

call to the Swiss authorities

Swiss centres of rare diseases and research units want to participate in the European Reference Network for Rare diseases (ERN)

Ladies and gentlemen

The European Reference networks for Rare Diseases were launched in March 2017 by the EU. This programme will lead to a number of calls within Horizon 2020 programme. However, these calls will be restricted to institutions within this networks. It is expected that in December 2017 a call will be issued, that new Centres for Rare diseases fulfilling all requirements can join the existing networks in their thematic area.

Switzerland at present does not fulfil the criteria that Swiss centres for rare diseases can apply. With this call we wish to draw the attention of the Swiss authorities to this problem in view of including our patient care centres and research units working in the rare disease area and to call on them to do the utmost to assure the participation of the Swiss centres of rare diseases in the ERN of their thematic area. Should be Switzerland excluded to participate, there is the danger that our institutions will be excluded for many years to come!

Every signature is necessary, because the case is urgent!
Please be so kind and distribute this also to your colleagues and ask them to sign. thus we will be able to proof to the authorities the urgency of the case and that immediate action is needed.

You will find the petition on

<https://www.proraris.ch/maladies-rares/petition-european-reference-networks-erns-320.html>

Many thanks for your support! With best regards