



Registries in Europe - European Platform on Rare Disease Registration (EU RD Platform)

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European Commission's Strategy for Rare Diseases

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on "**Rare Diseases: Europe's challenges**" (2008)

1. To improve recognition and visibility on rare diseases
2. To support policies on rare diseases in the EU Member States
3. To develop European cooperation, coordination and regulation for rare diseases



Why an EU Platform on RD Registration?

- To cope with the extreme fragmentation of data sources across EU Member States

Hundreds of RD registries exist, but

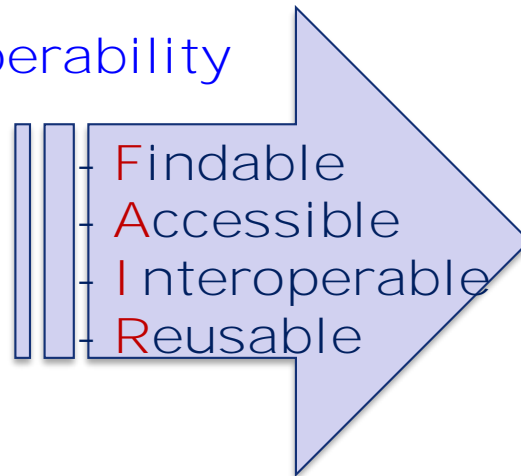
- no standardised data collection for most RDs
- the lack of interoperability severely limits the registries' potential



Source: EURORDIS

Why an EU Platform on RD Registration?

- To reach interoperability between registries
 - Standardised data collection and exchange
 - Semantic interoperability
 - Make data FAIR
 - Findable
 - Accessible
 - Interoperable
 - Reusable
 - Data linkage
 - Data transfer



Why an EU Platform on RD Registration?

- To reach the critical number of patients for
 - Studies
 - Research

- Use of data for all possible purposes, advancing knowledge on RD
 - clinical aspects
 - natural history
 - therapy
 - quality of care
 - evaluation of prognosis
 - epidemiology
 - basic research
 - policy - health policyetc.

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Registry Infrastructure
(ERDRI)

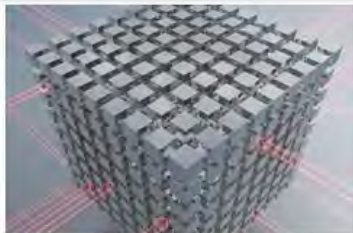


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European
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Data Warehouse



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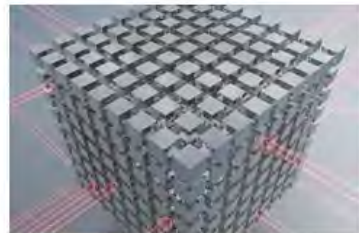


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ERDRI
European
Rare Disease
Registry
Infrastructure



European Platform on Rare Disease Registration (EU RD Platform)

- Unified source of information about RD registries and their data
- The Platform for RD REGISTRIES, bringing them together
- Overview of RD registries

European Directory of Registries

European Directory of Registries ERDRI .dor

European Rare Disease Registry Infrastructure (ERDRI)



European Directory of Registries (ERDRI.dor)

Overview of rare disease registries in
Europe including their characteristics

RD registries/ERNs:

- overview of registries with characteristics
- searchable catalogue
- contact details

General information

Name of the registry *

Acronym

Medical area *

Type of Registry *

Epidemiology

Patient Registry

Clinical Registry

Healthcare planning

Basic Research

Economic evaluation

Pharmacological
Research

Other type

If other type of registry, please
explain

Registry is member of

Eurocat

Registry is member of a
European Reference Network

Description *

Short description of the registry's scope

(500 characters remaining)

Website

Sponsors

Rare disease *

Search

Input by orphacode

Enter a list of orphacodes in the textbox below. Separate codes by either a new line, blanks, commas or semicolons and then press 'Add' to process the list.

[+](#) Add

Name of the disease

Inclusion and exclusion criteria

(1,000 characters remaining)

Recruitment area *

Name of the recruitment area *

(Country, state or region)

Recruitment start/end date

DD/MM/YYYY

to

Current number of cases *

at

Data source *

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> University hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> Patient/test person |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non university hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> Family of patient |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physician | <input type="checkbox"/> Research Institution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

If other data source, please explain

Number of Data Elements collected by the registry *

Technical solution (software) used *

Data management

Link to the privacy policy

Ethical review committee

Availability for future collaborations/studies

Registry information

Institution *

Facility

Department *

Street & number *

Postcode City *

Country *



Country (please specify)

Responsible for the registry

First name *

Last name *

Title



Academic title/degree

Position

E-Mail address *

Phone number *

Biobanks

Biobank name	Registry of biobanks	Biobank identifier	+
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Additional components

