

Minutes from WG 4 meeting, France, Creteil 13th April 2018

Org/host: Elin Strand (leader, Norway) and Jerome Authier (vise-leader France)

Participants: Ruud Vermulen (Netherlands)*, Giorgos Sakkas (Grecce)*, Luis Nacul (UK), Ingrid Helland (Norway), Olli Pollo (Finland), Jose Allegre (Spain), Eliana Lacerda (UK)*, Anne Marit Mengshoel (Norway), Lorenzo Lorusso (Italy), Jerome Authier (France).

*New members from April 2018

Members not able to participate: Patricia Grabowski (Germany), Angelica Krumina (Latvia) and Magdalena Efraim (Romanien).

The following deliverables were discussed:

<u>Deliverable 7</u> discussion of "Joint publication manuscript on ME/CFS European practices in diagnosis and treatment based on survey data" – deadline 24^{th} month – April 30, 2018."

<u>Deliverable 11</u> "Evaluation scales for assessment of neurological symptoms associated with ME/CFS and usable in diagnostic". Deadline for Deliverable preparation October 31, 2018- Jerome Authier (responsible).

<u>Deliverable 12</u> "Common strategy protocol for ME/CFS diagnosis: synchronisation between centres, research component integration"

<u>Deliverable 13</u> (deadline April 30, 2019). Introduction by Jose Allegre: "Stratification of CFS/ME". Plenary discussion "Protocol and guidelines for ME/CFS subgroups detection (stratification) according to the presence of symptoms and subject to potential biomarkers variation"

During the meeting it was small group discussions as well as presentations and discussions in plenary. In the small groups, both clinical guidelines, use of questionnaires and strategy protocol for the next year were worked out. One post on patient stratification was presented. The article draft and report was reviewed and reorganization and rewriting of these papers were suggested. In addition the review of the neuropsychological aspects was presented and discussed in plenary as well as a research proposal on genetic studies of families with ME/CFS.

The first draft for the clinical guideline and a structure for assessments for research were developed. A strategy protocol was made for the work in WG4 with contents, deadlines and responsible persons for the respective tasks (see overview below). Further cooperating between the members will take place through the use of email, on future Euromene meetings and if necessary, teleconference will be set up.







Strategy protocol:

| Tasks | Responsibel for draft | First draft | Tele confere nce dates | Final draft | Synchroni sed document |
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| Protocol for ME/CFS diagnostic | Ingrid/ Giorgos | 1 st Sept 2018 | 12 th Oct 2018 | 1 st Nov 2018 | 30rd Nov 2018 |
| (Includes recommendation for clinical purposes) | | | | | |
| Protocol for ME/CFS diagnostic | Luis/Olli/ Ruud | 1 st Sept 2018 | 12 th Oct 2018 | 1 st Nov 2018 | 30rd Nov 2018 |
| (Includes recommendation for research purposes) | | | | | |
| Symptom management and relief (non- pharmacological) | <u>Anne Marit</u> /Giorgos | 15 th Dec 2018 | 15 th Jan 2019 | 15 th Feb 2019 | 30 th Apr 2019 |
| Symptom management and relief (pharmacological) | Jose/Olli/ <u>Patricia</u> | 1 st Sept 2018 | 12 th Oct 2018 | 1 st Nov 2018 | 30rd Nov 2018 |
| Public comments (web site) | Lorenzo | 16 th feb 2019 | 15th March 2019 | 15 th April 2019 | 30 th April 2019 |
| D7 Draft: European Landscape on Diagnosis etc for publication | <u>Giorgos,</u> Ruud, Anne Marit | 10 th June 2018 | | | |
| D 11 Draft: Neuropsychological review | <u>Jerome,</u> Jean- Dominique, Ingrid, Elin | 1th August 2018 | | | |







| D 13 "Protocol and guidelines for ME/CFS subgroups detection (stratification) according to the presence of symptoms and subject to potential biomarkers variation" | WG leaders | Discuss next EUROME NE meeting | | |
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| Final WG 4 survey report | Elin | 30 th April 2018 | | |
| Web side: -minutes from creteil Presentations 12th April 2018: -from Lorenzo, Ingrid, Jerome and Jose -Wg4 report from GP1 -Jasons Youtube presentation from march 2017 Final WG4 survey report | Elin/Lorenzo | May 2018 | | |









