What we do...

Brochure for sponsors

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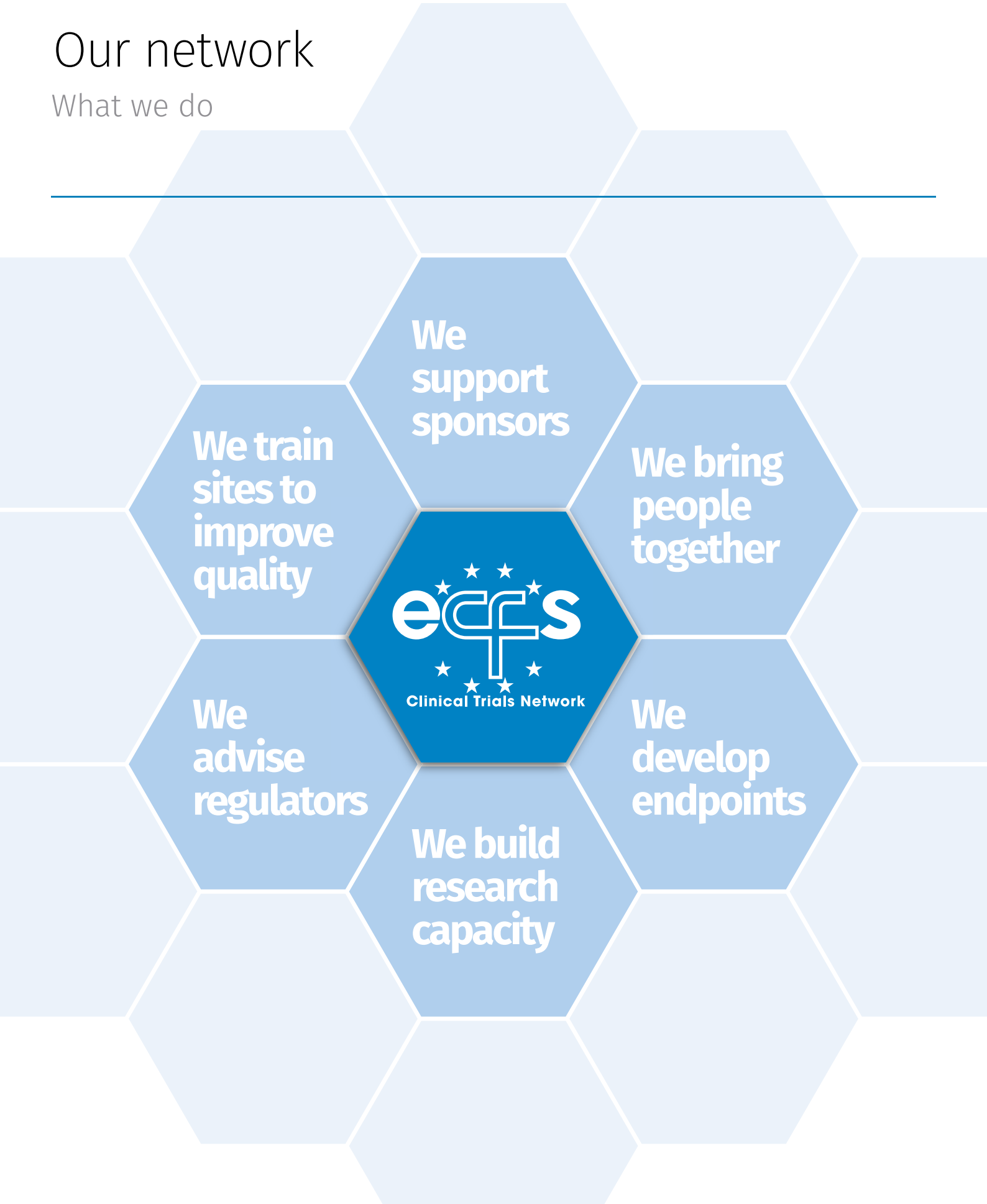
Our network