Name of the component	Component described in	Relationship component-registry	+
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European Platform on Rare Disease Registration (EU RD Platform)

- The Platform for RD METADATA
(all data elements collected by RD registries)
- Basis for semantic interoperability between RD registries

Central Metadata Repository

Central Metadata Repository ERDRI .mdr



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Collection of metadata
on all data elements collected
by participating registries

Central Metadata Repository

ERDRI.mdr

Designations of data elements

Pseudonym	Name	Surname	DOB	Disease	RBC
10001	Dave	Doe	14/01/1975	12345	5.34
10002	Jane	Doe	17/10/1975	12234	4.56
10003	Martin	Trump	28/02/1981	12345	5.01
10004	Sue	Walker	15/12/1990	12345	5.76
10005	Harry	Doyle	
10006	Jonny	Walker	
10007	Bart	Simpson	

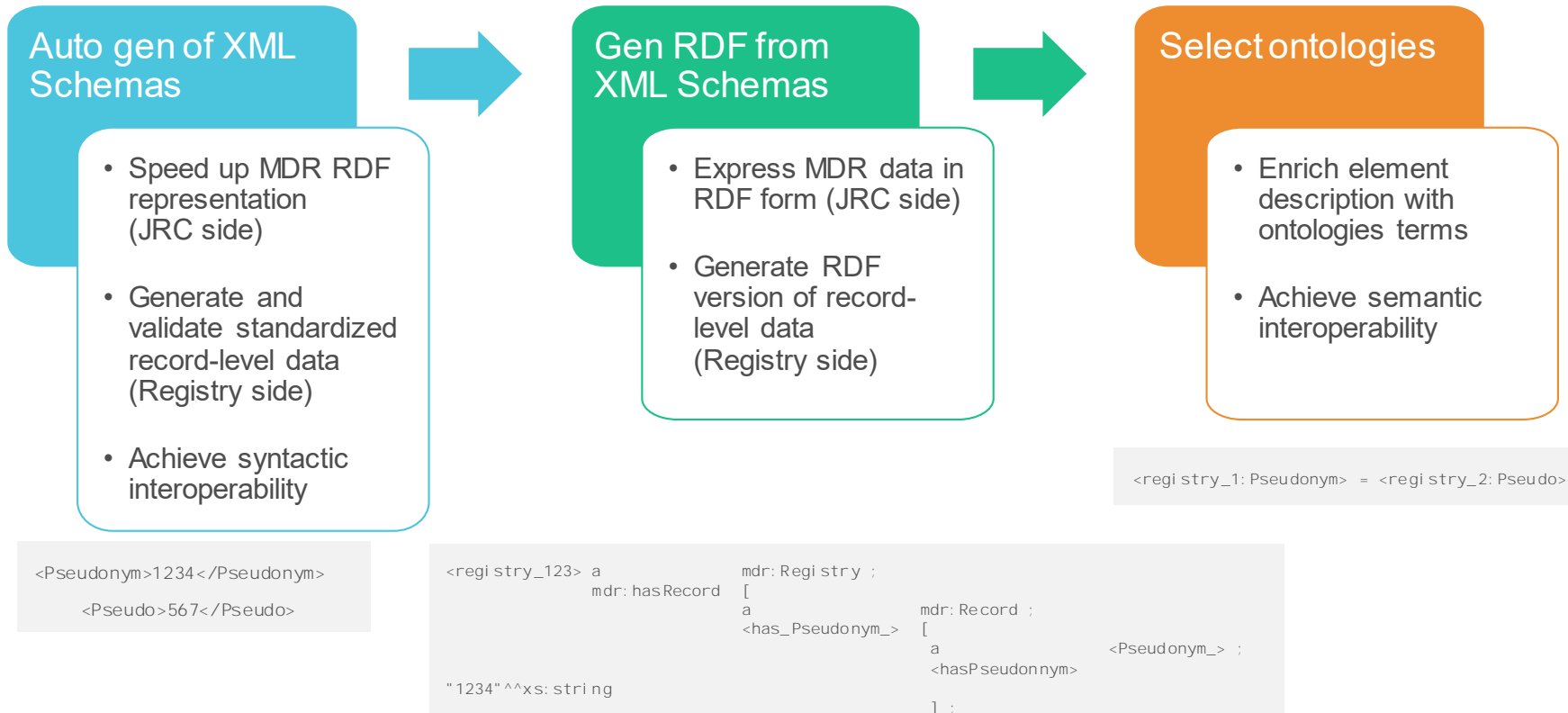
+ Definition
+ Measurement unit

Central Metadata Repository ERDRI .mdr

- repository of metadata
- data dictionaries
- ontologies
- semantic interoperability



