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Description of a National Coordination Hub

Name of the National Coordination Hub¹: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

A) Definition

Choose the type of the institution: [Choose an item.](#)

B) Minimum recommended criteria

Please note that as indicated in the Statement of the ERN Board of Member States on the definition and minimum recommended criteria for Associated National Centres and Coordination Hubs adopted in the Board meeting of 10 October 2017², "with the broad range of non-specialized institutions eligible as National Coordination Hub, the minimum recommended criteria applicable to all are confined to general aspects only. [...] Member States interested in adopting [...] as National coordination Hub... a major national healthcare provider offering the necessary organisational support [such as management, infrastructure and resources] to specialised units that can join different ERNs and that operate within its organisational structure), should consider to additionally apply a set of minimum criteria that mirror the minimum recommended criteria for Associated National Centres comprising clinics and departments/clinical units providing direct outpatient and/or inpatient services to patients. In this particular instance, the recommended general criteria would apply for the general hospital setting while the specific criteria would apply to the specific specialised units according to the respective network's area of expertise.

Please note that the at a later stage Networks might request further information from the National Coordination Hub.

General criteria

1. Evidence of a clear and well-defined organization (governance, management, definition of one representative as contact person).

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2. Listing of the different ERNs the coordination hub should be linked to.

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3. Description of the capacity and the ways to link the different ERNs with the national healthcare system.

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¹ National Coordination Hub as described in the Board Statement of 10 October 2017:

National Coordination Hub comprises, as indicated in the Board Statement of 10 October 2017, "any type of institution with the appropriate knowledge and the legal and organizational capacity to link the national healthcare system to a number or all European Reference Networks. National Coordination Hubs function as interfaces between the national healthcare system and those Networks where a given Member State is neither represented by a full member nor by an Associated National Centre".

Differently from the Associated National Centre, the National Coordination Hub will establish **at once a link with more than one Network** in which the Member State does not have a healthcare provider as member or as Associated National Centre and with which the Member State wishes to establish such link.

² https://ec.europa.eu/health/sites/health/files/ern/docs/boms_affiliated_partners_en.pdf