



Integrating China in the International Consortium for Personalised Medicine

# “Policies and programmes in the field of Personalized Medicine: first results of the mapping activities of the IC2PerMed project”



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## **An Overview of Project aims, activities, expected results**

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# Description of the action



*IC2PerMed is a **Coordination and Support Action (CSA)** project, funded from the European Commission in support of the ICPerMed network.*

CSAs consist primarily in accompanying measures such as **standardisation, dissemination, awareness-raising and communication, networking, coordination or support services, policy dialogues and mutual learning exercises and studies**, including design studies for new infrastructure and may also include complementary activities of strategic planning, networking and coordination between programmes in different countries.

# The Vision of the Project

IC2PerMed's vision is to become an **efficient lever for supporting EU-China collaboration for the development of Personalized Medicine research and innovations through the ICPeMed initiative** (that involves 40 partners from 31 Countries), enabling populations to access personalised, smart and inclusive healthcare solutions in the near future



# Project ID

- European Union: Horizon 2020 CSA  
- Coordination and support action  
(SC1-HCO-01-2018-2019-2020)
- Starting Date : January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020
- Duration : 48 months
- Consortium : 10 Partners

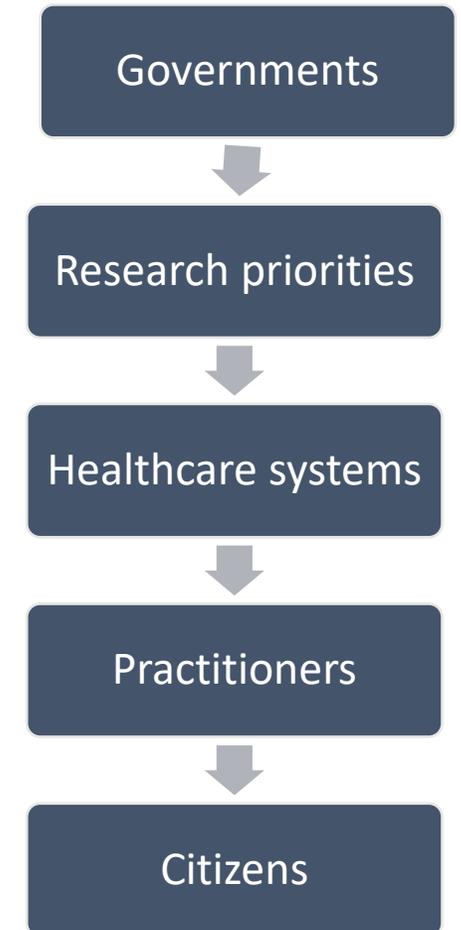


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# The Context

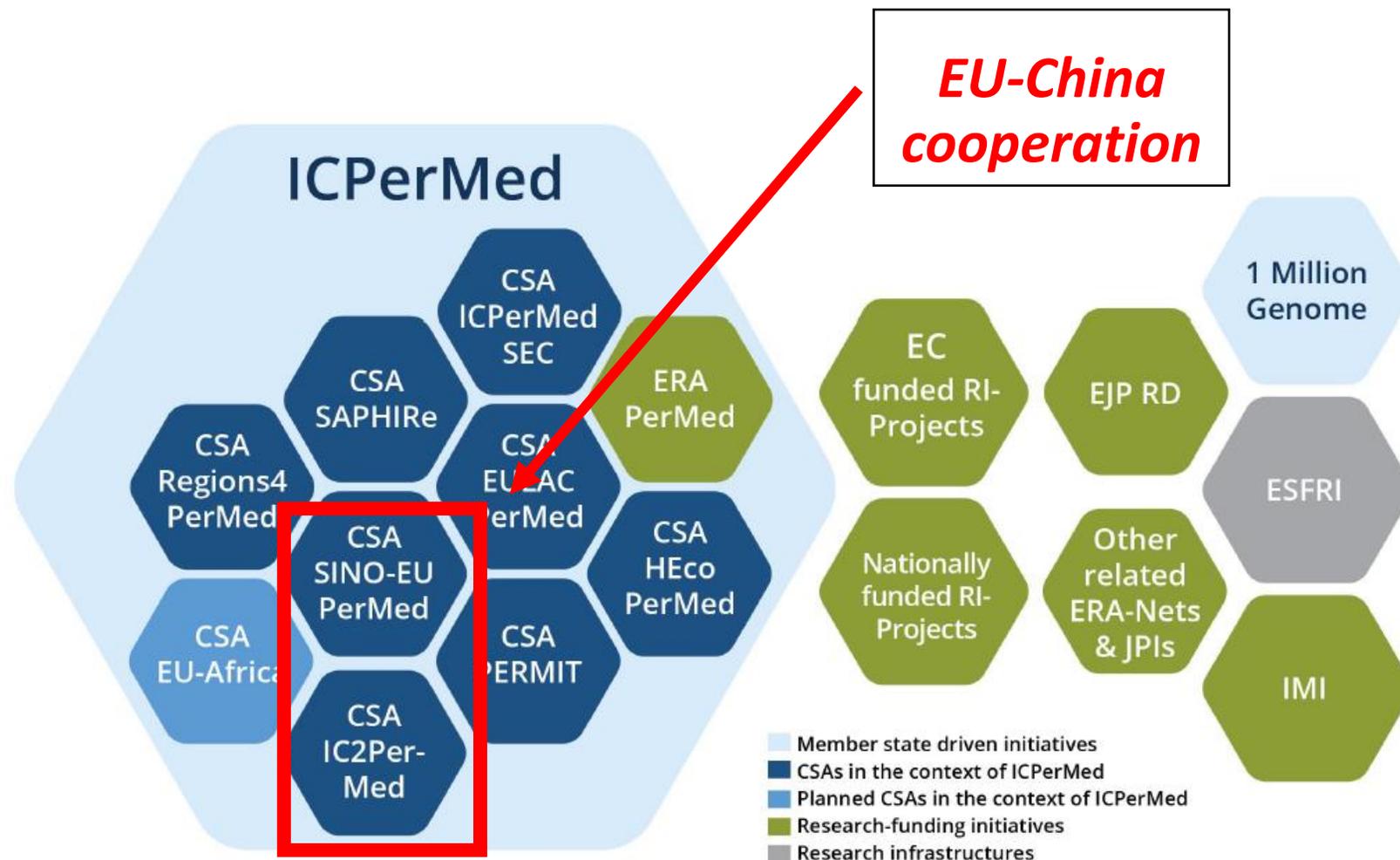