FAI Rification of the MDR





European Platform on Rare Disease Registration (EU RD Platform)

- The Platform for EU-wide unified PSEUDONYMISATION system for RD patients

SPI DER pseudonymisation services

SPIDER pseudonymisation services



Spider



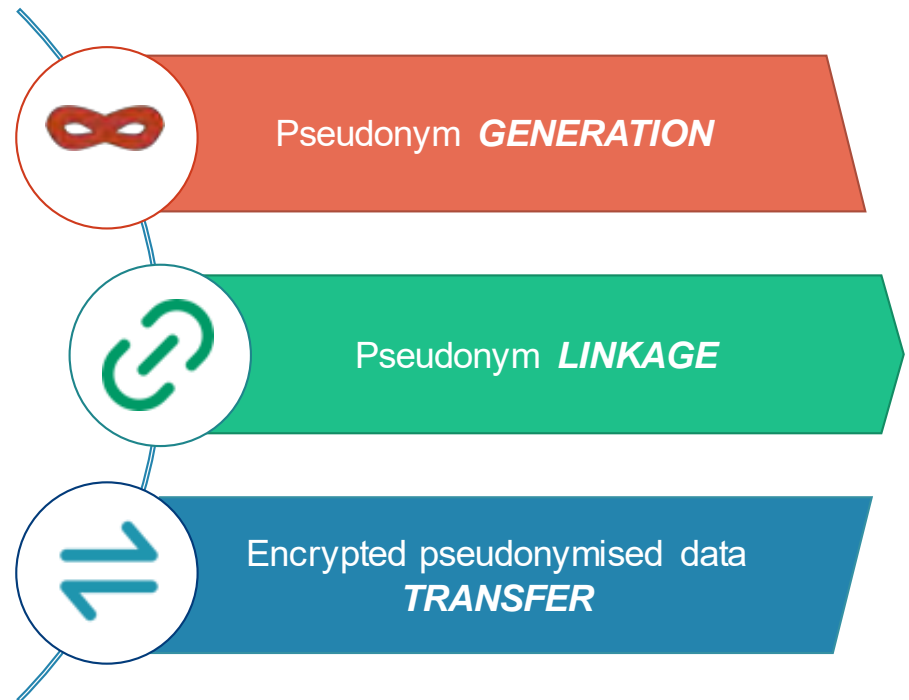
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Network