What we do



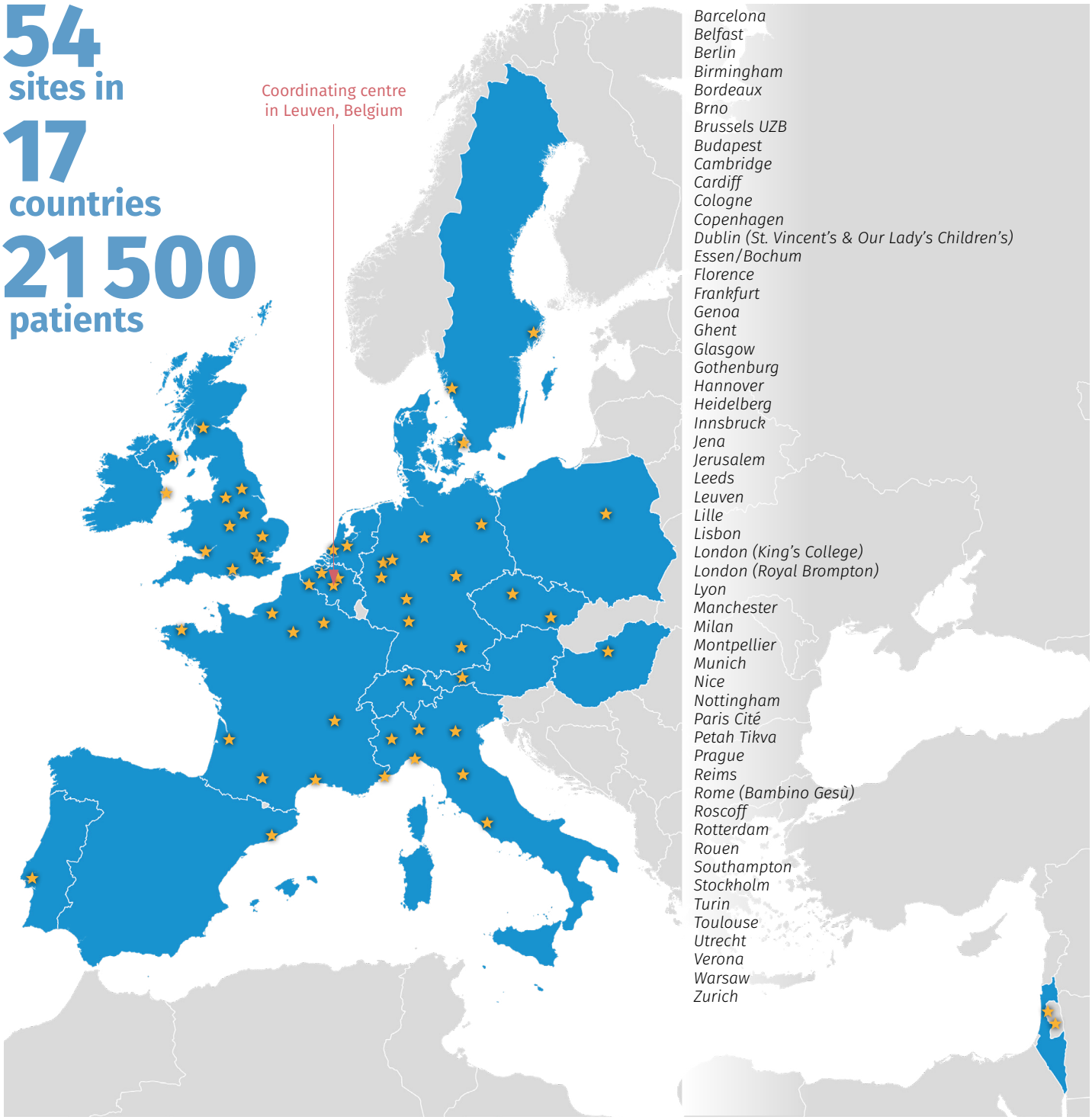
Our sites

All around Europe

Go to
www.ecfs.eu/ctn/list-ctn-centres for a list of investigators

54 sites in 17 countries

21 500 patients



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Florence
Frankfurt
Genoa
Ghent
Glasgow
Gothenburg
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Heidelberg
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Rotterdam
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Stockholm
Turin
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Utrecht
Verona
Warsaw
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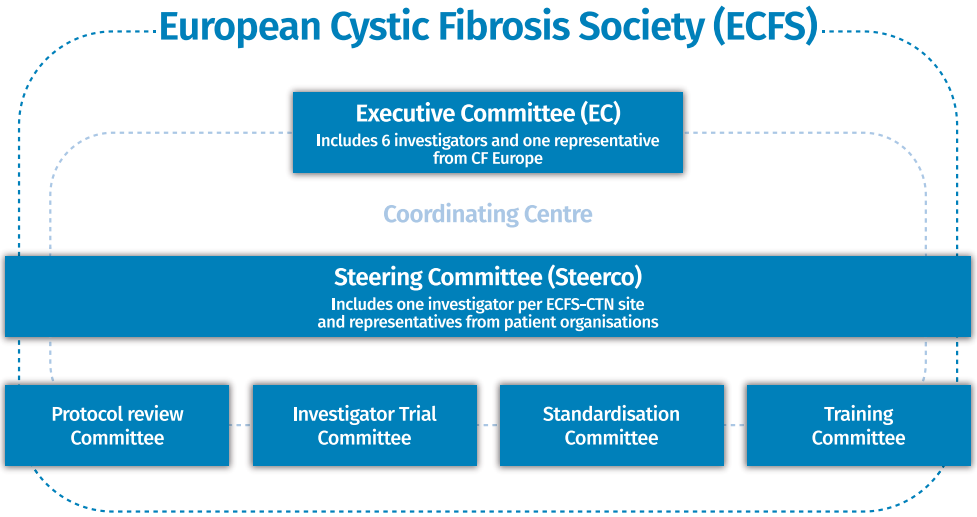
ECFS-CTN

Organisation

Who we are

ECFS-CTN was founded in 2008 and is made up of 54 sites in 17 countries and a central coordinating centre in Leuven, Belgium.

