

BMSD Network – TC 2 meeting

Date: 11 February 2026 8:00 – 9:00 CET

Venue: Microsoft Teams meeting

Attendees: Mario Alberto Battaglia, Massimiliano Copetti, Jiří Drahota, Frederik Elberling, David Ellenberger, Gregor Fistravec, Lars Forsberg, Anna Glaser, Orla Gray, Tommaso Guerra, Kersitn Hellwig, Jan Hillert, Dana Horáková, Pietro Iaffaldano, Pernilla Klyve, Giuseppe Lucisano, Melinda Magyari, Elena Flavia Mouresan, Luigi Pontieri, Marco Salivetto, Alexander Stahmann, Maria Trojano, Anneke Van Der Walt, Irena Vukusic, Sandra Vukusic, Clemens Warnke

Meeting Agenda

1. **Welcome to the German MS Registry**
2. **EMA QO application update**
3. **Horizon call: scientific proposals**
4. **Update on ongoing collaborative BMSD projects**
5. **ACTRIMS/ECTRIMS: attendance and exhibition booths**
6. **Update on EMA RWD Catalogue**
7. **BMSD Annual Meeting: link to the registration form**

Main discussion points

1. **Welcome to the German MS Registry**

The German Registry has been introduced as a new member of the Network.

2. **EMA QO application update**

Anna updated the Network on the list of issues following the EMA qualification opinion application submitted last autumn. Network answers should ideally be uploaded to the EMA platform by February 27th, and a virtual meeting with EMA is scheduled between March 9th and 11th. Jiri and Gregor added that they would be available to participate in the EMA meeting, specifically to address questions regarding the CDM. The final documents will be shared with all registries once all inputs are defined.

3. **Horizon call: scientific proposals**

Pietro introduced the scientific proposals gathered from the network members. Marco updated the network that Dr. Tageo had been informed about the current proposals; she thinks it is more realistic to join existing consortia rather than submitting an independent proposal, given the short deadline. In that case, MS could be included as a case study within a broader project. Dr. Tageo will inform us about potential opportunities to join the Horizon call.

4. **Update on ongoing collaborative BMSD projects**

a) De-escalation Project (Danish Group):

Luigi presented the status of the project on de-escalation from high-efficacy to moderate-efficacy DMTs. RISM and OFSEP have confirmed their participation and completed the internal approval process. DMSR is awaiting approval from the data protection officer. SMSR is completing the administrative/legal procedures to join the project. Currently, the Finnish registry cannot participate due to GDPR restrictions. The Czech group is willing to participate, even though it will contribute with a small number of patients. Regarding the project status, each participating registry ran a R script to evaluate the cohort of subjects fulfilling the inclusion criteria for the project. In May 2026, it is scheduled

that each registry will run the script locally on data extracted and transformed into the CDM. Results should be sent to DMSR by Sep 1, 2026.

b) MS TEAM Project (Czech Group)

Jiri outlined the project focused on "unmet needs" in treatment access across Europe, aiming to provide a benchmark for therapeutic approaches. The project involves sharing scripts (benchmarking, prevalence, incidence) and does not require raw data transfer.

It will also serve to validate the CDM by comparing results from the new model with previous publications from individual registries.

Next steps will include sharing benchmarking scripts with all BMSD registries, identify the papers for benchmarking, and share a questionnaire to gather information on reimbursement criteria

c) Gender Inertia Project (French Group):

Sandra proposed extending the analysis of therapeutic inertia in women compared to men (observed in France) to other registries. The French group will share the statistical analysis plan to those who are willing to participate. It was discussed whether to publish results in a single comparative paper or a series of registry-specific papers with a synthesis editorial made by the group.

5. ACTRIMS/ECTRIMS: attendance and exhibition booths

Marco presented the exhibition spaces that have been reserved by network members; organizers will attempt to prioritize placing the stands near each other to create a "BMSD village".

6. Update on EMA RWD Catalogue

Marco informed the group that the network's page in the EMA RWD catalogue was published in January. The network entry will be updated to include the German registry. Marco clarified that the network page can be linked to the institutions, which then point to the respective registries.

7. BMSD Annual Meeting: link to the registration form

The annual meeting will be held in Genoa on September 25-26, 2026. Arrival is expected on September 24th, with departure after lunch on Saturday the 26th.

The registration form will be shared to participants and should be completed by the end of February to allow for hotel and flight bookings.