On October 26-27th 2017 the annual meeting of the PREFER project was convened in Allschwill near Basel, Switzerland. Here the members of the consortium collaborated with the invited stakeholders and presented interim results and looked at the activities of the 12 months post meeting. Additionally, the work packages discussed pertinent issues and aligned their activities, identifying the necessary decisions and course correction where needed.

Francesco De Lorenzo, President of ECPC, participated in a roundtable for the patients’ session about the communication of research results to patients. Isabelle Manneh-Vangramberen moderated the session as the Patient Advisory Group (PAG) Lead. Topics included the importance of educating patients about the value of clinical research and how knowledge about reaching out to patients throughout clinical trials is critical for scientists.