EuMAR
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EuMAR is an ESHRE project working to create the first EU-wide registry collecting cycle-by-cycle data on Medically Assisted Reproduction (MAR). Co-funded by the European Commission, the project aims to support MAR professionals and improve care for people experiencing infertility across Europe. By gathering cumulative and cross-border data, EuMAR will help build a clearer picture of reproductive care and provide more accurate estimates of time to achieving a live birth.

CUMULATIVE CALCULATIONS

Data in EuMAR are submitted through a secure, harmonised process to ensure scientific accuracy and patient privacy. Each patient is assigned an Individual Reproductive Care Code (IRCC), which links all their treatments within a clinic, allowing for the calculation of accurate cumulative live birth rates.

CROSS-BORDER REPRODUCTIVE CARE DATA

When a patient continues treatment in a different clinic or country, they will receive a ClinicSwitch Code (CSC) to be scanned at the new clinic. This generates a new IRCC, securely linking the new treatments to the previous ones through an encryption of the codes in the EuMAR registry. The CSC contains neither medical data nor identifiable information, it only serves as a secure bridge between clinics.

PILOT STUDY AND RESULTS

6 months

39 MAR centres

4 countries

+25.000 patients & partners

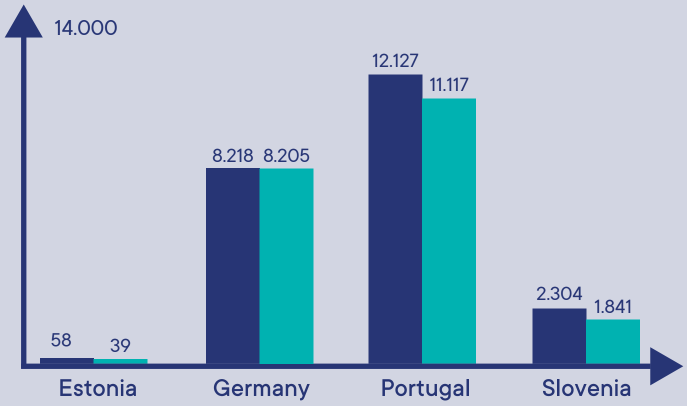
70%
Pilot study participants satisfied

61%
Participant willingness to continue participating

88%
Patients willing to submit their data

76%
Patients have the most trust in a EuMAR-participating clinic

Coverage of cycles in EuMAR by country



🟦 Cycles in participating centres
🟩 Cycles received by EuMAR
→ Estonia and Slovenia used patient consent
→ Participating centres:
- Estonia: 1
- Germay: 8
- Portugal: 26
- Slovenia: 4

CALL TO ACTION FOR COUNTRIES TO JOIN

EuMAR now invites European countries through their national MAR registries or MAR centres to join the registry and contribute to shaping the future of fertility data collection in Europe. By participating, countries will:

- Improve the quality and comparability of MAR statistics across borders.
- Gain access to standardised cumulative success indicators, benchmark data and certificates of contribution for participating MAR centres.
- Be part of an international network of MAR experts, national and EU health authorities.
- Support evidence-based policy and improve fertility patient care.

Join ESHRE in creating a unified European framework for reproductive care data collection!

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Policy recommendations

POLICY RECOMMENDATION FOR THE EU AND MEMBER STATES

1

Raise patients’ awareness on MAR data

ESHRE recommends that efforts are strengthened to raise patients’ awareness about the role of data in advancing research and improving care. Enhancing general public understanding of how health and MAR data contribute to scientific progress is a critical step toward increasing patients’ trust and willingness to share their information.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEMBER STATES

2

Improve equitable access to fertility care

In line with the Coalition for Fertility (2025), ESHRE recommends that Member States improve equitable access to fertility care by addressing systemic barriers that compel patients to seek treatment abroad. Ensuring that individuals can access appropriate, timely, and affordable fertility services in their home countries is key to reduce the need for cross-border care and promote fairer access to reproductive healthcare across Europe.

3

Collect MAR equality data

ESHRE recommends advancing toward the collection of clinical and non-clinical indicators that help identify and address inequalities in access, experience, and outcomes across different social groups. This includes data on age distribution, partnership status; racial or ethnic origin (in line with the European Commission guidance, 2020); data disaggregated by sex assigned at birth and gender identity; use of donor gametes; presence of disability or more specific clinical conditions; socioeconomic factors, such as education level; or geographic elements, such as whether treatment involves cross-border care..

4

Ensure national mandatory reporting from all fertility clinics

ESHRE recommends that Member States ensure mandatory data reporting from all fertility clinics – public and private – towards national health authorities. Standardised and comprehensive reporting is essential to ensure treatment safety and to improve transparency for patients and ensure the collection of high-quality, complete data across all types of service providers, without distinction between public and private centres.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE EU

5

Provide dedicated funding for EuMAR reporting

ESHRE calls on the European Union to provide dedicated funding to support Member States’ participation in the EuMAR registry. This support should include resources for improving interoperability, ensuring data quality control, and strengthening national capacity.

6

Make cycle-by-cycle MAR registries mandatory

ESHRE recommends that the European Union makes it mandatory for all MAR centres in EU Member States to report to a single, harmonised MAR registry at the European level. A unified and mandatory approach is needed to ensure complete, comparable, and high-quality fertility data across Europe, enabling better research, monitoring, and policy development.

7

Develop a legal framework for gamete donor registry

ESHRE recommends that the European Union explores the development of a legal framework to support the creation of a European donor registry. Such a registry would promote traceability, transparency, and safety in gamete donor treatments across borders.