

Investing in sustainable Pediatric European Trial Networks: the value of a young investigator's community

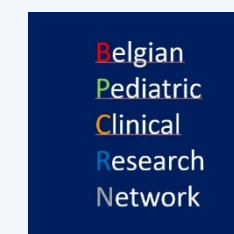
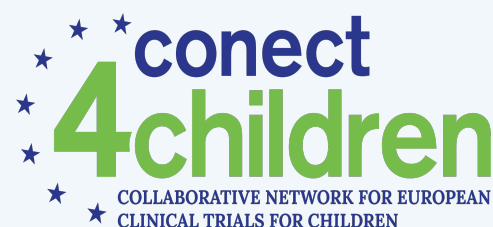
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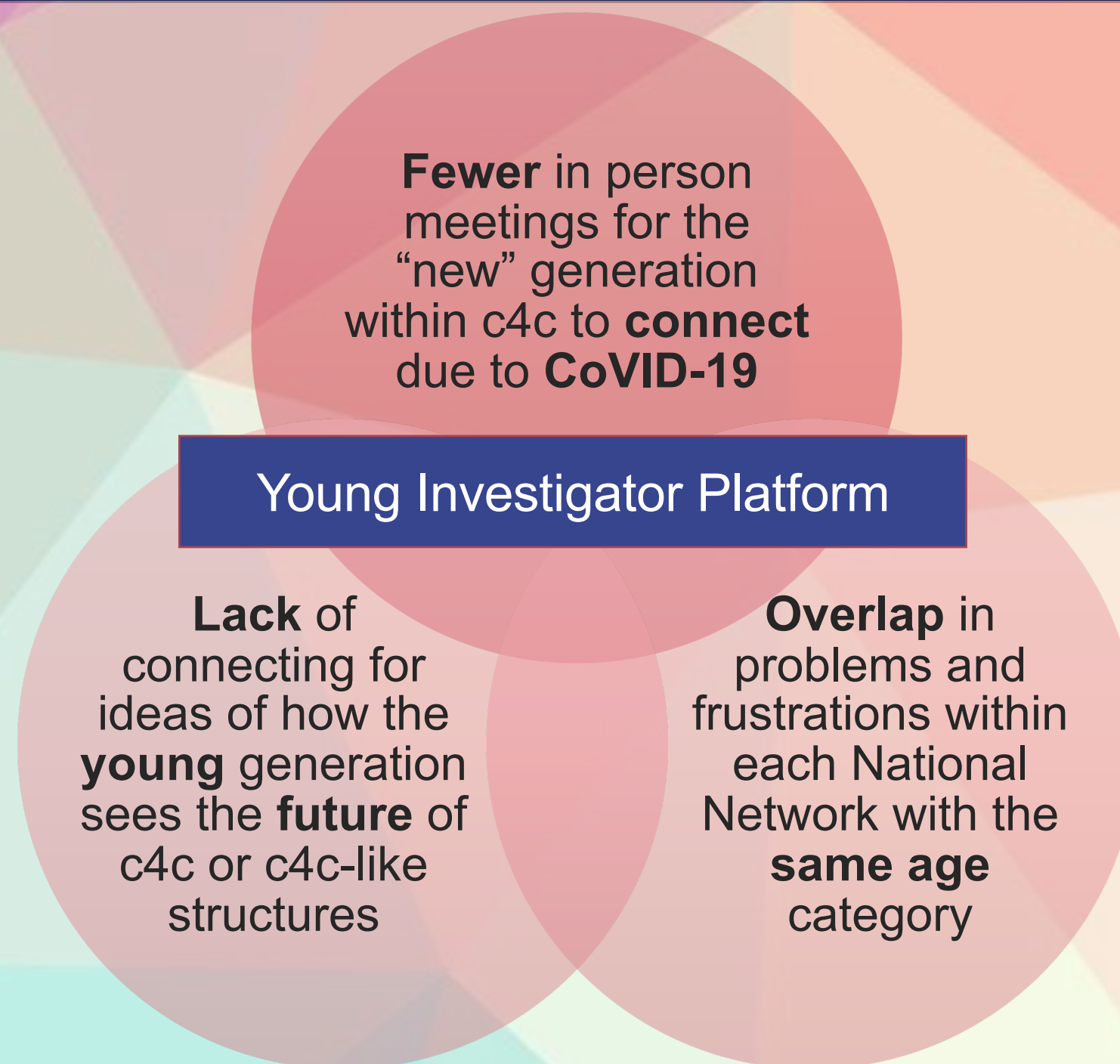
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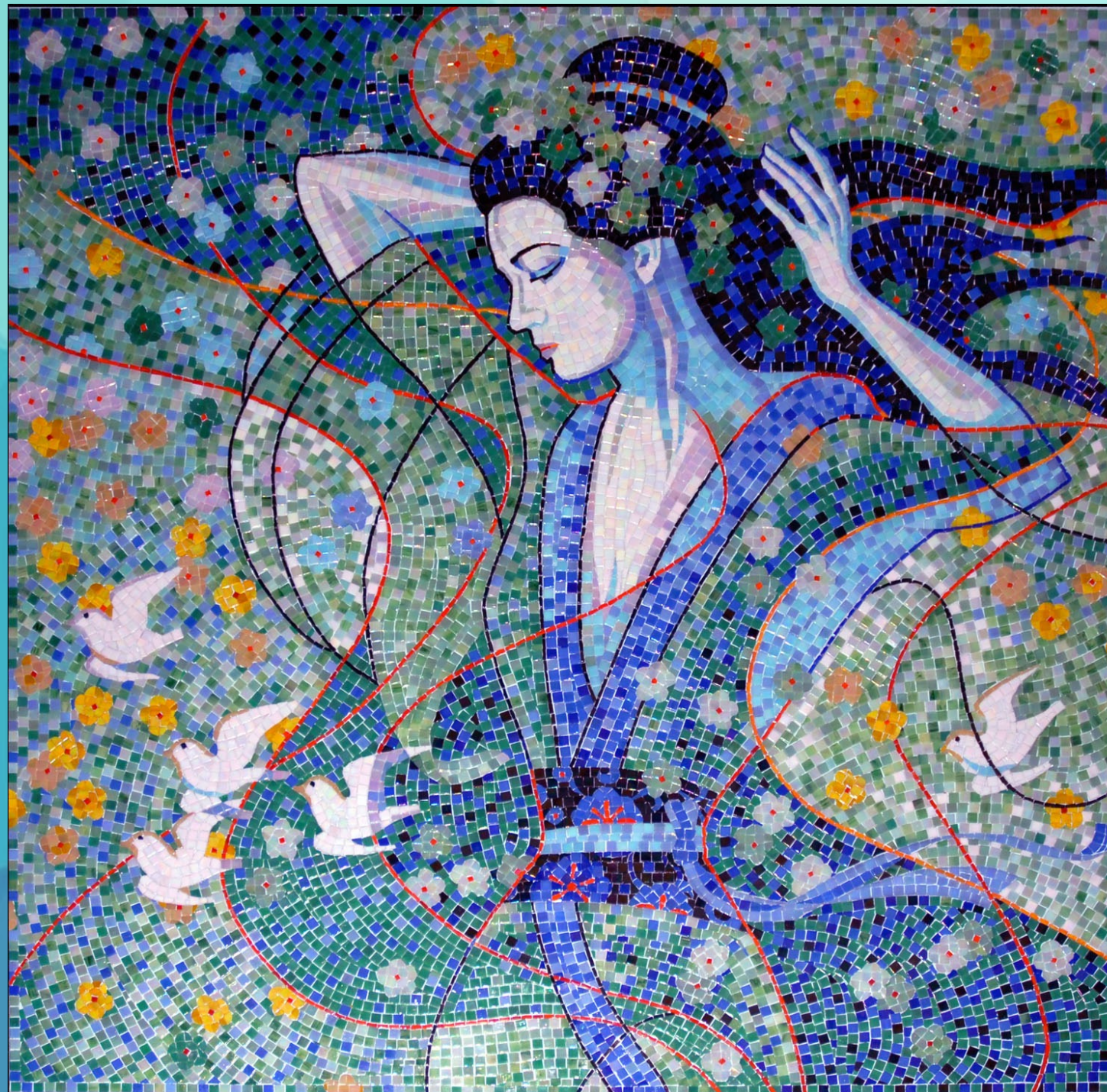
Ultimate goal: better medicines for neonates and children

