



## Fostering Investigator-Initiated Clinical Trials (IICTs) in Portugal: A multidisciplinary dedicated workshop across scientific societies



**Target:** Representatives from scientific societies, clinical researchers and investigators, healthcare professionals and other stakeholders involved in Investigator-Initiated Clinical Trials

**Registration:** Free, but mandatory

**Venue:** Main auditorium of ULS de Coimbra

**Language:** Portuguese and English

**Objectives:**

- discuss relevant steps needed in Portugal to put forth IICTs;
- disseminate the national expertise and infrastructures (e.g. PtCRIN and ECRIN);
- foster collaboration among different scientific societies;
- to collaboratively draft a position paper between scientific societies summarizing the day's discussions and recommendations to support IICTs;
- to propose actionable steps for enhancing the capacity and quality of IICTs in Portugal.

### 24 January 2025 (10:00h-17:00h)

#### 10h00 Reception and Welcome Coffee

10h30 Opening session — João Sargento Freitas (PtCRIN), José Fragata (CN CACs) and Nuno Sousa (AICIB), Alexandre Lourenço (ULS Coimbra)

#### 11h00 Session 1: What Do We Need to Set Up IICTs in Portugal?

Moderators – João Morais (ULS Região de Leiria) and Catarina Resende de Oliveira (UC)

The value of IICTs for research and health care — Carlos Lima Alves (INFARMED)

ECRIN and the European framework of IICTs — Jacques Demotes (ECRIN)

Funding opportunities for IICTs — Anabela Isidro (AICIB)

The critical role of a CTU in IICTs — Inês Cabrita (CETERA, FMUL, ESS CVP-Lisboa)

Panel Q&A

#### 13h00 Lunch Break and Networking

#### 14h30 Session 2: Round Table Discussion with Representatives of Scientific Societies

Moderators – Emília Monteiro (NMS) and Joaquim Ferreira (FMUL)

Kick-off presentation of an example IICT – Fausto Pinto (ULS Santa Maria, FMUL)

14h50 Overall topics of discussion:

Importance of IICTs; Hurdles in Portugal; In-house capacity; Regulation; Funding; Conditions for researchers in health care units; Contribution of scientific societies to overcome challenges.

16h30 Closing session