Data sharing *policy enforcement*



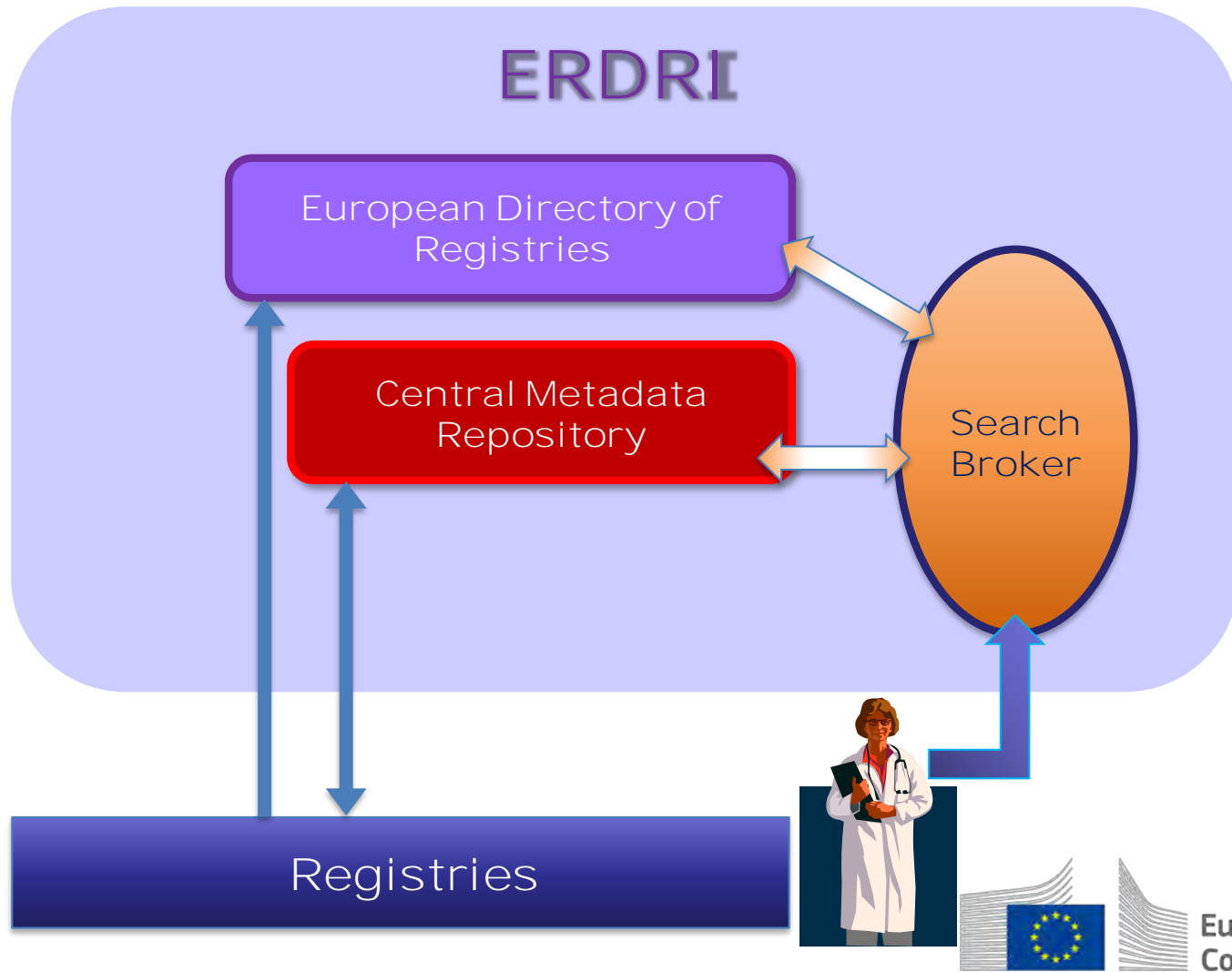


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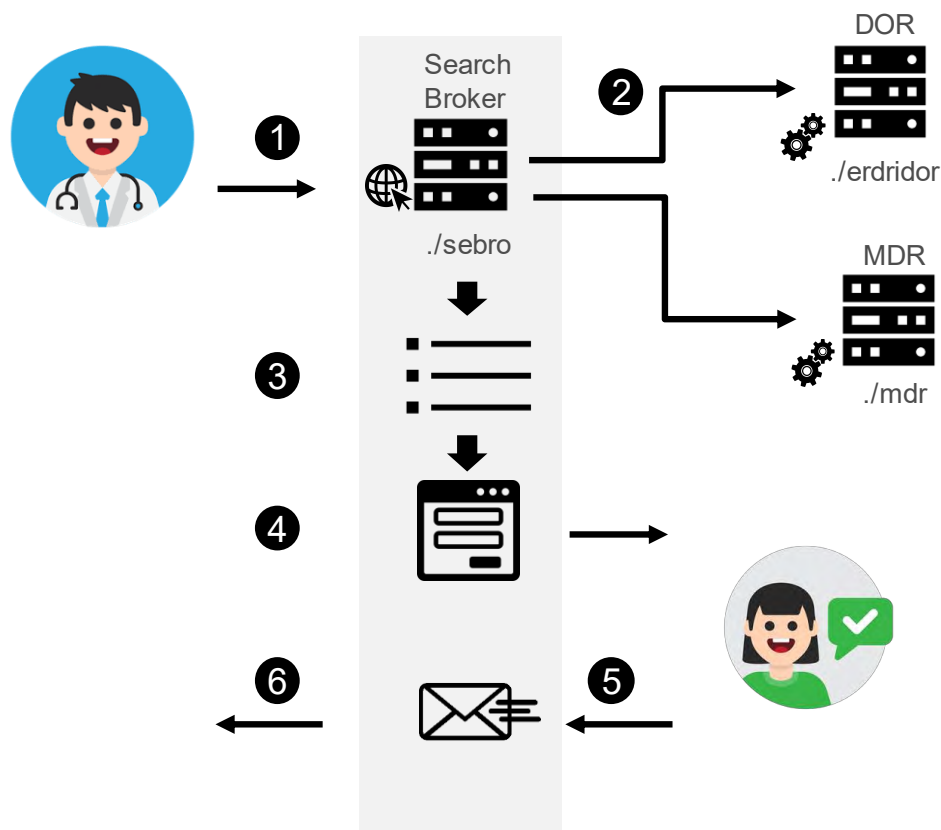
- Ensures DISCOVERABILITY of DATA from participating RD registries
- Registries remain owners of their data and decide about use of the data