- ❑ Thanks to advances in biomedical and digital technologies, **Personalised Medicine (PM) improves healthcare** and underpin more **efficient and sustainable health systems**
- ❑ **China it is attracting massive interest**, with the government capitalising on its expertise in biotechnology, computing hardware and producing infrastructures for supporting bioinformatics projects.
- ❑ **Turning PM into an opportunity for citizens and patients** requires the engagement of stakeholders internationally to define common research and development approaches, standards and priorities. In order to respond to these challenges, **the EU supports actions developed within the International Consortium for Personalised Medicine (ICPerMed)**.
- ❑ **The EU-funded IC2PerMed project will provide key solutions for enabling the convergence under ICPerMed of European and Chinese stakeholders towards a common approach of PM, involving policymakers and healthcare beneficiaries**



# IC2PerMed within the ICPerMed 'Family'



A growing community at work to build a **common approaches** of Personalised Medicine research, development, innovation and regulation



# The Kick-off meeting in Rome- February 2020

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## Europa-Cina, al via il progetto "IC2PerMed" per la Medicina personalizzata

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Un ponte Europa-Cina per la ricerca nella Medicina Personalizzata: è questo "IC2PerMed - Integrating China in the International Consortium for Personalised Medicine" il progetto finanziato dal Programma Europeo Horizon2020 nella call "Actions in support of the International

Consortium for Personalised Medicine" (SC1-HCO-01-2018-2019-2020), che prende il via oggi nel kick-off meeting che si svolgerà fino a mercoledì 19 febbraio presso il Centro Congressi Europa del campus di Roma dell'Università Cattolica (L go F. Vito, 1).