- **need for clinical trials in children** has become increasingly prioritized
- **conect4children (c4c)** network, an Innovative Medicines Initiative 2 (IMI2) funded program
- **20 European countries**
- networks **rely on experienced** and committed leaders

COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING OPPORTUNITIES



LADY IN BLUE



Lady in Blue
By Moziaco

Source: <https://blog.mozaico.com/life-is-a-mosaic-itself-top-10-mosaic-quotes/>

BENEFITS OF C4C YOUNG INVESTIGATORS



Kick-off
May 2021



Agenda and working plan
was developed
collaboratively



In a second phase: **mentoring** program with
more experienced investigators.

AGENDA AND STRUCTURE

The c4c Young Investigators Community **activities** include:

- ◆ Biweekly **sessions**, including both formal and informal formats
- ◆ Two-monthly **teambuilding** sessions
- ◆ Biyearly Face-to-Face (F2F) meeting in one of the participating countries
- ◆ **Mentoring** program with more experienced investigators
- ◆ Social **platform** for offline communication

10th of May 16:00 - 17:00 CET

KICK-OFF

Ice-breakers, schedule and brainstorm

31st of May 16:00 - 17:00 CET

PLENARY

Structure of each hub and team members

14th of June 16:00 - 17:00 CET

WORKSHOP

How to make your own Limoncello

28st of June 16:00 - 17:00 CET

INTERACTIVE

Ethical Committee submissions
between countries

12th of July 19:00 - 19:45 CET

COCKTAIL HOUR

26th of July 16:00 - 17:00 CET

PLENARY

Biggest hurdle of the hub and how
they overcame it

INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG NH REPRESENTATIVES



Almost every country has a delegate within the community, with a current total of **27 members**.



Esther Montero, National Project Manager, SPAIN

“Young investigators community is **important** for several reasons and, in my humble opinion, can **add value** in many different aspects. We are in the very beginning of the great initiative, and I am sure our c4c Young Investigators Community will bring a lot of **learnings** and **different experiences** to be shared across the network!, looking forward to it!”



Lucia Di Maggio, National Hub Coordinator, ITALY

“The beauty of this community strikes at anyone's heart at once. The main reason why communities as the Young Investigators should exist is that it represents a **perfect key for creating a strong network, no matter the distances**. This community helps even **fresh members** like me, feeling part of a big and beautiful system, enhancing the sense of **belonging** and breaking down barriers that frequently involve new members of big teams.”

Building relationships for the future

This Community of Young Investigators, taking its first steps currently, will form the **next generation of c4c experts**, with the aim of building and **adding value in** the **different categories** of services that the network will offer.

The willingness to set up this young investigator community, reflects the need to **involve and train young people** to create a **sustainable** support platform for current and future networks.

Through **the informal initiatives** it bonds people of the community, creating a **starting** point for collaboration in the future to provide **the best care** for paediatric patients

Inspire other initiatives

Connect

Create your own future

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Thank you for your attention.

Q&A

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