ERDRI Search tool

Search broker ERDRI .sebro

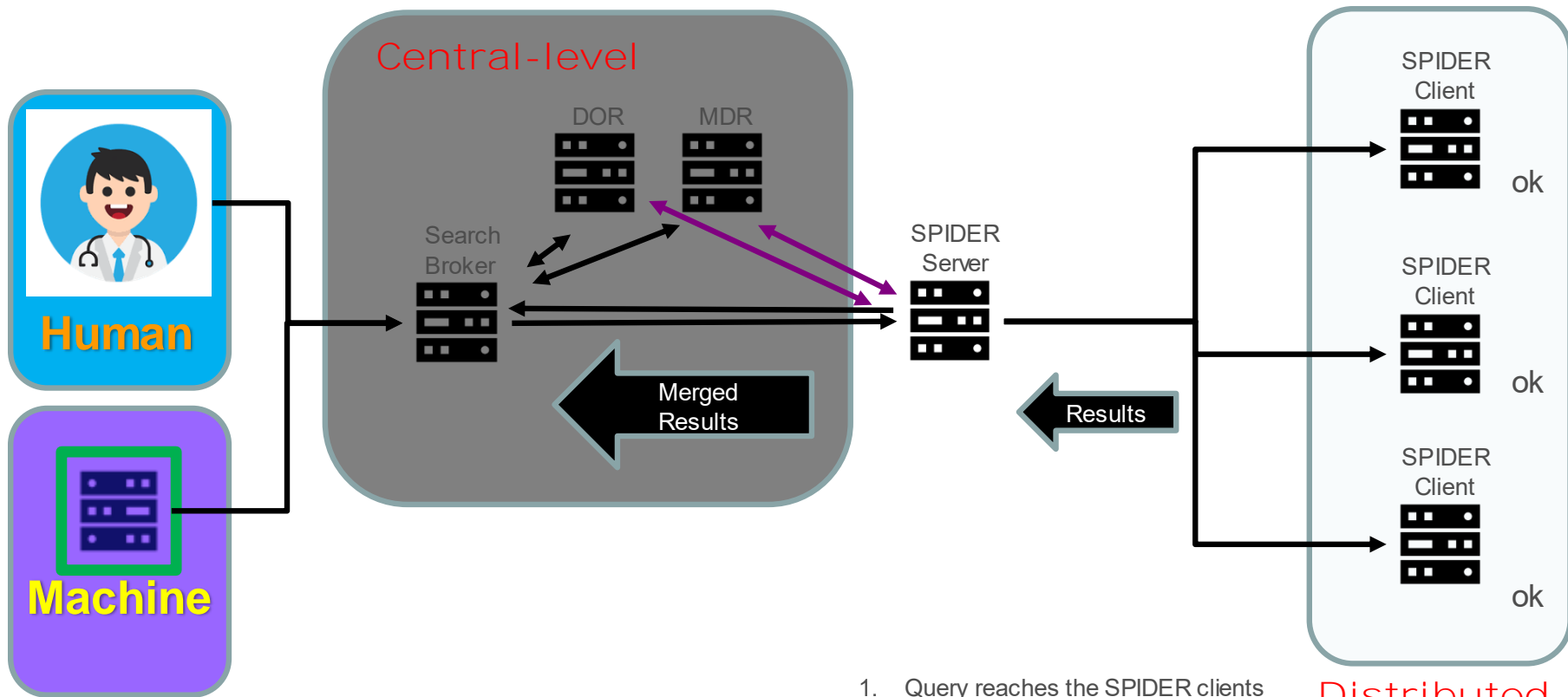


Search broker ERDRI .sebro



1. *Researcher inserts keywords*
 - metadata elements name, rare disease, type of registry..
2. *DOR and MDR are queried*
3. *Registries matching the request are identified*
4. *The EU RD Platform contacts the registries*
5. *Feedback from registries to the EU RD Platform*
6. *Researcher contacted by the EU RD Platform*

