

# EURO-NMD Pilot CPMS Reimbursement Scheme

## *Background*

The Clinical Patient Management System (CPMS) is a secure, online IT platform provided by the European Commission (EC) to support the work of the European Reference Networks (ERNs). Its primary purpose is to facilitate cross-border expert discussion of rare and complex clinical cases. Initially launched in 2017 to enable cross-border medical consultations between ERN healthcare providers (HCPs), the system was upgraded to CPMS 2.0 in 2024.

CPMS 2.0 replaces the original CPMS platform that had been in use since 2017. To access CPM 2.0, users must create an EU-Login account and request authorization for their specific ERN.

## *Aim*

To promote and expand the use of the CPMS, the European Commission (EC) has introduced a reimbursement scheme under the EU4Health programme. This initiative aims to support ERN members in organizing and participating in medical discussion conducted through the CPMS platform, thereby fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing among experts across Europe.

The EURO-NMD Pilot Reimbursement Scheme is part of *Work Package 4 - Healthcare and CPMS*, specifically Task 4.3 (Pilot reimbursement scheme to provide financial support for review of cases to ERN EURO-NMD members), within the current ERN grant EURO-NMD 23-27 (Grant Agreement #1001156434), covering the period from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2027. It is closely linked to Task 4.2, *CPMS Focus Groups (CPMS Days)*, which aims to organize structured focus group sessions dedicated to specific disease groups or topics on CPMS 2.0, facilitated by expert moderators, thus complementing the traditional use of CPMS.

A total of 12 to 16 CPMS Days will be organized during the grant period, with each session addressing 3 to 4 selected cases for expert discussion. To facilitate case selection, EURO-NMD will launch a "call for cases" on its website, inviting HCPs to submit cases for discussion.

The total budget allocated for the EURO-NMD Pilot Reimbursement Scheme is €9,600. This document outlines the process for reimbursing the ERN EURO-NMD HCP members for their participation in medical discussions conducted through the CPMS 2.0 platform with the framework of CPMS Focus Days.

## *Eligibility*

- The reimbursement scheme is based on a per-case basis, with an allocated amount of €200 per case that is submitted and selected for discussion.
- Reimbursements will only be made to the ERN HCP from which the cases are submitted (i.e., referring clinicians or case presenters).
- **Only cases submitted and discussed within the framework of CPMS Focus Days are eligible for reimbursement.**
- Payments are made directly to HCPs (healthcare institutions) and not to individual experts.

- An expert is defined as an individual with a valid CPMS account attached to an HCP of the ERN
- A case is considered as eligible for reimbursement only after being reviewed by the experts from the ERN EURO-NMD and the discussion is closed and a final report is issued.
- Where multiple meetings are undertaken for the same case, reimbursement will only be provided once (after closing of the discussion).
- Guest users who bring a case for discussion from a non-ERN member HCP are not eligible for reimbursement under the current pilot scheme (if applicable).

### ***Calculating reimbursement***

- Reimbursement is capped at €200 per case.
- The total number of eligible cases for reimbursement attributed to each HCP will be verified by the EURO-NMD Coordination Team. The team will assess and calculate the number of cases that meet the established eligibility criteria within the specified timeframes.
- The total reimbursement amount for each HCP will be the sum of all payable amounts within the specified timeframes.

### ***Payment***

- Payments will be made in EUR only
- **All payments must be processed before 30 September 2027**, which marks the end date of the EURO-NMD 23-27 grant in accordance with its funding requirements.
- Reimbursements are subject to the signing of a cooperation contract with Assistance Publique – Hôpitaux de Paris (APHP), the HCP Network Coordinator.
- As specified in the contract, payments will only be processed upon submission of invoices issued by the ERN HCP within the required timeframe and will be made within 60 days from the invoice issuance date.
- **Invoice Submission Deadlines for Reimbursement:**

HCPs must submit their invoices for reimbursement by the following deadlines:

- **June 30, 2026** – For all cases submitted and completed in 2025 and the first half of 2026
- **September 1, 2027** – Final deadline for all outstanding reimbursements related to cases submitted and completed within the framework of CPMS Focus Days

**Only one invoice per deadline should be submitted, consolidating all due payments for the relevant period.**

These deadlines are set to ensure timely processing of payments and compliance with the EURO-NMD 23-27 grant requirements.

**No invoices will be accepted beyond September 1, 2027.**