

Research for an Unexpected Epidemic: The EU Response against Ebola

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This symposium aims to present the European research response to the Ebola outbreak, focusing on the challenges and opportunities it revealed for all research partners. The major funder of EU Ebola research, the European Commission, will present an overview of the various funding mechanisms mobilized for this outbreak including collaboration with the pharmaceutical industry, as well as the spectrum of research gaps addressed. Industry and academic researchers will then present the most important European research projects against Ebola, the multiple and diverse challenges they faced and how they managed to overcome them, as well as their results and implications for future research. The session will culminate in a discussion on the lessons learned from this outbreak. A paradigm on how established networks of cooperation among funders can facilitate a coordinated research response to an epidemic like Ebola will be presented.

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The EU Research Response to the Ebola Crisis

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Innovative Medicines Initiative: A Tool Also for Preparedness Research!

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Joining Forces with Industry: Vaccine Development

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Study Design Options for Therapeutic Trials — Ethics, Settings and Practicalities

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Trials of Convalescent Blood/Plasma

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The JIKI Trial

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Questions on Clinical Trials

Cooperation between Funders Benefits Research

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The Way Forward: GloPID-R

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