

Seven Years of Structuring and Supporting a Multidisciplinary Researchers Community to Strengthen End-of-Life and Palliative Care Research



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CONTEXT AND AIMS

In 2018, the **French National Platform for End-of-Life Research** was established to strengthen and coordinate national efforts in palliative and End-of-Life research.

This initiative responded to the recognition of a significant lack in France compared with other countries in terms of research capacity and visibility in this field.

The Platform's mission is structured around three strategic pillars: to **identify**, **connect**, and **support** the national community of researchers working on End-of-Life and palliative care.

METHODS

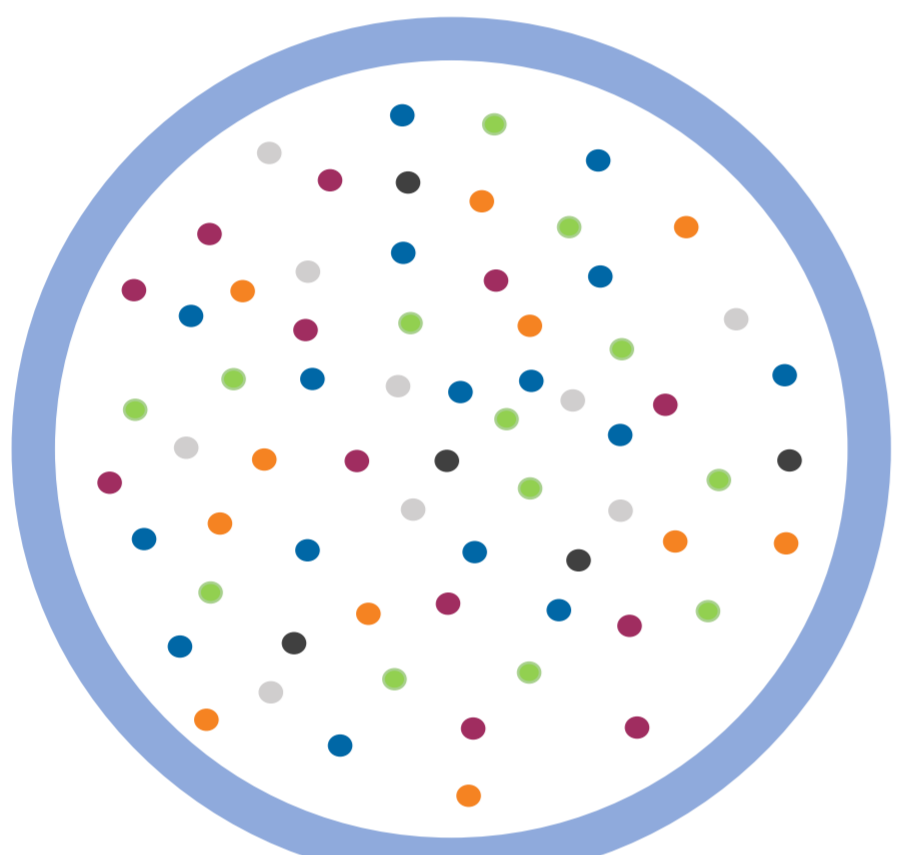
- **Make research visible** - Research Observatory on End-of-Life (EoL)
- **Moderate the community** - Scientific events: webinars, journal clubs, scientific days
- **Connect stakeholders** - Building interdisciplinary and international links
- **Structure research priorities** - Contribution to national strategy
- **Support research teams and researchers** - Facilitating collaboration and promote scientific research
- Support for **emerging researchers**
- **Disseminate and expand** national and international visibility

2018

2025

RESULTS

Strategic missions



Identify



Connect



Support

Development of interdisciplinary and international collaborations

Enhanced national and international visibility

- Dissemination of scientific outputs strengthened
- Newsletter subscribers **x5**
- LinkedIn followers **x2.5**



Growing participation

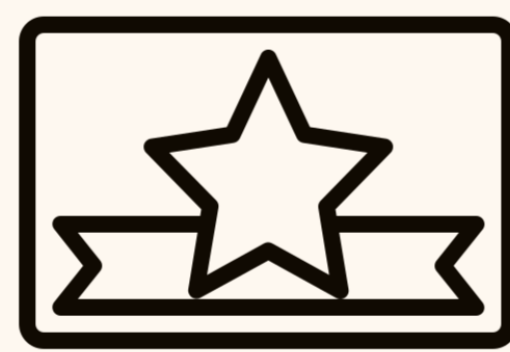
of the research community in Platform-organized events **x 3**

