

Instructions on how to use the database

The database offers two convenient ways of searching for country-specific information on ethical and regulatory requirements in clinical research. A detailed guidance on procedures is provided in the following sections (A-C): Section (A) provides general instructions on how to start your data search. The steps described herein apply to both section (B) and (C).

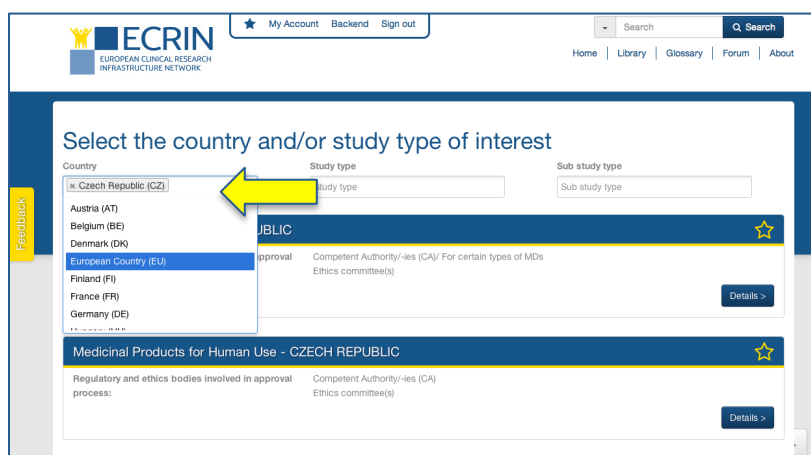
(A) Search for study information– Filter by country and study type

[A1] Select the country of interest

- Click into the field “country”: all countries available in the database appear in the dropdown menu OR

- Enter the first letter(s) or the two- letter ISO code of the country of interest

Note: Multiple selection is possible!



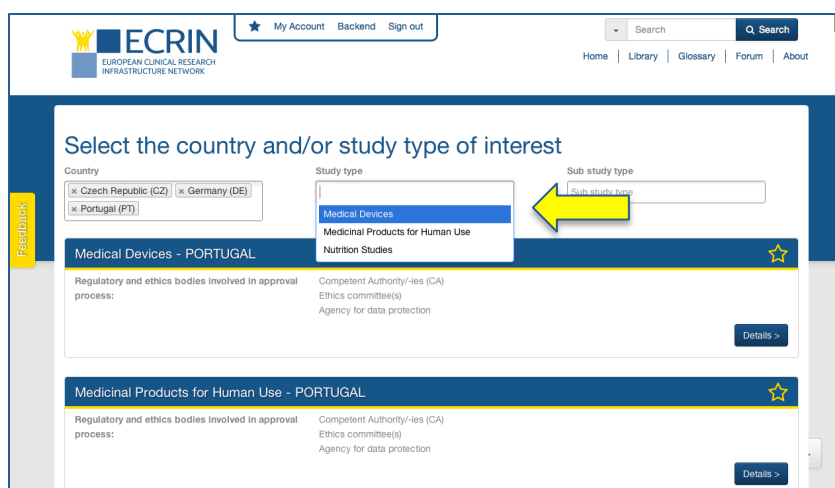
Screen 1

[A2] Select the study type of interest

- Click into the field “Study type”: all available options (e.g Medicinal Products for Human Use, Medical Devices, Nutrition) show up in the dropdown menu OR

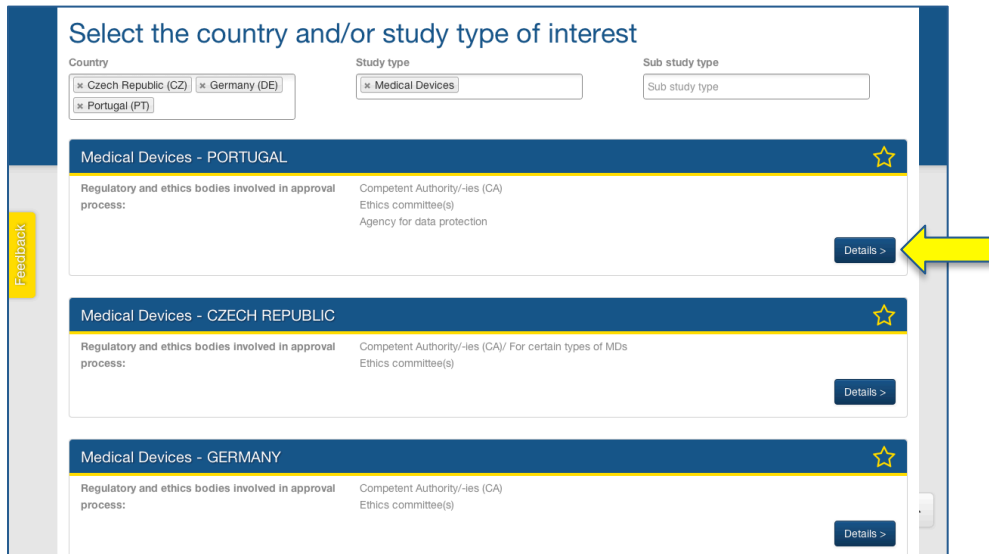
- Start typing the title of the study type (or parts of it) if known

