

Fostering the cooperation between Europe and China in Personalised Medicine

IC2PerMed and Sino-EU PerMed Joint Kick-off Meeting

In February 2020 the joint Kick-off Event of **Sino-Eu PerMed** ("Widening Sino-EU Policy and Research Cooperation in Personalised Medicine") and **IC2PerMed** ("Integrating China in the International Consortium for Personalised Medicine") took place in Rome. Both projects aim to create a common understanding of Personalised Medicine and to foster the communication and cooperation between Europe and China. These tasks are in support the cooperation of ICPerMed ("International Consortium for Personalised Medicine").

Each consortium received a grant from the European Framework Programme Horizon 2020 until 2024.

The Sino-Eu PerMed consortium is composed of 6 research and research management entities. The coordinator of Sino-Eu PerMed is the German Aerospace Center - Project Management Agency (Germany). Project partners are the Fondazione Toscana Life Sciences (Italy), the Innovation Fund Denmark (Denmark), the Health Research Board (Ireland), the Jiangsu International Technology Transfer Center (China) and the Guangzhou Institute of Biomedicine and Health CAS (China). All European partners of Sino-Eu-PerMed are actively involved in the EUfunded International Consortium for Personalised Medicine (ICPerMed) as well as related initiatives and activities. The IC2PerMed consortium consists of 9 partners with the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Italy) as coordinator. Project partners are the Fondazione Telethon (Italy), the Steinbeis 2i GmbH (Germany), the pan-European Biobanking and BioMolecular resources Research Infrastructure — European Research Infrastructure Consortium (Austria), the World Federation of Public Health Associations (Switzerland), Global Approach Consulting (France), the BGI (China), the Cancer Hospital Chinese Academy of Medical Science (China) and the Tsinghua University (China).

During the 2 days of the Kickoff-Meeting both projects decided to work closely together and to support each other activities. Further on joint dissemination action will be rolled out within the coming year. One of the objectives of these two coordination and support actions (CSA) is to foster collaboration between Chinese health organisations and ICPerMed, and to identify areas of mutual interest.

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