

Item 12.1 Strengthening clinical trials to provide high-quality evidence on health interventions and to improve research quality and coordination (Norway)

Chair;

- Our brief comments concerns the point on clinical trials.
- Norway appreciate the steps taken to implement the resolution.
- On the two questions, we have the following input:
- On how best to support countries and others in mapping national infrastructure, the Secretariat could develop a standardised survey and invite both Member States and international clinical trial networks. In order to include primary health care levels, professional societies could also be invited. We also reiterate the need to see the clinical trial ecosystem in a larger context in order to break down the silos from clinical trials to implementation in clinical practice.
- We encourage the Secretariat to consider expanding the current mapping in order to form a more complete overview, and how to do this without making the exercise too resource-consuming.
- On the development of a self-assessment tool, we find this an interesting idea, and point to the European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network already having developed a self-assessment sheet which can be useful input to the broader tools to be developed.