Summary
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**ConcepTION**
Ecosystem for better monitoring and communicating of medication safety in pregnancy and breastfeeding.

**GetReal Initiative**
Increased quality of real-world evidence (RWE) medicines development and HTA.

**PREFER**
Patient Preferences in benefit risk assessments during the drug life cycle.

**EHDEN**

**DECIDE**
Specifically tailored research evidence presented in guidelines + GRADE tools

**EUnetHTA**
Effective and sustainable network for HTA across Europe

**EUMDS Registry & MDS Right**
Better treatment compliance and (cost-)effective use of healthcare resources MDS-patients.

**Cochrane**
Summarized evidence gathered from the network.

**Newdigs (MIT) / FoCUS / LEAPS**
Enhanced global biomedical innovation system. Design and prototypes of financing and reimbursement models and an innovation ecosystem.
**DATA**

1. Think about reward models for data access.
2. Check out IMI Harmony - some things have been developed on big data.
3. Use double-pseudo anonymization method to make data sharing easier.
4. Create an ‘associate member’ status for external parties.
5. Be explicit about the biases in observational data.
6. Be transparent about choices made when used for policy making.
7. Don’t use individual data, but aggregated sets.

**STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

1. Involve clinicians and developers.
2. Pay attention to patient involvement.
3. Dive deep as small things may actually be big things and really debilitate the project.
4. Think about incentives for different stakeholders and contexts.
5. Don’t wait until you can publish all the evidence, keep stakeholders updated. Write a research brief or white paper for every step in the project.

**TEAMWORK**

1. The project is like a marathon; strive to form a peloton to work as a team and get things done.
2. Don’t reinvent the wheel and use each other’s network.
3. Pay attention to strong coordination. This is important, as partners need to collaborate on all deliverables.
4. Have regular contact.
5. Pay attention to working horizontally between case studies; don’t just focus on own research.
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**Take home messages**

**Flexibility**
1. Don’t consider what’s written in the proposal as written in stone. Go back to financier when task isn’t working.
2. Use a grid to organise research questions and prioritize.
3. Don’t just focus on European projects; use American inventions as well.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

1. Make sure processes and tools are sustainable, and use your network to make this happen.
2. Submit a dossier to EMA, so they can qualify your methodology.
3. Spent time at the start of the project to explicate what the projects means when talking about RWD and other jargon.
4. Work on a business case to promote sustainability of the project
5. Don’t increase the workload for HTA-organisations with HTx.