ERDRI .sebro central-level and record-level, **distributed ("federated")**

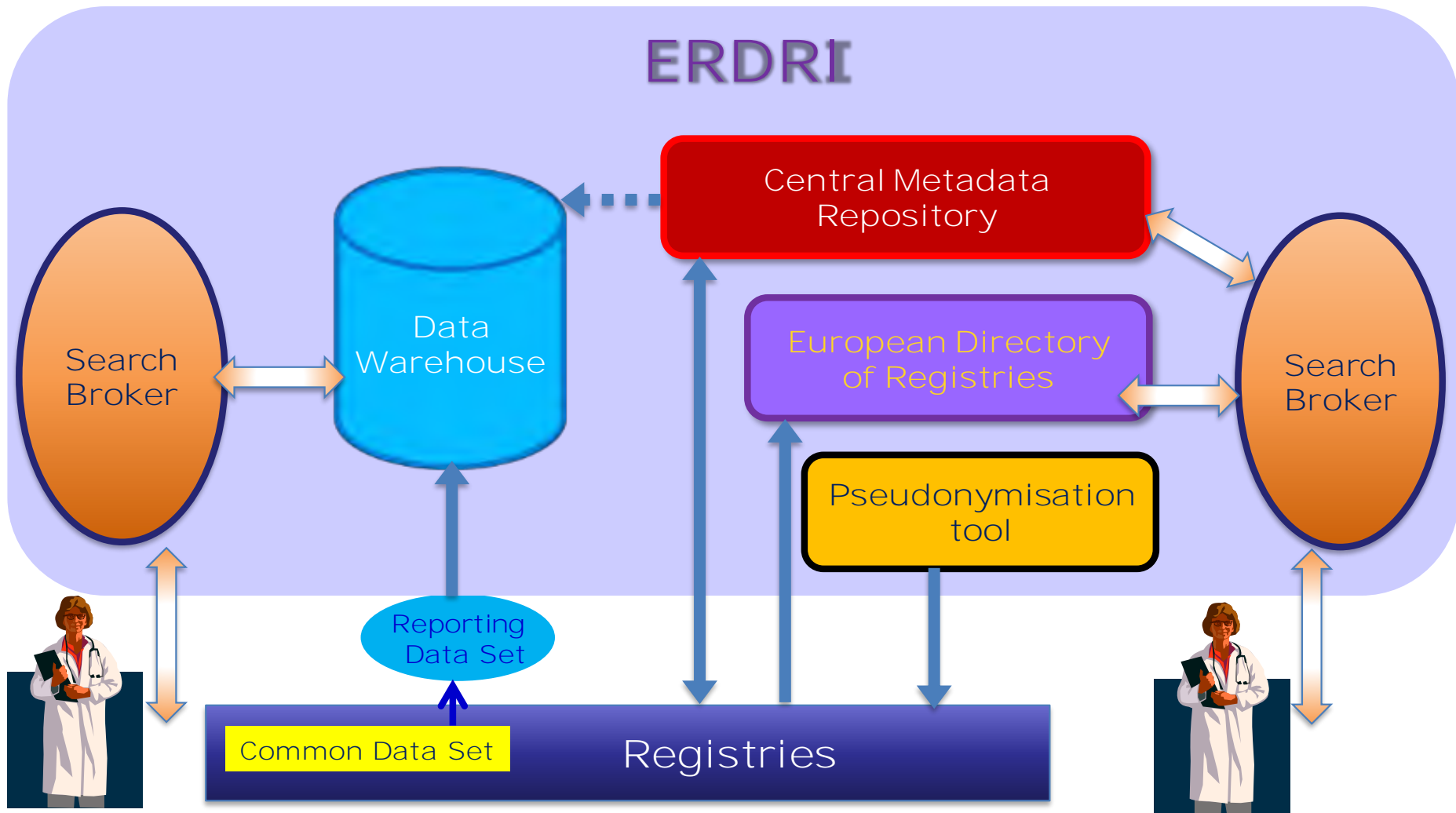


e.g. Count the number of female patients
where disease = Brugada syndrome and year of diagnosis = 2021

1. Query reaches the SPIDER clients
2. SPIDER clients compute the results
3. Results are merged and provided as a result

**Distributed,
Record-level**

EU RD Platform - search function





European Platform on Rare Disease Registration (EU RD Platform)

- Provides STANDARDS FOR DATA COLLECTION
 - Set of common data elements for RD registration
- In collaboration with ERNs/EJP-RD
 - Domain-specific common data elements for ERNs

SET OF COMMON DATA ELEMENTS FOR RARE DISEASES REGISTRATION

GROUP	ELEMENT N°	ELEMENT NAME	ELEMENT DESCRIPTION	CODING	COMMENT
1. Pseudonym	1.1.	Pseudonym	Patient's pseudonym	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> String 	https://eu-rd-platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/erdri/eu-pid-intro
2. Personal information	2.1.	Date of birth	Patient's date of birth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date (dd/mm/yyyy) 	
	2.2.	Sex	Patient's sex at birth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Female Male Undetermined Foetus (Unknown) 	
3. Patient Status	3.1.	Patient's status	Patient alive or dead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alive Dead Lost in follow-up Opted-out 	If dead then answer question 3.2
	3.2.	Date of death	Patient's date of death	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date (dd/mm/yyyy) 	
4. Care pathway	4.1.	First contact with specialised centre	Date of first contact with specialised centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date (dd/mm/yyyy) 	



