

Collaborazioni pubblico-private nella ricerca biomedica: L'esperienza europea sui farmaci innovativi (IMI-JU)

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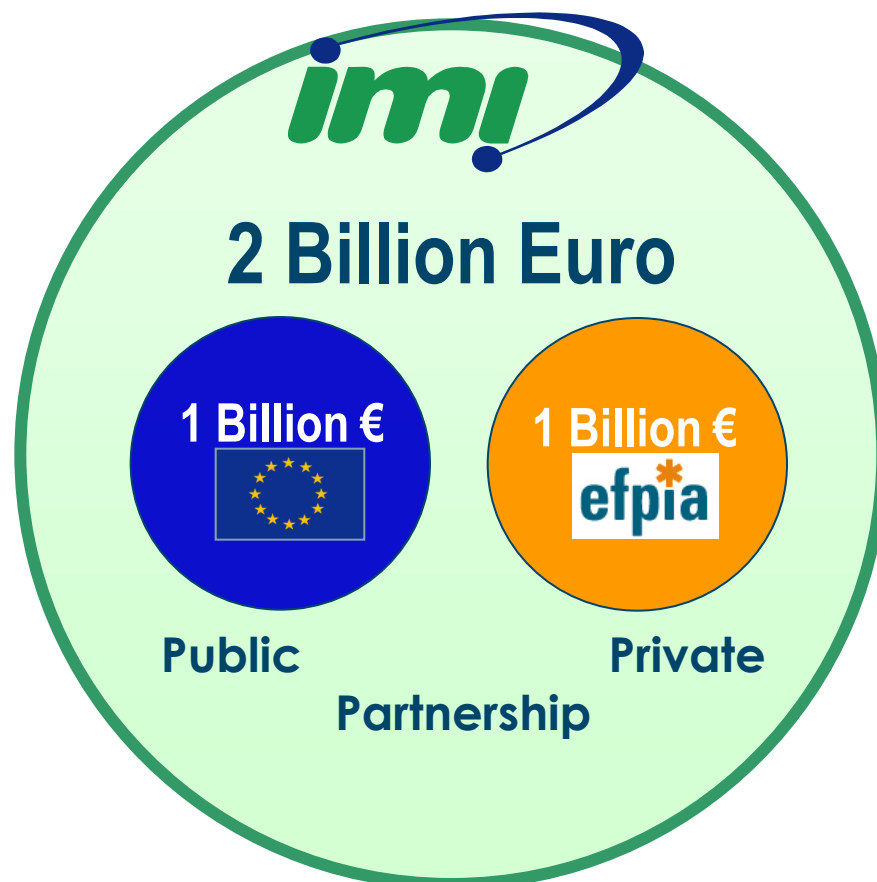


Core objectives defined in 2007

- To overcome research bottlenecks in drug development through collaborative approaches
- To increase investments in the biopharmaceutical sector and provide socio-economic benefits across Europe
- To contribute to the health of European citizens



Innovative Medicines Initiative: Joining Forces in the Healthcare Sector IMI the Largest PPP in Life Sciences R&D



EFPIA Member Companies



Participating companies:



Key Concepts



- “Non-competitive” collaborative research for EFPIA companies
- Competitive calls to select partners of EFPIA companies (IMI beneficiaries)
- Open collaboration in public-private consortia (data sharing, wide dissemination of results)



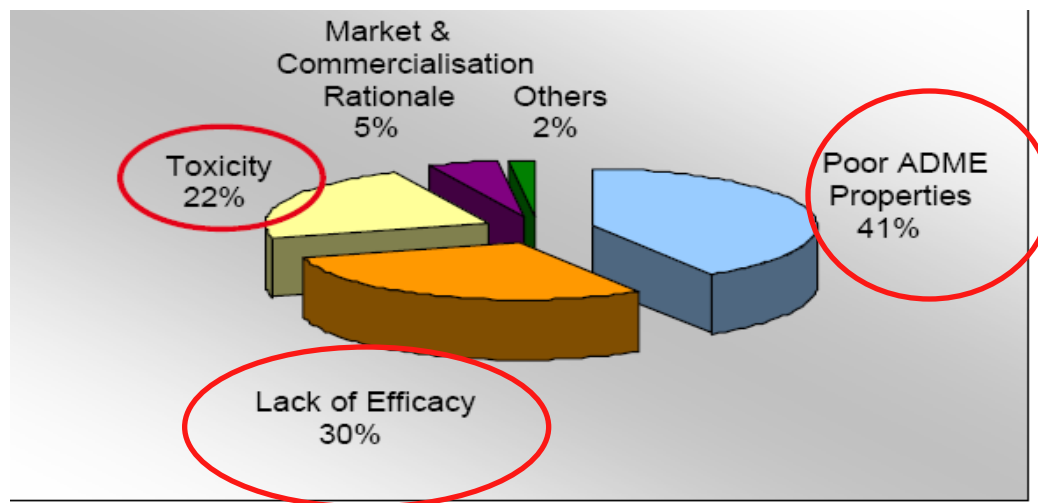
WHY IMI?



