









## Call to Action:

For professionals and parents/ adults born 



### Support the promotion and use of the RECAP preterm Cohort Platform:

1. Campaign about the importance of data collection by parents and particularly adults born VPT/ VLBW to extend and deepen the data, e.g. by contributing to the first e-cohort for adults born VPT/ VLBW, HAPP-e, accessible via the RECAP preterm website.
2. Encourage further cohorts to cooperate with the RECAP preterm Cohort Platform.
3. Establish new cohorts and encourage their cooperation with RECAP preterm.
4. Support training of professionals, early career researchers and scientists on the purpose and use of the RECAP preterm Cohort Platform, e.g. with the E-Learning available on the RECAP preterm website.
5. Use the RECAP preterm Cohort Platform for future research projects and encourage colleagues to do so.

For politicians:

### Support the implementation of equitably accessible, effective follow-up programmes at national level and standards of care at European and national levels:

1. Recognise newborn care as one pillar for securing the health and well-being of our future society. Integrate it into ongoing European and national strategies on public health, chronic conditions, healthy ageing and research.
2. Nominate a policy officer in the health ministry responsible for neonatal and child health.
3. Support the provision of an international forum for the sharing of best practice among countries and set up a national working group for the development and implementation of national neonatal and follow-up policies.
4. Prioritise and allocate funding for coordinated perinatal and neonatal research and research on effective follow-up programmes to improve the prevention, treatment, care and outcomes of very preterm birth.
5. Promote the establishment of national centralised registries and harmonised, comparable European data sets for epidemiology, as well as cost and quality outcome data associated with very preterm birth to allow for comprehensive study and comparative analysis and the monitoring of prevalence, mortality, acute morbidity and long-term impairment, outcomes and costs.

Please feel free to contact the Project Coordination via the contact forms on the RECAP preterm website if you have questions, or if you would like to add your cohort to the RECAP preterm Cohort Platform.



For more information or contact: Visit the RECAP preterm website  
<https://recap-preterm.eu/>



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