Recognition as a key reference within the research ecosystem and for society

(e.g., National coordination of the French data collection group, in collaboration with Atlantes)

Involvement of French Researchers

in the Platform's network **+63% in 7 years**



National Research Priority

2024

Launch of the **Interdisciplinary End-of-Life Research Program**

lead by the Health Research Programs Agency

€ 5M

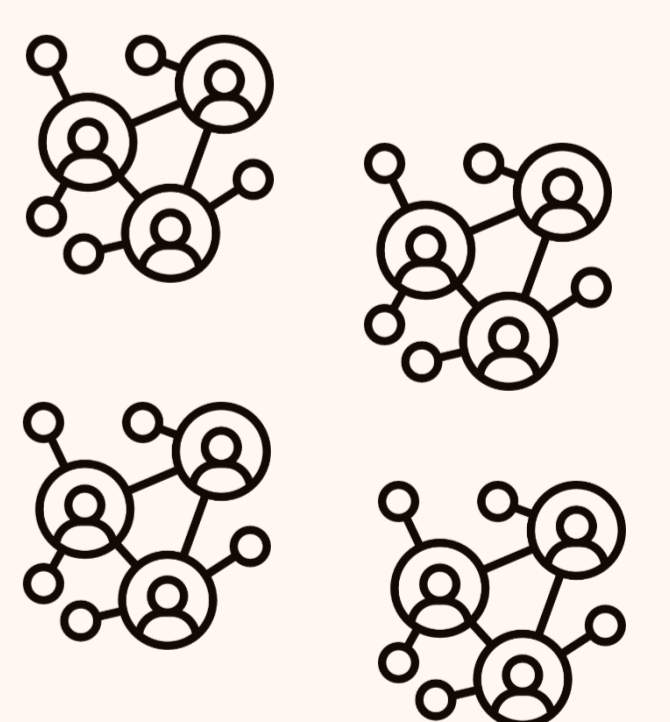
First national call for End-of-Life research

2 Focuses

Anticipation of EoL issues through healthcare pathways, palliative care needs and various moments of vulnerability

Suffering, EoL experience (patients, relatives, healthcare professionals), requests for death

Creation of four interdisciplinary consortia



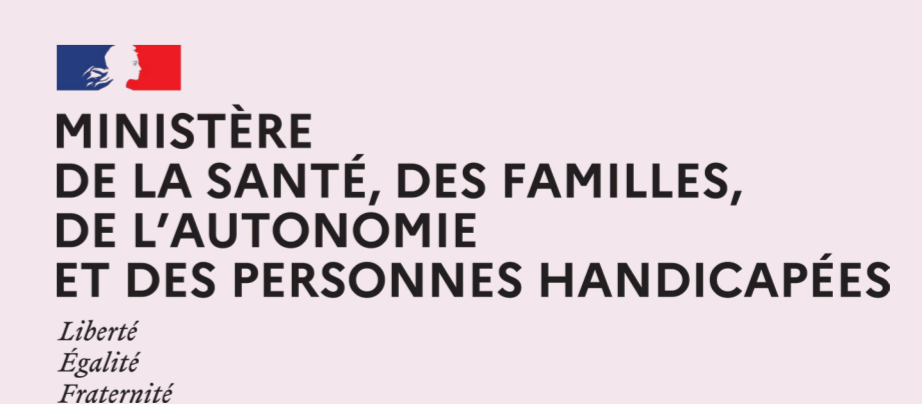
KEY MESSAGES

- **A growing and cohesive network:** coordination drives impact
- **National strategic leadership:** recognized as the national reference
- **An online national directory** listing researchers, research projects, PhD theses and European initiatives enabling collaborations at both national and international level
- **Key success factors:** strong collaboration between researchers, institutions, and policymakers
- The **Interdisciplinary End-of-Life Research Program** has been highly successful in structuring and advancing the national research landscape, with high researcher engagement



New in 2026: Launch of an online directory of international research partners

Connect, register, and join the network via our Platform website



Platform website



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