- The drug development process is very long, complex and costly;
- Only one drug candidate in 10.000 will reach the market/patients;
- It takes up to 10 -13 years to develop a drug and bring it to the market;
- It requires an investment of up to € 800 million;
- Despite global increases in R&D expenditure over the past ten years, the output of new medicines has not matched this increase;
- Europe's R&D investment is furthermore characterised by a much lower investment level than in other regions of the world.



Reasons for Failure in Clinical Development

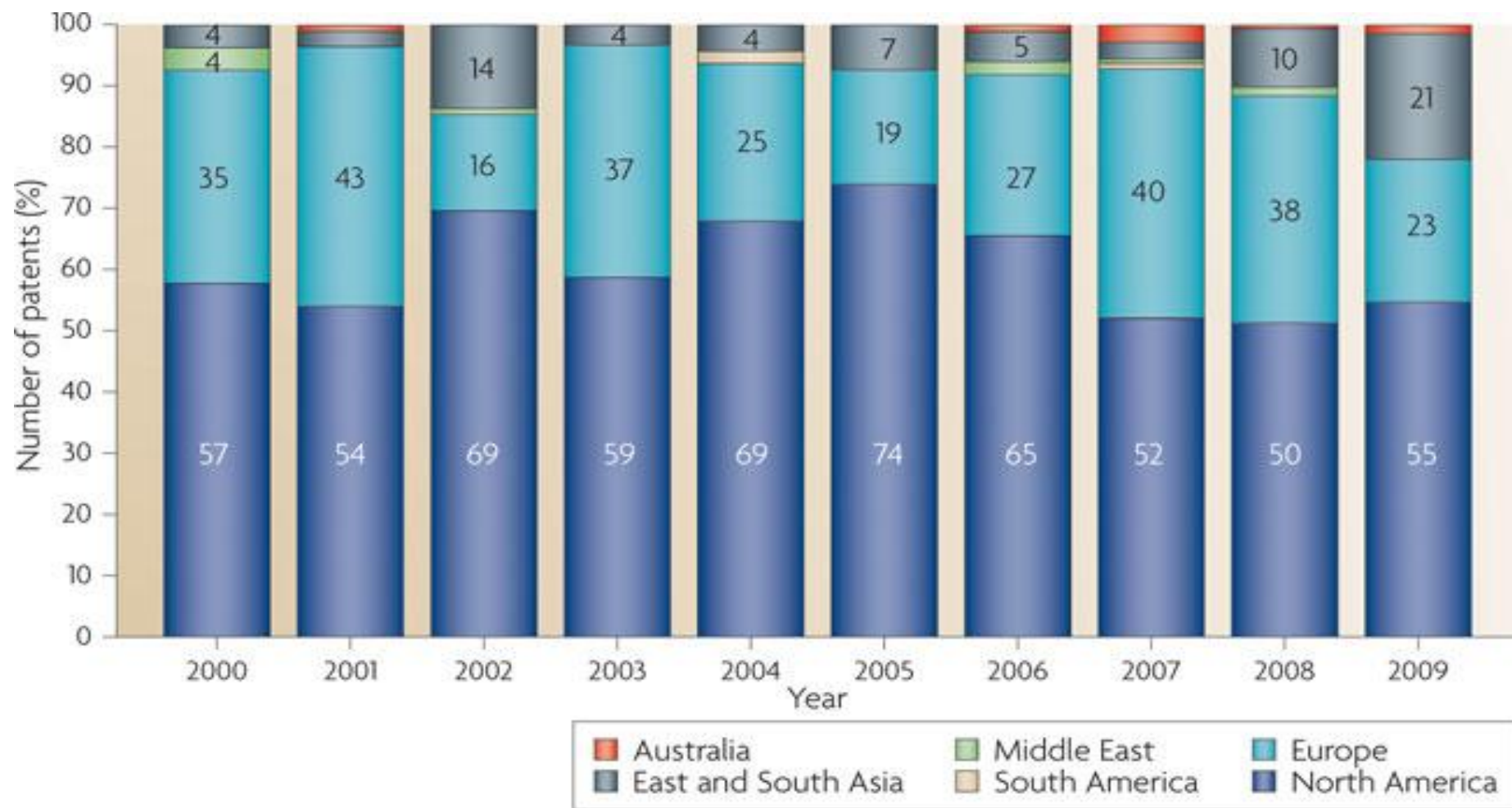


Sources: Frost & Sullivan, 2007