5. Disease history	5.1.	Age at onset	Age at which symptoms/signs first appeared	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antenatal • At birth • Date (dd/mm/yyyy) • Undetermined 	
	5.2.	Age at diagnosis	Age at which diagnosis was made	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antenatal • At birth • Date (dd/mm/yyyy) • Undetermined 	
6 Diagnosis	6.1.	Diagnosis of the rare disease	Diagnosis retained by the specialised centre	Orpha code (strongly recommended – see link) / Alpha code/ ICD-9 code/ ICD-9-CM code / ICD-10 code	http://www.orphadata.org/cgi-bin/inc/product1.inc.php
	6.2.	Genetic diagnosis	Genetic diagnosis retained by the specialised centre	International classification of mutations (HGVS) (strongly recommended – see link) / HGNC / OMIM code	http://www.hgvs.org
	6.3	Undiagnosed case	How the undiagnosed case is defined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phenotype (HPO) • Genotype (HGVS) 	
7. Research	7.1.	Agreement to be contacted for research purposes	Patient's permission exists for being contacted for research purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YES • NO 	
	7.2.	Consent to the reuse of data	Patient's consent exists for his/her data to be reused for other research purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YES • NO 	
	7.3.	Biological sample	Patient's biological sample available for research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YES • NO 	If YES answer question 7.4
	7.4.	Link to a biobank	Biological sample stored in a biobank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YES (if appropriate use link) • NO 	https://directory.bbmri-eric.eu
8.Disability	8.1.	Classification of functioning/disability	Patient's disability profile according to International Classification of Functioning and Disability (ICF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability profile / Score 	http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/whodasii/en/

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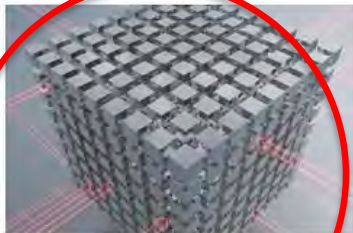


