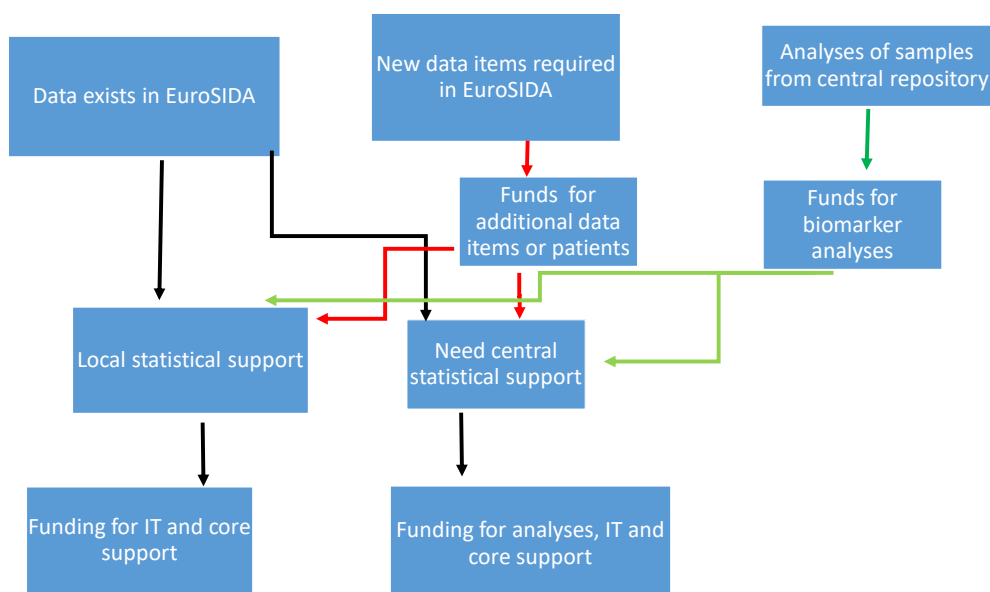


EuroSIDA project information and steps

Funding

EuroSIDA is without central funding, and has few central resources to provide statistical support, IT support, or central infrastructure without raising additional funds for new projects in EuroSIDA. We are confident that if we pool our resources, and each project can raise money, then we will be able to carry forward the great research ideas generated so far and many new ones to come. It will remain the responsibility of the person leading each project proposal to raise funds, and a budget pro-forma can be found on the CHIP website as a spreadsheet to illustrate the level of funding required to be able to continue.

Different scenarios and potential pathways may require different levels of funding, depending on whether data is already collected, additional data is needed, local statistical support can be used, central statistical resources are required, and whether the project involves the analyses of plasma samples.



Next steps

Each EuroSIDA project needs to have the following components addressed

1. Project title
2. Identified project lead
3. Project proposal (available at <http://www.cphiv.dk/Studies/EuroSIDA/Study-documents>)

As part of completing a project proposal, please consider the following points

1. Is data already collected in EuroSIDA or is additional data required
 - a. If additional data is required, clear suggestions for what that data should be and rationale for that data
 - b. If additional or different persons are required, clear suggestions for additional recruitment criteria and rationale for including that data, including consideration of sample size
2. Consideration of requirement for statistical support
 - a. Using central statisticians, including estimate of time required
 - b. Using local statisticians, including demonstration of skills and experience and central support that would be required
3. Need for operational and central support
4. Budget and potential funding opportunities
5. Potential overlaps with other SIGs (and potential opportunities for collaboration)
6. Timelines for completion

To help with constructing a budget, EuroSIDA has developed a budget sheet for you to complete, together with notes. This shows some of the costs we need to meet to continue with projects, and the different potential pathways and requirements for funding. There is also a second sheet in the workbook, which you might find helpful for building a budget if your proposal includes biomarkers. This includes costs associated with performing the biomarker analysis, but also what costs need to be met centrally to support any biomarker work.

Approval of projects from the EuroSIDA SC

Once a proposal has been written, final approval for the project will be made by the EuroSIDA Steering Committee, but no project will be able to be actioned without appropriate funding.