Rang, H.P. (Ed.): Drug Discovery and Development; Churchill Livingstone, Elsevier, 2006

- Approximately **92%** of compounds fail during clinical development.
- Nearly **22%** of compounds fail due to toxicity related issues.
- Nearly **30%** of compounds fail due to lack of efficacy.
- Nearly **41%** of compounds fail for poor ADME (absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion)
- Increased need to identify more effective innovative medicines with fewer side-effect at early stages of drug development to reduce development cost.



Origin of Patents in the Pharma Sector



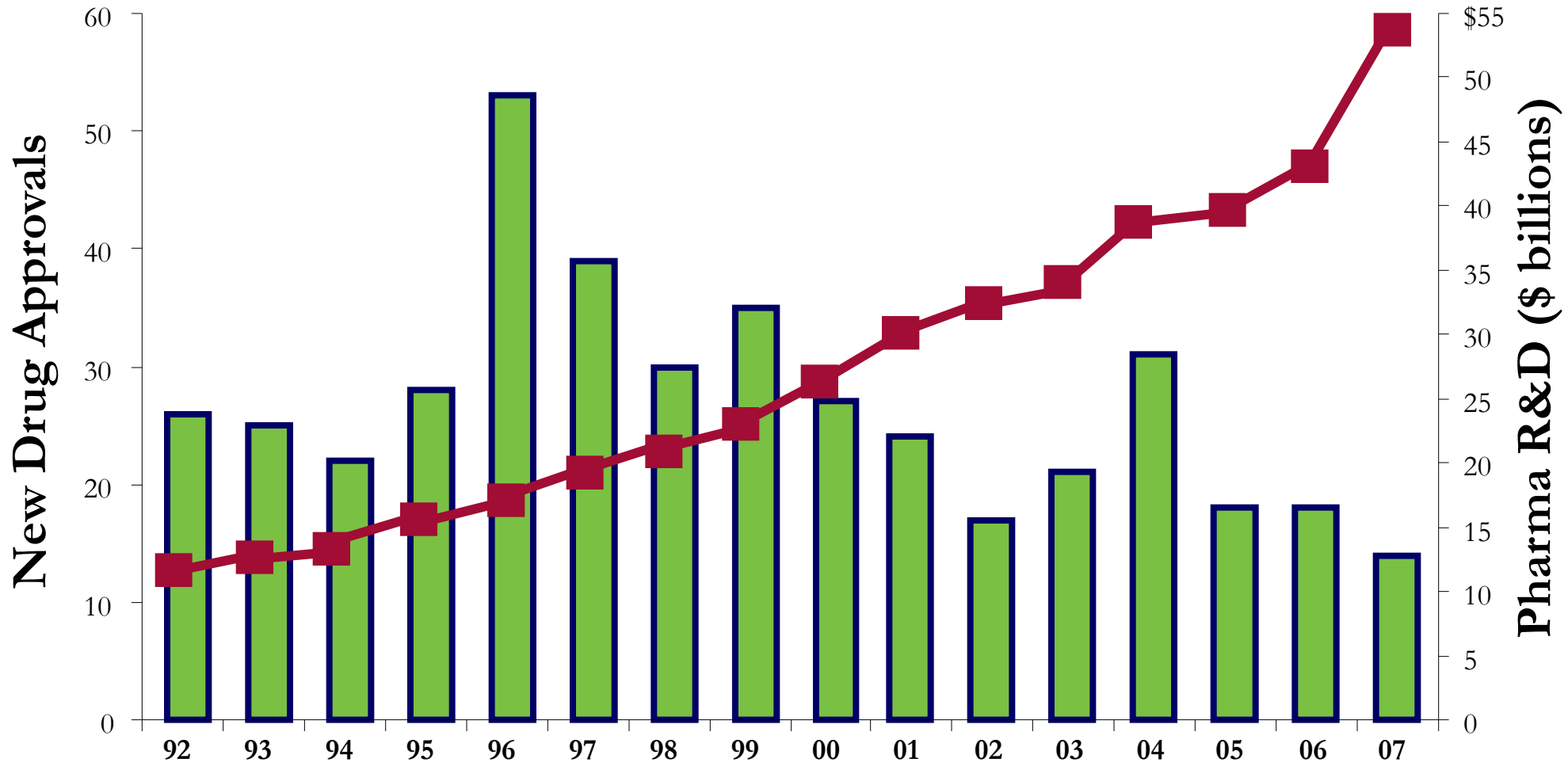
Yali Friedman

Nature Reviews Drug Discovery **9**, 835-836 (November 2010)