 **WFPHA - World Federation of Public Health Associations**  
18 febbraio · 🌐

Bettina Borisch, Walter Ricciardi, & Marta Lomazzi at the Kick-off Meeting of #IC2PerMed: Integrating China in the International Consortium for Personalised Medicine.

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**Integrating China in the International Consortium for Personalised Medicine: Kick-off meeting of new ICPerMed-related project**

16 December 2019 – ICPerMed, a new ICPerMed-related coordination and support action, will hold its kick-off meeting on February 17-19, 2020 in Rome, Italy.

ICPerMed aims at providing key solutions for enabling the convergence of European and Chinese stakeholders under ICPerMed, towards a common approach of personalised medicine research, innovation, development and implementation. The project wants to achieve this by:

1. mapping policies, programmes, standards and initiatives related to personalised medicine in Europe and in China for identifying the opportunities for research collaborations;
2. structuring its developments upon an ecosystem of European and Chinese experts, collaborating in working groups centred on ICPerMed Action plan priorities;
3. setting bridges with key organisms involved in the definition and implementation of personalised medicine and healthcare systems in both economic areas, both on benefits for coordinated approaches for research and on concrete developments taking place within and along the project;
4. inserting its developments in international contexts, through ICPerMed and its involvement in relevant initiatives and networks.

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**Europa-Cina, al via il progetto "IC2PerMed" per la medicina personalizzata**

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# UCSC involvement in shaping Public Health Genomics policies in the EU

*"Public health Genomics is the responsible and effective translation of genome-based knowledge and technologies into public policy and health services for the benefit of population health" (Bellagio Statement, 2006)*

## The Public Health Genomics European Network (PHGEN)

### Beyond Public Health Genomics

A Framework for Future Personalised Healthcare

Ron Zimmern, Hilary Burton, Sowmiya Moorthie, Laura Blackburn and Stefania Boccia

A DISCUSSION PAPER



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## Commentary

Beyond public health genomics: proposals from an international working group

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New challenges of public health: bringing the future of personalised healthcare into focus

Walter Ricciardi<sup>1,2</sup>, Stefania Boccia<sup>1</sup>

# The Personalized Prevention of Chronic Disease (PRECeDI) project



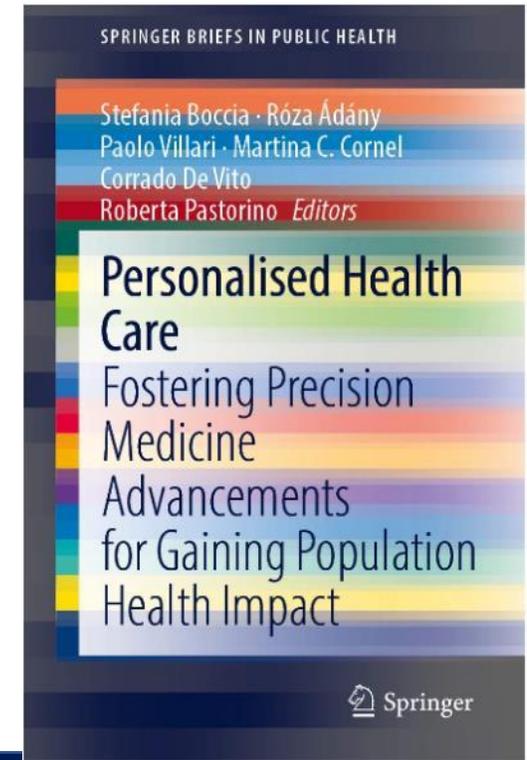
- **Consortium:** 11 Partners
- **Period:** Jan, 2015-Dec, 2018



A Success Story recognition from the EC



2<sup>nd</sup> "Best Practice in Personalised Medicine"  
ICPerMed Recognition 2019



The PRECeDI project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme MSCA-RISE-2014: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) under the grant agreement N°645740.