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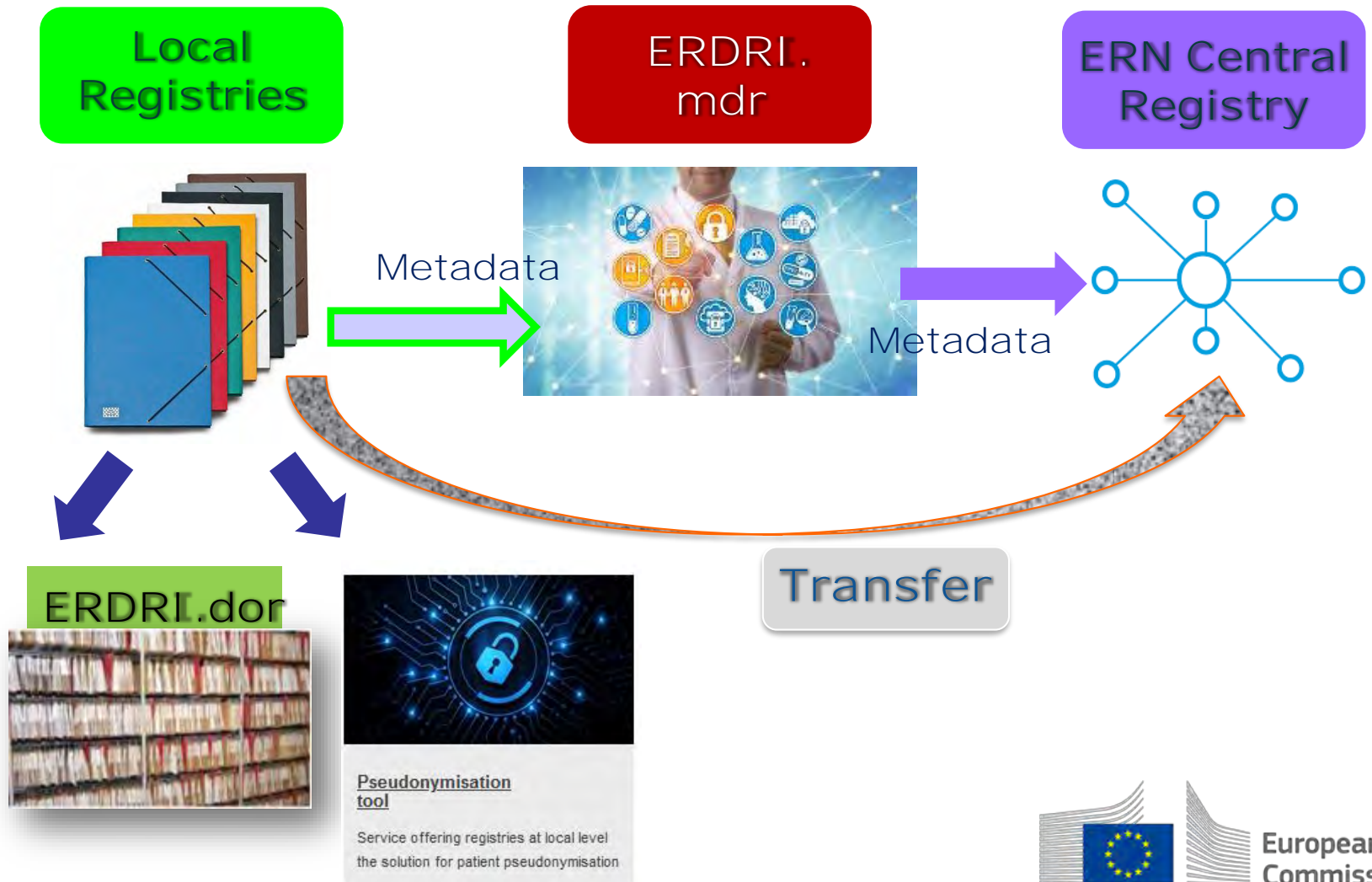
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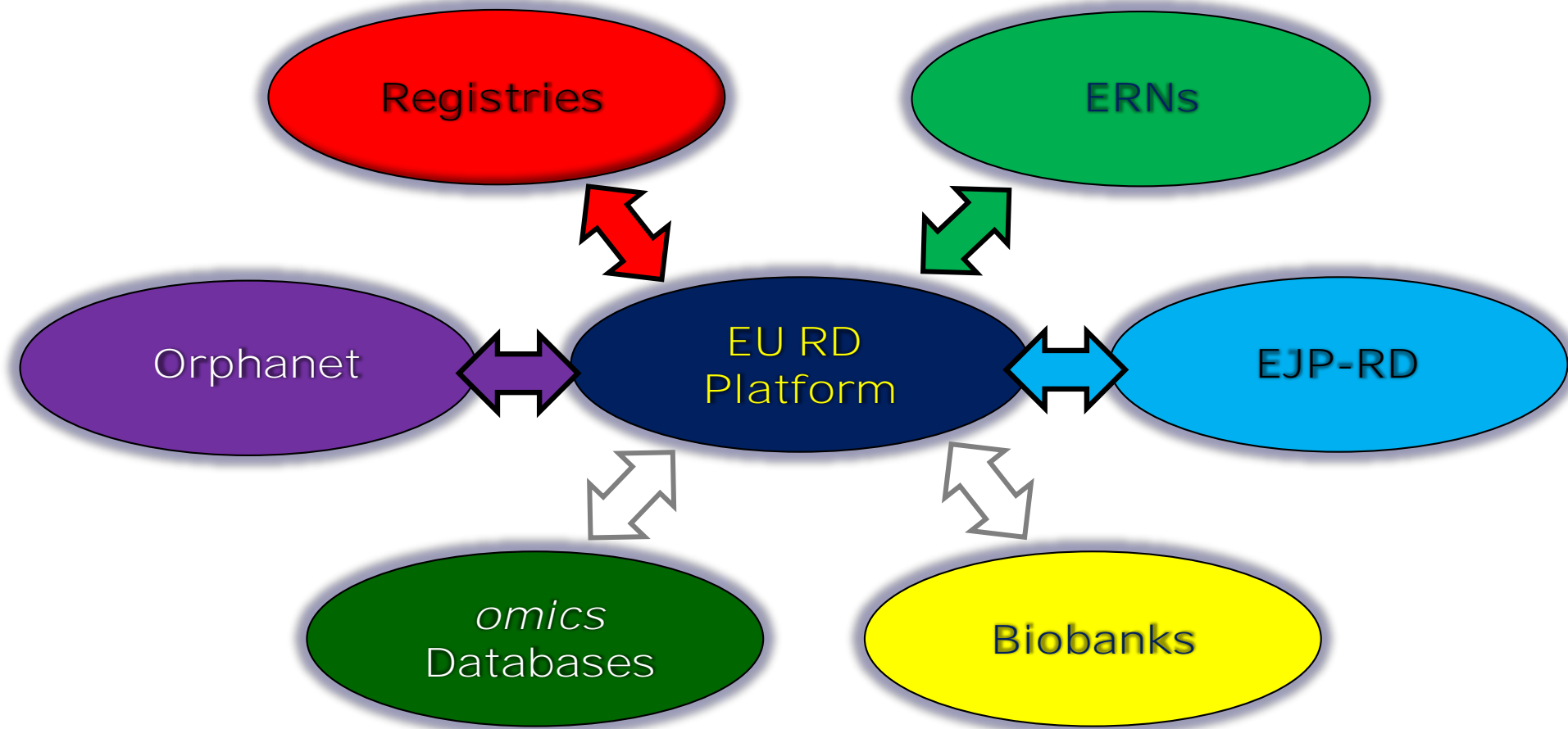
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Building the ERN central registry based on pre-existing registries



EU RD Platform - interactions



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