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The Productivity Gap in Pharma R&D



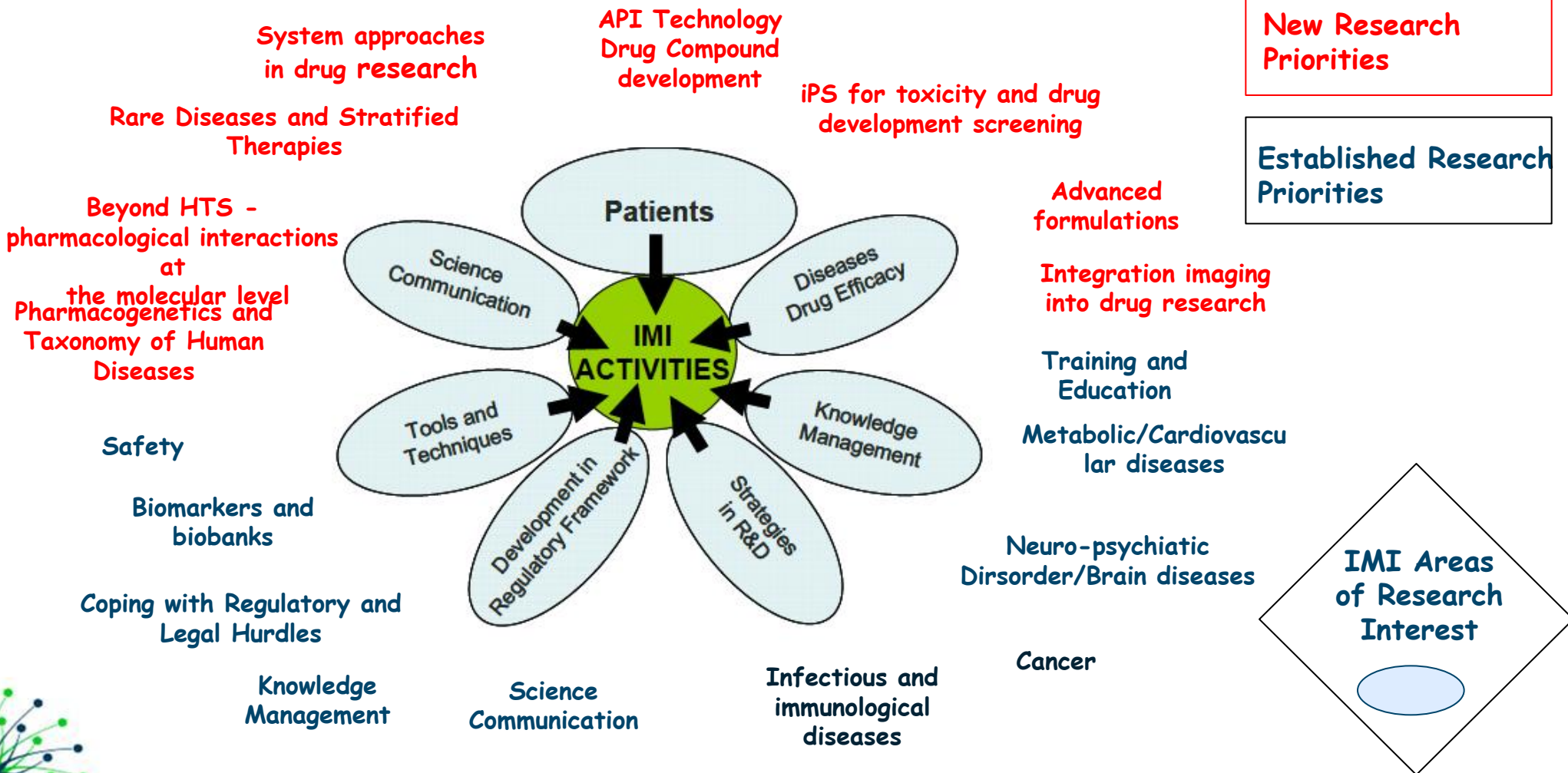
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The Four Pillars of the Innovative Medicines Initiative