# The European network staff eXchange for integrAting precision health in the health Care sysTems (ExACT) project



## ✓ Consortium: 17 Partners

- 7 EU Countries (Belgium, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, UK)
- 1 Associated country (Switzerland)
- 2 Third Countries (USA and Canada)  
*of which*
  - 10 Academic
  - 7 Non Academic

## ✓ Duration: 48 months

## ✓ Starting Date: March, 2019

## ✓ Secondments:

- ✓ 74 researchers in secondment



### Precision Health & Sustainability

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EU funded ExACT project, with a multidisciplinary approach, is dedicated to integrating precision health in health care systems

[exactproject.net](http://exactproject.net)

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### Editorials

#### Personalized prevention and population health impact: how can public health professionals be more engaged?

Stefania Boccia<sup>1,2</sup>, Walter Ricciardi<sup>1,2</sup>



The ExACT project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme MSCA-RISE-2014: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE) under the grant agreement No 82399

# Collaboration between China and the EU



- ❑ In December 2015, the **China-EU Co-Funding Mechanism on research and innovation** (CFM) cooperation was launched and has played a significant role in supporting win-win cooperation
- ❑ The EC and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China (MOST) agreed to the renewal of the CFM for the years **2018-2020** to support joint projects between European and Chinese universities, research institutions and companies
- ❑ This collaboration plays an important role **in jointly addressing global challenges**, therefore both partners aim to improve framework conditions for cooperation on innovation

# IC2PerMed approach



## 01. Mapping

Identifying Chinese and EU appropriate policies, programmes, stakeholders and standards to consider and involve in developments; Envisioning benefits for healthcare ecosystems and benefits for populations



## 02. Expertising

Building upon exchanges between experts in PM domains for fostering actionable approaches



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## 03. Exemplifying



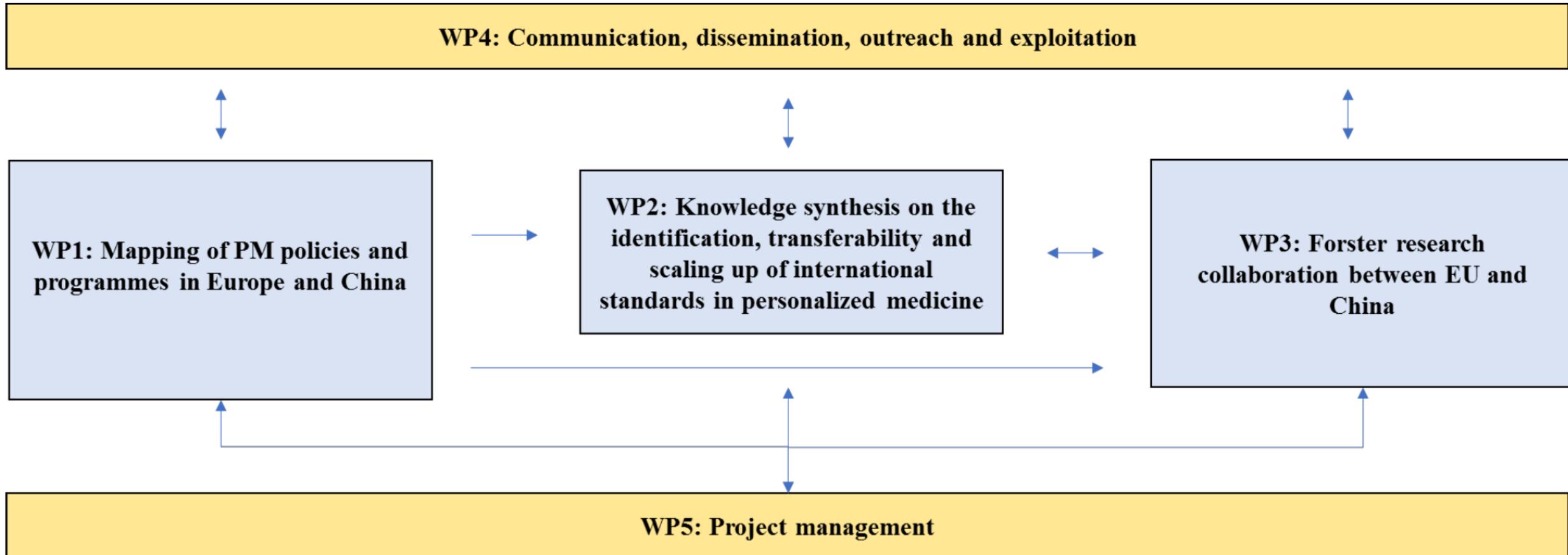
Setting concrete practices of successful collaboration over a PM core thematic (biobanks) for illustrating and inspiring research collaborations

