EURIPRED is a collaborative infrastructure programme with the objective to reinforce the knowledge infrastructure across diseases. The ultimate aim is to speed the development of new tools (vaccines, drugs, microbicides) to combat Tuberculosis, HIV, Malaria and Hepatitis B/ C diseases.

HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis (TB) and Malaria alone account for about 3.4 million deaths worldwide every year. Despite substantial efforts made in recent years, Poverty Related Diseases are still spreading. New therapeutic interventions are therefore urgently required to combat these diseases. The existence of a well-developed HIV/ TB/ Malaria infrastructure presents a prime opportunity to address other sexually transmitted diseases such as viral hepatitis efficiently and effectively.

The overall goal of the EURIPRED is to coordinate and integrate international resources into a single specialised infrastructure to support European HIV, TB, Malaria and Hepatitis B/ C virus studies from early drug, vaccine and microbicide discovery to clinical trials. This will be achieved by creating partnerships between European scientists and international research teams from disease endemic countries and strong collaborations between industry and public sector research. Although vaccines, drugs and microbicide research is being conducted in the European Union (EU), so far there was no single European infrastructure that brings international resources and facilities together to develop cost-effective products for the European market.

To underpin this need, EURIPRED will integrate worldwide resources to allow European access to shared clinical material and reference reagents, and training opportunities. This integrated approach will strengthen international cooperation, increase research capacity in EU and developing countries and significantly contribute to the European Research Area (ERA). By minimising fragmentation and duplication of research efforts and pooling fragmented resources EURIPRED can improve European research efficiency and effectiveness.

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