The Research Priorities in the revised IMI Scientific Research Agenda



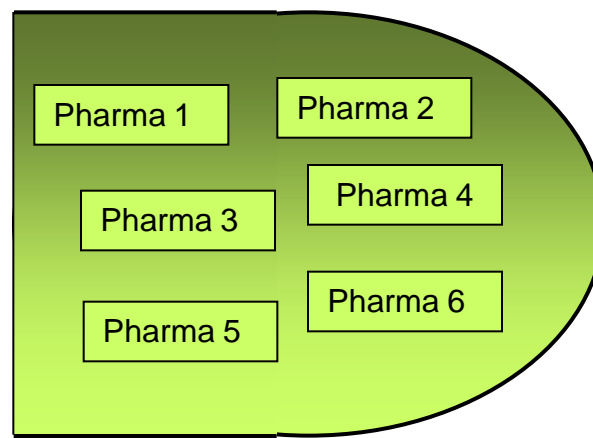
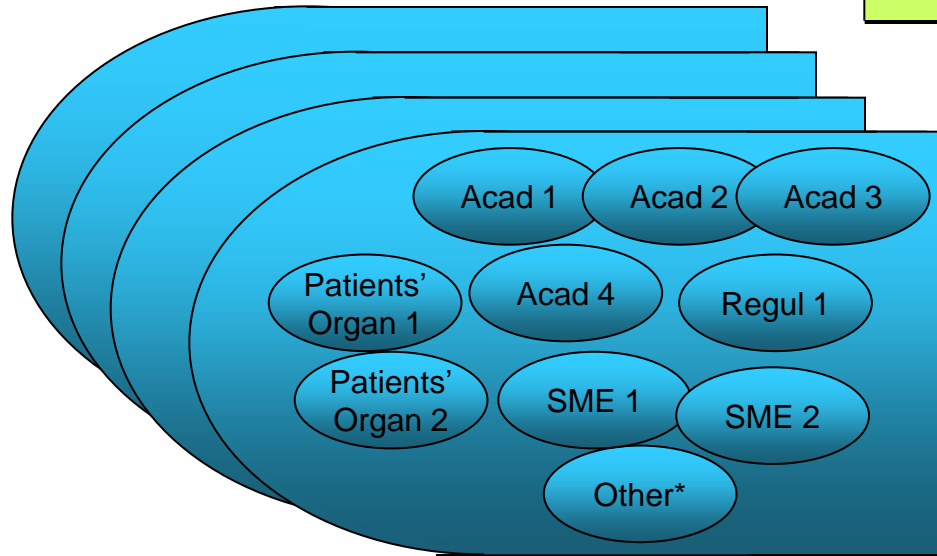
Key Bottlenecks in Pharma R&D



- Disease heterogeneity
- Lack of predictive biomarkers for drug efficacy/ safety
- Insufficient pharmacovigilance tools
- Unadapted clinical designs
- Lack of incentive for industry



