



Call for funders to join the International Drug Repurposing Funders Network



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Are you a research funder active or willing to be active in Drug Repurposing?

We invite you to share your experience and ideas within the International Drug Repurposing Funders Network!

There is a market failure inhibiting repurposing of medicines and funding options are often limited. Our goal is to identify barriers in funding Drug Repurposing and propose potential solutions. Therefore, we are interested in your perspective:

- *What barriers are you facing in funding Drug Repurposing?*
- *What works and does not work for you?*
- *What do you need?*

We need your input, only together we can enhance the field.

Drug Repurposing

We focus on finding new indications for existing medicines. This includes repurposing of licensed products that are off-patent, but also on-patent drugs, discontinued, shelved or investigational therapeutics.

The network

A vibrant international network comprising different types of funders who strive to bring forward Drug Repurposing. Within an inclusive space for debate, we invite you to share your funding perspective and engage in discussions on policy issues and potential solutions to enhance the field. At least once per year you will be invited to a meeting where best funding practices are shared. The International Drug Repurposing Funders Network is part of the EU-funded research initiative **REpurposing MEDICines 4 ALL** and led by **ZonMw**, see below for more information.

The next step

The network has the potential to reduce fragmentation of the Drug Repurposing funding landscape, facilitate coordination of funding activities and identify opportunities for joint calls. We want to create a publicly available funding radar database and develop a generalizable model that enables project leaders and/or funders to calculate the financial and societal returns for Drug Repurposing projects. Furthermore, the network will contribute to advancing the state of European (and beyond) pharmaceutical policy and the regulatory environment for repurposed medicines.

Contact

We hope you share our passion to enhance the field of Drug Repurposing and want to join us and to participate in the debate. If this is the case, please contact us via REMEDI4ALL@zonmw.nl.

About REMEDI4ALL

REMEDI4ALL is building a sustainable European innovation platform to enhance the repurposing of medicines for all. The platform has the potential to bring down times and costs of drug development by focusing on already approved, discontinued, shelved or investigational therapeutics.

The **REMEDI4ALL** consortium brings together a unique combination of expertise to address the complexities of drug repurposing. Under the leadership of **EATRIS**, the European infrastructure for translational medicine, 24 organizations in the fields of clinical and translational research, clinical operations, patient engagement and education, regulatory framework, funding, governance, Health Technology Assessment (HTA) and pricing and reimbursement will closely collaborate to make drug repurposing mainstream. It will receive 23M euros from Horizon Europe over the next 5 years.

About ZonMw

ZonMw is the organization for health research and development in The Netherlands and has funded research on Drug Repurposing now for over 10 years.