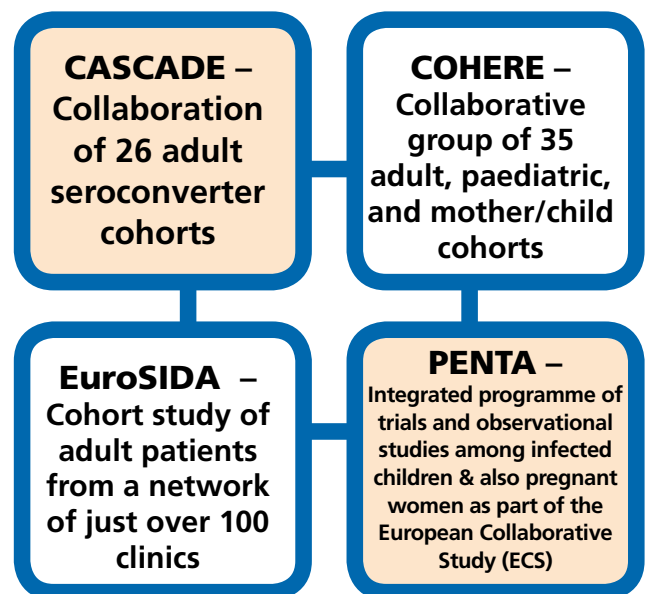
## Aims

EuroCoord's multidisciplinary approach allows the following key areas of HIV research to be addressed, aimed at improving the management and life of HIV positive individuals, whilst exploring differences within sub-groups:

- ◆ Characterising HIV positive populations in Europe (including the epidemiology of different subtypes)
- ◆ Improving our understanding of pathogenesis (including understanding the mechanisms of non-progression)
- ◆ Documenting uptake of and response to therapy
- ◆ Evaluating the implications of long-term HIV infection and exposure to therapy
- ◆ Assessing the implications of specific management strategies
- ◆ Improving the management of hepatitis co-infection
- ◆ Understanding the effects of tuberculosis (TB) co-infection
- ◆ Improving management of HIV-infected children and pregnant women
- ◆ Characterising HIV in migrant populations in Europe
- ◆ Modelling the HIV positive population in Europe
- ◆ Establishing training programmes to improve clinical management and research skills.

## Partners

The formation of EuroCoord was initiated by several of the biggest HIV cohorts and collaborations within Europe:



EuroCoord is made up of 23 partner organisations from 16 countries, ensuring representativeness across Europe. Also connected to these institutions is a wider network of numerous affiliated sites – more than 100 collaborating centres.

EuroCoord: Europe-wide cohort collaboration with the aim of coordinating HIV cohort clinical research

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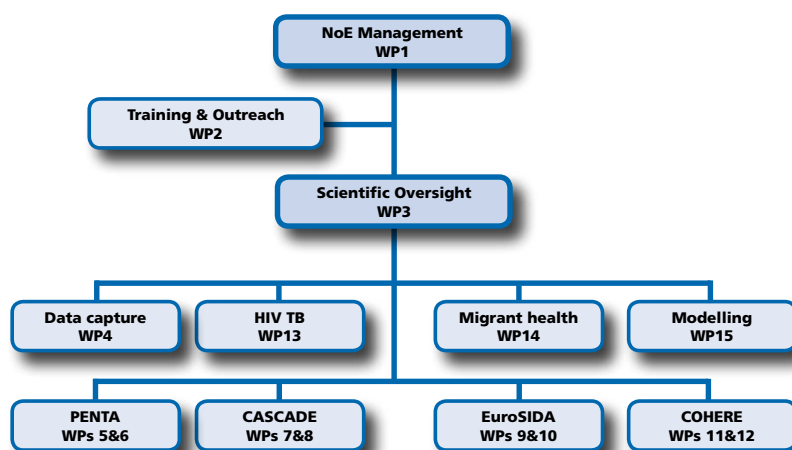
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Workpackages

The activities of EuroCoord are organised into 15 workpackages, all of which are interrelated, and unified through the scientific oversight workpackage.

Workpackages 2-4 represent the cross-network activities which aim to ensure sufficient complementarities, added value, and assimilation across the four founding networks and the new science areas of WPs 13-15.



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