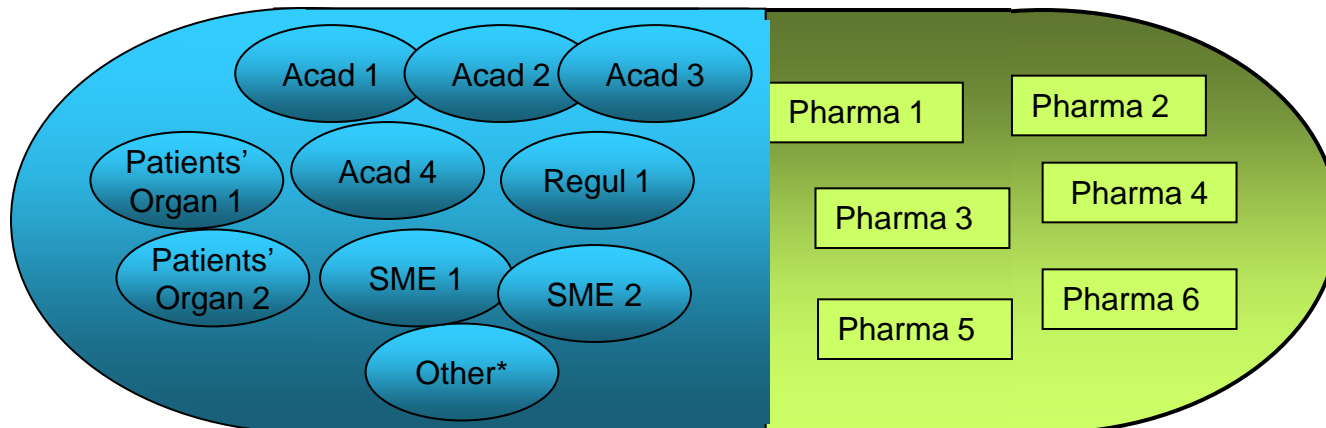
Building a IMI Consortium



Step 1:
A set of EFPIA companies define a topic on which they commit to collaborate



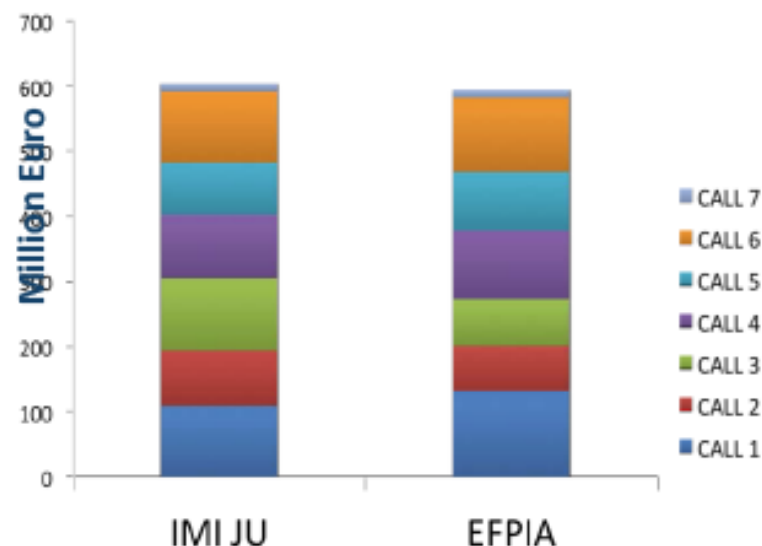
Step 2:
Consortia eligible for EU funding compete through expressions of interest which are ranked by independent experts



Step 3:
The top-ranked EU-fundable consortium join the EFPIA companies to form the final consortium which develops the full proposal, subject to peer-review before final approval

Implementing IMI

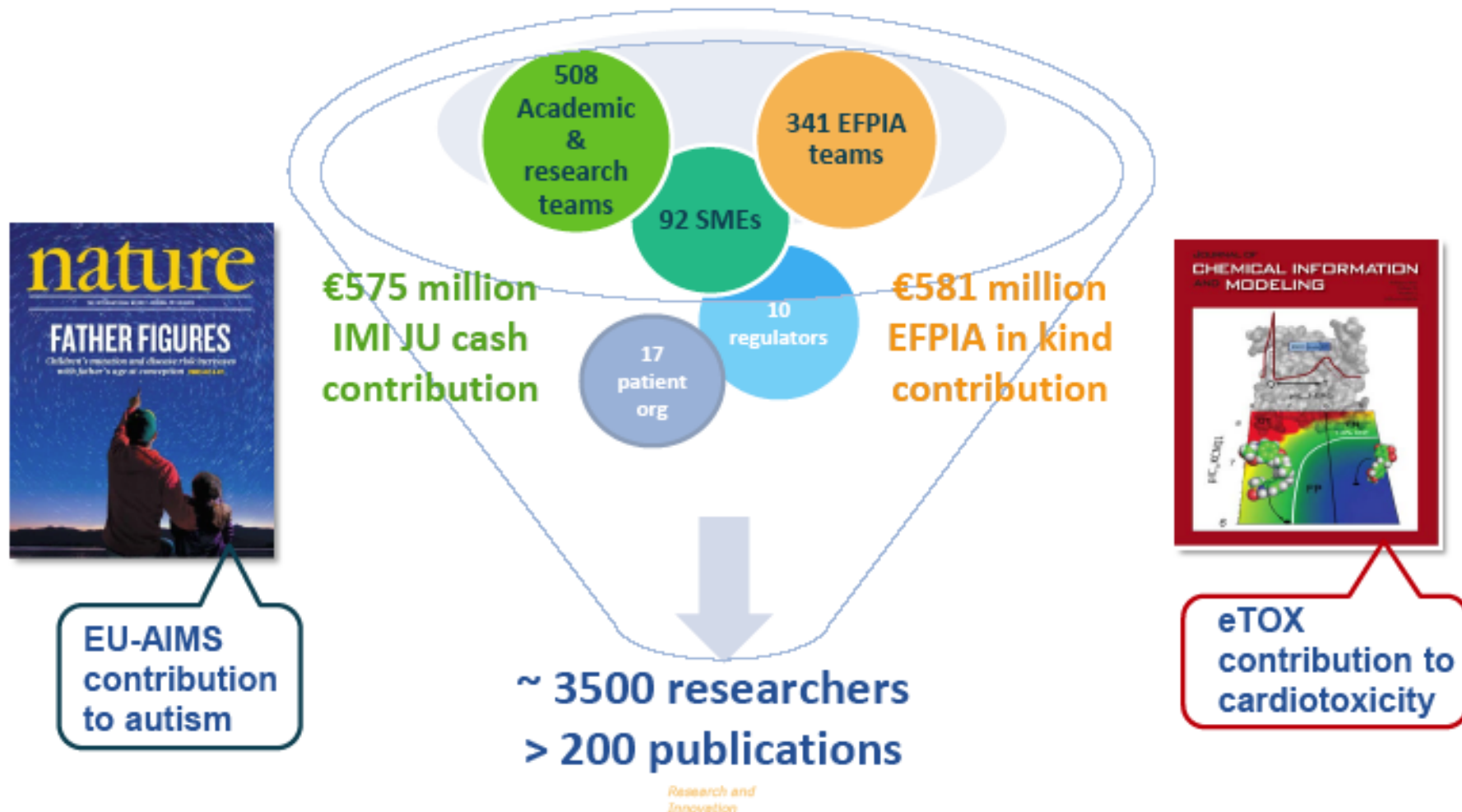
- 7 calls so far
- First projects run for ~3 years but generate already exciting results, way beyond state of the art
- 8th call to be launched shortly, will bring contributions from IMI Joint Undertaking and EFPIA to ~€750 million each



