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French National Platform for End-of-Life research

A network to structure, develop and promote research
in the field of end-of-life and palliative care.



The **French National Platform for End-of-Life Research** supports, structures, fosters and promotes French research in this field by facilitating exchanges among researchers and by creating opportunities for collaboration around unifying themes.

Established in 2018, the Platform offers the French scientific community resources to develop **interdisciplinary research networks and projects**.

Its mission is to **bring together research efforts** related to end-of-life issues, to create spaces for dialogue, and to **enhance connections** between researchers and clinicians at both national and international levels. It also aims to **increase the visibility** and recognition of end-of-life research, provide **strategic research orientations**, and foster the emergence of new projects.

This initiative is part of the 2024–2034 French Decennial Strategy for Supportive Care, aimed at strengthening palliative care, pain management, and end-of-life support.

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Research observatory

- > maintain a **national directory of researchers** working on end-of-life issues
- > develop a detailed **repository of member's research projects**
- > conduct **literature monitoring** of members' publications
- > **map research laboratories** with an interest in end-of-life topics
- > list ongoing and defended **PhD dissertations** in the field
- > identify **European projects** related to end-of-life research
- > produce and disseminate an **annual overview** of end-of-life research in France

Scientific community engagement

- > organize **scientific symposia**, both in-person and online
- > offer thematic and methodological **webinars**, along with a **journal club** (a forum for discussing scientific publications)
- > conduct active **monitoring** of scientific developments (publications, events, calls for proposals, calls for papers...) and **disseminate** this information through a website, LinkedIn, and a monthly newsletter
- > communicate research outcomes and **promote** networking activities
- > **facilitate connections** among researchers and disseminate announcements (calls for collaboration, job openings, participant recruitment...)
- > foster **international collaborations**

Research support schemes

- > launch **calls for expressions of interest**
- > offer **mobility grants** and **support for organizing scientific events**
- > promote **research contracts** related to end-of-life and palliative care (e.g., clinical research fellowships, hospital assistant positions, and “research year” scholarships), and participate in the selection process

Interdisciplinary Research Program on End-of-Life

- > The Platform supports the operational development of the Interdisciplinary Research Program on End-of-Life, led by the French Health Research Programs Agency. It contributed to the development of this program and is involved in implementing the call for applications to form research consortia.
- > In partnership with other stakeholders, it contributes to establish a dedicated hub for end-of-life research data.