## 04. Engaging



Creating strong bridges with key stakeholders from the EU, China and beyond, integrating Chinese stakeholder in ICPerMed and liaising with international peers

# IC2PerMed Pert Chart



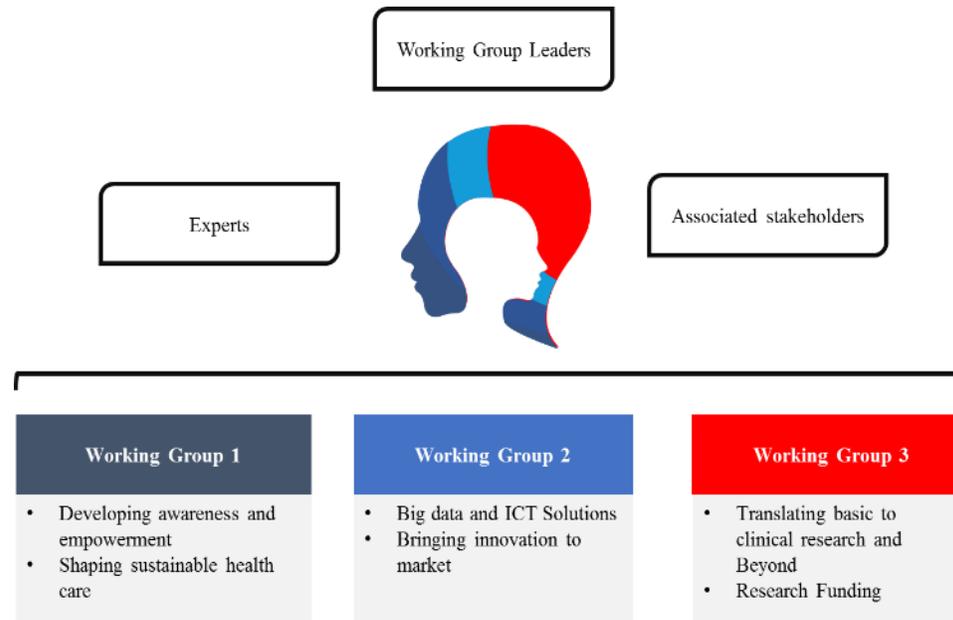
# Advisory Board members

- **Wen Mao**, temporarily replaced Tianyu Shen - Geneva and Zili Huang – Shanghai (World Economic Forum Beijing Representative Office, International)
- **Usman Khan** (FIPRA, Europe)
- **Jie Huang** (National Institute for Food and Drug Control, China)
- **Mao You** (China National Health Development Research Centre, China)
- **Martina Cornel** (Community Genetics & Public Health Genomics, Amsterdam UMC , Netherlands)
- **Anant Jani** (Department of Primary Health Care Sciences, University of Oxford, UK)
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# Project developments