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37 ongoing projects - key figures





37 Partners:

- Istituto Giannina Gaslini -GE
- Uni Firenze

19 Partners:

- Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics Siena
- Uni Siena

33 partners from 15 Countries

- Fondazione Humanitas per la Ricerca, Università degli Studi di Milano, FHR

25 Partners:

- CNR e Uni Pisa
- Uni Pavia

25 Partners:

- CNR-ISIB Padova

30 Partners:

- Uni Verona
- Ordine Ospedaliero San Giovanni di Dio - Fatebenefratelli, Milano
- Uni Foggia
- Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri, Milano

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- Istituto di Ricerche Farmacologiche Mario Negri, Milano
- Uni Pavia
- Uni Padova
- Uni Firenze
- Uni Pisa
- Uni Cattolica Sacro Cuore, Milano
- Chiesi Farmaceutici Spa, Parma in kind





25 partners:

- Uni Campus Bio Medico di Roma



24 partners:

- Uni Verona



21 partners:

- Uni Pisa



51 Partners

- Uni Cattolica Sacro Cuore, Milano



39 Partners:

- Uni Catania
- Uni Roma Tor Vergata
- Uni Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano
- Lega Italiana Anti Fumo - Onlus Catania



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Key Deliverables of Non-Competitive Research

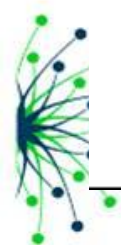
- Establishment of common databases
- New tools for identification of drug targets
- Standardization and harmonization of models and assays for drug efficacy and safety (*biomarkers*)
- Patient reported outcomes
- Classification of diseases



A closer look at neurosciences

Expected output	 newmeds	 PharmaCog	 EU-AIMS Autism Research in Europe	 Euro pain
Mechanistic knowledge	✓	✓	✓	✓
Patient stratification	✓	✓	✓	✓
Standardized model - in vitro -			✓	
Standardized model - in vivo -	✓	✓	✓	✓
Predictive biomarkers - genetic -	✓	✓	✓	
Predictive biomarkers - "omics" -	✓	✓	✓	✓
Predictive biomarkers - "imaging" -	✓	✓	✓	✓
Early involvement of regulators		✓	✓	