How we work



Visit **www.ecfs.eu/ctn** to learn more about how ECFS-CTN speeds up clinical trials of new therapies for CF.

How does a European network streamline research?

The aim of ECFS-CTN is to intensify clinical research in the area of CF and to bring new medicines to people with CF as quickly as possible.

- Increases cooperation between the whole CF community (people with CF, patient organisations, pharmaceutical industry and academic researchers)
- Shares expertise across countries to standardise research procedures and measures
- Accelerates study feasibility and setup
- Encourages high quality research by training staff and monitoring site performance

Ecosystem

Your central point of contact for CF trials in Europe

Planning your protocol

Advice, SOPs and central reading hubs

Contact us

as early as possible to integrate our expertise into your protocol and avoid delays.

Protocol assistance / consultancy

ECFS-CTN experts can provide help in the early phase development of study design.

Standardised outcome measures

Integrate the ECFS-CTN Standard Operating Procedures into your protocols and manuals for standardized measurement of clinical trial outcomes.

Ask us for the list of Standard Operating Procedures.

Certification & central reading

Use our ECFS-CTN core facilities to certify clinical trial staff in trial sites and for central reading of trial outcomes. These services are also available to trial sites outside ECFS-CTN.

- Lung Clearance Index Core Facility
- Lung Analysis CT Imaging Core Facility

A plain language glossary

We developed a plain language glossary of CF terms with CF Europe and people with CF. Use it to help develop your patient information leaflets and informed consent forms.

Data Safety Monitoring Board

ECFS-CTN partners with an independent DSMB coordinator (based at the University of Lyon in France). Ask us for more details.

Sponsors planning global studies consider a global DSMB, organised by the CFF-TDN.

ECFS-CTN protocol review

Essential for running trials in Europe

Improve your protocol and boost recruitment

Review by our expert multinational groups of CF doctors, research coordinators, academic researchers and people with CF and their families makes sure that protocols are:

- safe
- scientifically sound
- going to generate useful information
- logistically feasible to conduct at sites
- acceptable to trial participants and their families

BENEFITS OF BETTER PROTOCOLS

- Faster easier recruitment
- Robust results
- Faster access to new medicines for pwCF

Which protocols do we review?

Essential for all commercial and academic interventional and real-world clinical trials planned to run **in at least one ECFS-CTN site**.
We review other non-interventional trials on a case-by -case basis.
Ask us about fees for commercial and academic trials.

We watch out for conflict of interest, and excuse reviewers from reviews, where appropriate.

How the process works

A global review process is also available for trials planned to run in Europe and North America (USA & Canada).

Our review complements programme and trial-specific scientific advice from regulatory agencies.

*We can refer companies to national networks in France, Germany, the Netherlands and the UK.

Feasibility

Find the right sites for your trial

Our sites only answer feasibility requests issued by the ECFS-CTN coordinating centre

If you contact them directly, they will refer you back to us.

For approved protocols

We offer a site feasibility service for protocols approved by ECFS-CTN to run in the network.

Feasibility cannot start before protocol review is complete (except sometimes for later phase trials with compounds already know to ECFS-CTN)

We know our sites

We can advise on country and site selection, based on our knowledge of:
- site expertise, experience, equipment & capacity
- standards of care in different countries

We work with the ECFS Patient Registry for feasibility requests concerning subpopulations, or specific *CFTR* variants.

Feasibility optimisation

We review and advise on feasibility questionnaire design.

Confidentiality

The sponsor signs confidentiality agreements directly with the site.

We will send you the right contact details for the lead investigator in each site.

We get answers quickly

Our streamlined feasibility process gets answers within 3 weeks, once all confidentiality agreements have been signed.

We centrally handle feasibility requests for all ECFS-CTN sites.

we

send the request to the right people at each site.

follow-up responses.

keep you updated on progress.

check completed questionnaires.

regularly send you completed questionnaires, and a summary at the end of the process.

Site selection

The sponsor selects which sites participate in the study.

- Please inform sites who are not selected, and give them feedback about the decision.
- We track whether sponsors notify unselected sites.

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