**Aims of the consortium**

LeishMan is short for Leishmaniasis management.

➢ The aims of the consortium are

▪ to harmonize clinical case management of leishmaniasis patients in Europe;

▪ to optimize detection and identification of the Leishmania parasite;

▪ to contribute to monitoring and surveillance of the leishmaniases in Europe.

➢ All forms of imported and autochthonous leishmaniasis are studied: (muco-) cutaneous,

visceral, and all derived clinical presentations.

➢ The network aims at fostering exchange at the level of clinical cases, technical issues, and

scientific research with regard to diagnosis, treatment, and epidemiology of the

leishmaniases.

**Organization**

The consortium consists of 53 participants belonging to 32 institutions from 11 European countries (Sweden: 6 partner institutions; Netherlands: 4 partner institutions; France: 4 partner institutions; UK: 4 partner institutions; Germany: 4 partner institutions; Italy: 3 partner institutions; Portugal: 2 partner institutions; Belgium: 1 partner institution; Norway: 1 partner institution; Switzerland: 1 partner institution; Spain: 1 partner institution) . We also included members from two institutions in extra-EU countries (Turkey: 1 partner institution; Australia: 1 partner institution).

The steering committee is appointed by the members of the network and is responsible for the management of the consortium.

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