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TRACE aims to consolidate the expertise integrated in several research programmes, in particular within the GRACE Network of Excellence, beyond EC funding, and to apply it to steer ongoing and to deploy new research activities, and to disseminate its results.

GRACE has been a unique and successful Network of Excellence encompassing 20 Primary Care Networks in 15 EU countries, human and microbial genomics, collaboration with the major infectious disease and primary care societies, SME’s, integrated by means of coordinators in TRACE, train-the-trainer courses will be organised. For that purpose, we are also very grateful that the European Respiratory Society (ERS; www.ersnet.org) is willing to maintain the GRACE e-learning platform (www.grace-edut.org), established with the support of both the European Society of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Europe (ESCMID; www.escmid.org) and ERS. In addition, TRACE will facilitate the development of new translational research applications and sustain the expertise in this field.

Together with our partners in 16 EU countries, and our partners in Australia and Hong Kong, we truly hope that TRACE will succeed in sustaining the translational research on antimicrobial resistance and community-acquired infections in Europe and beyond, and in providing compelling evidence for the wisdom of further investment in Networks of Excellence in Europe.

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