

# The founding of the European Cooperative Study Group on Pediatric Rare Tumors – EXPeRT

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**“If you work on frequent cancers, do randomized trials! If you work on rare cancers – FIND FRIENDS!”**

This is exactly the spirit that led to the foundation of the European Cooperative Study Group for Pediatric Rare Tumors (EXPeRT), the first seeds of which were sown in 2008.

**“...the common denominator of rare pediatric tumors lies in their being ‘orphan’ diseases...”**

**“The first decade of the new millennium has apparently inspired the launch of comprehensive projects dedicated specifically to rare pediatric tumors.”**

**“...it is clearly unacceptable for each patient with a rare tumor to remain a ‘first case’...”**