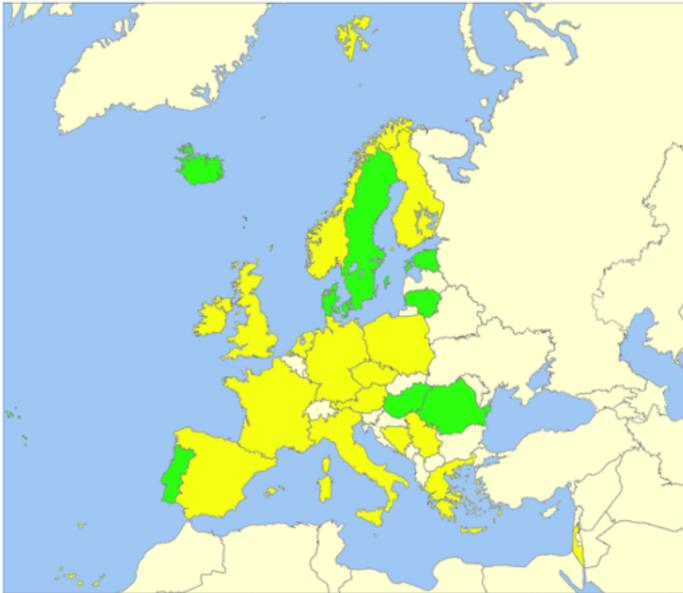




EuroHeart - Pilot Phase goals accomplished!

Dear EuroHeart friends,

As the holiday season is upon us, we are looking back at what we have accomplished and we would like to express our sincerest appreciation for your time and support for the EuroHeart project over the year 2021. Despite this challenging year, we anticipate that EuroHeart will rapidly expand to include more countries in the near future. Do join us in celebrating the project's achievements over the last few months!



EuroHeart map: Countries in green are committed to EuroHeart; countries in yellow are in contact/evaluation.

Seven countries on board!

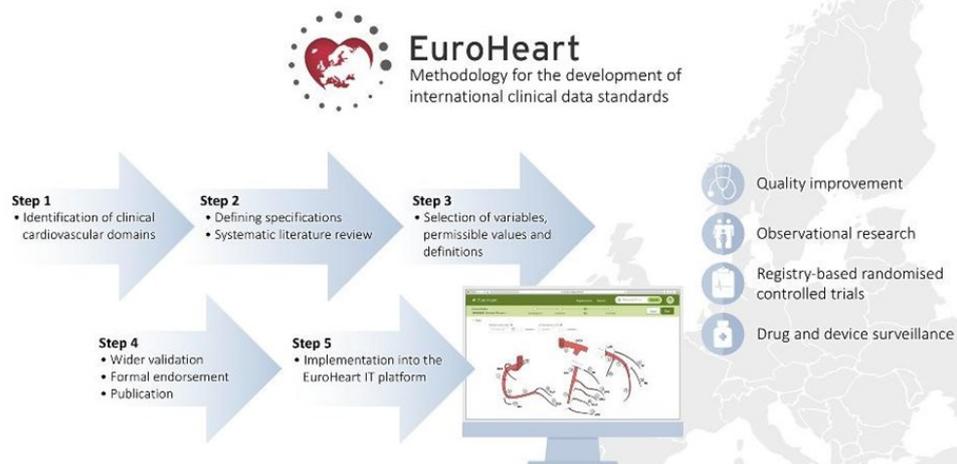
Lithuania is the third pilot country that will implement the EuroHeart Registry IT platform in their National Registry Centre. The implementation activities will start in February 2022, with the intention of entering patients in the registry from August 2022. Meanwhile, Estonia and Romania have finished implementing the Registry IT platform and have begun to roll it out to other hospitals in their respective countries. Overall, the implementation process for Estonia and Romania has been working very well and kept within time schedules, with excellent cooperation with the countries registry centres established.

After Hungary, Portugal, and Sweden, **Denmark** will be the fourth country that agreed to collaborate with EuroHeart by adopting the EuroHeart Data Standards.

The **EuroHeart methodology for the development of data standards** for cardiovascular disease has been published in the *European Heart Journal-Quality of Care and Clinical Outcomes*. The methodology was used when developing the **EuroHeart Data Standards for Atrial Fibrillation** in collaboration with the European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA), the ESC Patient Forum and international experts in atrial fibrillation from approximately 30 ESC member countries. These data standards comprise domains that span the breadth of atrial fibrillation care, including clinical characteristics, pharmacotherapy and catheter ablation and they are currently being implemented into the EuroHeart Registry IT platform.

The Data Science Group is presently developing the **EuroHeart Data Standards for Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation** in collaboration with the European Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions and the European Association of Cardiovascular Imaging.

Notably, the **EuroHeart Myocardial Infarction Data Standards** were appraised by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence UK NICE, and five myocardial infarction indicators were adopted for commissioning in the UK National Health Service.



Networks formation

The **National Leaders Group** was established in November 2021 and members are representatives from countries collaborating within the EuroHeart project. The first meeting of the group was with the EuroHeart Executive Committee on 14 November 2021, where national leaders shared the countries status and their expectations for ESC and EuroHeart support. The following National Leaders Group meeting was held on 9 December 2021, where the group exchanged further on their work and how to support the EuroHeart Executive Committee.

The **EuroHeart Monitors Network** started in August 2021 for monitors of national registries to share their experiences on monitoring registry data. The Group has met twice, and the next meeting is scheduled in January 2022.



Zoom meeting with National Leaders, 9 Dec 2021



EuroHeart project team updates

We extend our warmest welcome to Charlotta Elfström who has taken over the Project Manager position for the Executive Committee from Ebba Bergman, as of October 2021. We thank Ebba Bergman for her amazing contribution to the project.

On 14-15 November, the EuroHeart team had the first in-person meeting at the European Heart House since the project was initiated two years ago. It was an inspiring meeting where the discussions focused on what needed to be done in the next six months and how to prepare for the EuroHeart Consolidation Phase. So far, almost all the milestones of the Pilot Phase have been met, and the EuroHeart Oversight Committee will review the project during Quarter 1, 2022.

It is with great anticipation that we look forward to the next steps of this visionary EuroHeart project. In the Consolidation Phase, starting from July 2022, the project aims to expand to 14 countries, develop additional disease domains and build a technology solution ready for the first R-RCT or drug/device surveillance project.

With heartfelt thanks for our fruitful collaboration during 2021, we wish you a wonderful holiday and a magnificent New Year!

We look forward to working with you in the year to come. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at euroheart@escardio.org. Please visit [our website](#) for continuous updates.