Mapping of Personalised Medicine's policies and programmes in Europe and China

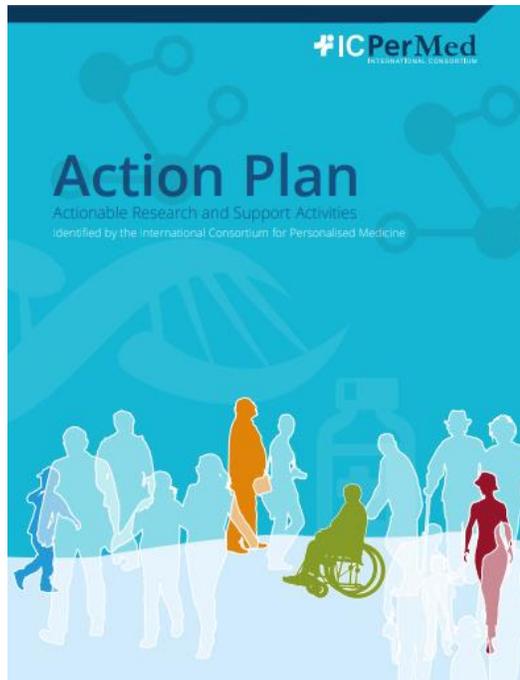
**Working groups:** Community of EU and Chinese PM stakeholders analysing and designing a **roadmap** for developments upon PM R&I schemes for facilitating the integration of Chinese stakeholders in ICPerMed activities by the relevant agencies



Delegations visits  
Creating a solid framework for collaboration formalising engagement of relevant Chinese stakeholders within the ICPerMed initiative

# Working Group framework Set-up

3 Collaborating WGs to define frameworks for implementing the ICPeMed's Action Plan into China by providing insights on the current status of implementation of PM approaches in EU and China



WG	Challenges
<i>WG1</i>	Shaping sustainable health care
<i>WG2</i>	Innovation and Market
<i>WG3</i>	Research and Clinical Studies in PM

# Experts identified n. 35

❖ *Europe 75%*

(Italy, Estonia, The Netherlands, Spain, Hungary, Belgium, Germany, United Kingdom, Switzerland, Denmark, France, Austria, Finland)

❖ *China 20%*

❖ *Canada 5%*

# Expected Impacts (1/2)



## Strategic Policy Level Cooperation Impacts:

- Create an **innovative framework** for European and Chinese policy stakeholders to act upon concrete steps towards the implementation of PM in their own countries
- Ensure that the necessary **regulations for the transnational deployment** of PM encompass the right level of technical, social and business considerations for fostering its uptake and implementation.
- Review and discuss the scope for **harmonisation of policies** between EU and China for integrating PM principles in respective research collaboration schemes focusing on health

# Expected Impacts (2/2)



## Research and Science collaboration:

- ❑ Help EU and China shape future **research collaboration frameworks** for fostering scientific and technological exchanges regarding PM
- ❑ Define the areas for research, technologies and systems to achieve the structuring of an approach to **improve social and healthcare systems** putting PM-related ethical, equity, data security and trust at the core of future developments and assess its social impacts

## EU-China PM Research, Development and Innovation ecosystems:

- ❑ Identify the key PM **standards, interoperability schemes and pragmatic measures** necessary to enable joint R&D&I initiatives, notably under the ERA PerMed framework
- ❑ Compare healthcare economic principles' realities with **ethical and regulatory frameworks** from both EU and China areas in the fields of PM and define best practices for implementing the adapted measures and tackle fragmentation of approaches

IC2Permed supports the implementation of



# Keep in touch

- Stay tuned, check IC2PerMed website and link with its social media
- For more information on, how to get involved, etc. please get in touch with EU / Chinese contacts
- You will be contacted by e-mail following this event for further contributing to developments

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