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Horizon 2020

*The EU Framework
Programme for
Research and Innovation
2014-2020*

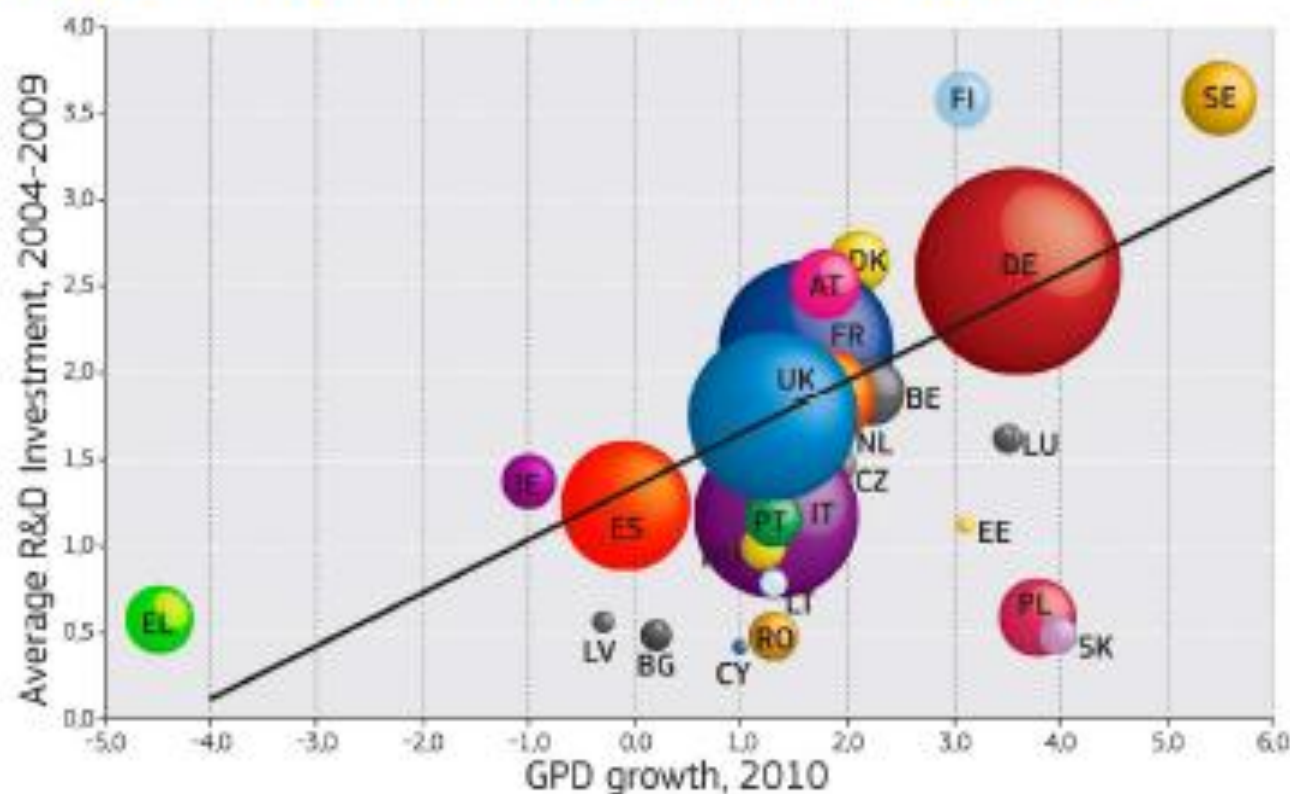
HORIZON 2020

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European
Commission

Investment in R&D is part of the solution to exit from the economic crises



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Public Private Partnerships

Article 19 Public-private partnerships

Horizon 2020 may be implemented through public-private partnerships where all the partners concerned commit to support the development and implementation of research and innovation activities of strategic importance to the Union's competitiveness and industrial leadership or to address specific societal challenges.

Public Private Partnerships

Article 19 Public-private partnerships (cont)

Involvement of the Union in those partnerships may take one of the following forms:

- *financial contributions from the Union to joint undertakings under the Seventh Framework Programme;*
- *to new public-private partnerships set up on the basis of Article 187 of the Treaty;*
- *entering a contractual agreement between the partners which specifies the objectives and conditions of the partnership.*

Three priorities:

1. Excellent science
2. Industrial leadership
3. Societal challenges

Scientific Contents - key principles



Innovative Medicines Initiative

- **Societal bottlenecks:** move from scientific and technological challenges in the industry only to addressing industry bottlenecks and resolving healthcare and societal challenges.
- **Holistic view on disease burden** (not just primary care focus)
- **Starting point:** health priorities, e.g. priority medicines and diseases as outlined in the 2004 WHO report (under revision)





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