BBMRI-ERIC, a new governance tool for Biobanking in Europe

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Seven Pillars of BBMRI-ERIC

- Scientific excellence
- One type of infrastructure for Europe
- Access to high quality human biological samples and associated data
- Access to high quality Biomolecular resources
- Ethical and legal compliance
- Long-term sustainability
- International integration
BBMRI

Biobanking and BioMolecular resources Research Infrastructure
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European Research Infrastructure Consortium
BBMRI-ERIC got legal status 3 December, 2013.

**Founding Members of BBMRI-ERIC**
- Austria
- Belgium
- Czech Republic
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Italy
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Sweden

**Official Observers of BBMRI-ERIC**
- Norway
- Poland
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- IARC
BBMRI-ERIC has a total population of:

408 Million individuals
How many samples??

1.6 billion tissue samples
Health is one of European citizen’s foremost concern

By 2025 more than 20% of Europeans will be 65 or over, with a particularly rapid increase in the number of over 80s.
Facts:
Most of our current knowledge on diseases as well as available diagnostic assays and drugs are based on investigation of biological samples and data.
Facts:

Health research using personal data is crucial for bringing new treatments to patients, developing effective public health policies and making Europe healthier.
Facts

Important safeguards – such as approval by an independent ethics committee and procedures to mask the identity of individuals – are already in place.

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Common Services in ELSI
Facts:

Consent is an important principle in health research.
Statement:
The European Parliament has an opportunity to provide policy leadership to ensure health for citizens of Europe today and in the future, by providing a Data Protection Act needed!
Thank you!

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