NB: Further selection of Sub study types is available for Nutrition Studies



Screen 2

[A3] All available study information matching your selection are listed underneath (Screen 3_List view)



Screen 3

(B) Search for information by browsing Study types and Countries

[B4] If you want to look into a specific study information, click on the attached "Details" button (Screen 3) to open the detail view window (see below)



Screen 4

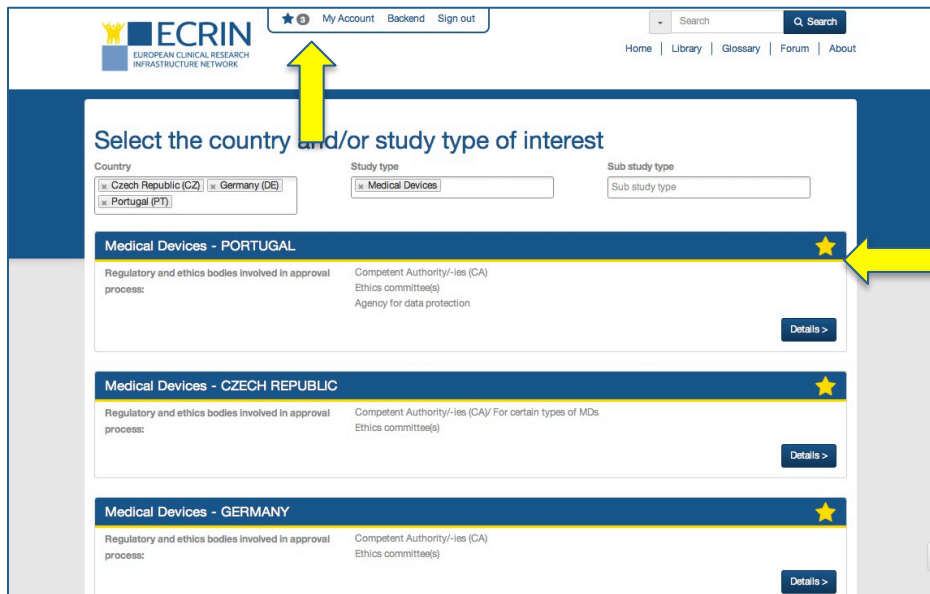
Browse the content of the study information, and –if required- download the data set as pdf in one click.

The „Back“ button leads back to the previous list view [A3].

(C) Search for study information in two or more countries and compare

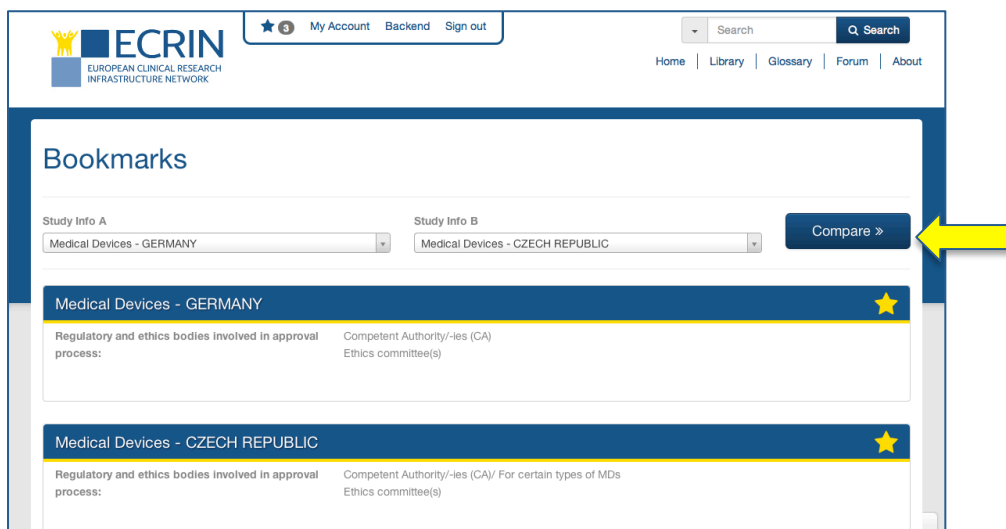
Perform steps as described in sections (A1-A3) and continue as follows:

[B4] Bookmark the study information of interest by clicking on the corresponding bookmark stars. The number displayed next to the bookmark icon (in the bar on the top of the page) indicates the current number of bookmarked items.



Screen 5

[B5] By clicking on the bookmark star or the corresponding number, the complete list of selected study information appears. The items in the bookmark list are arranged in a chronological order according to the sequence of bookmarking. 'Unbookmarking' of study types in the bookmark list is possible by clicking the yellow coloured star.



Screen 6

[B6] Compare study information of multiple countries:

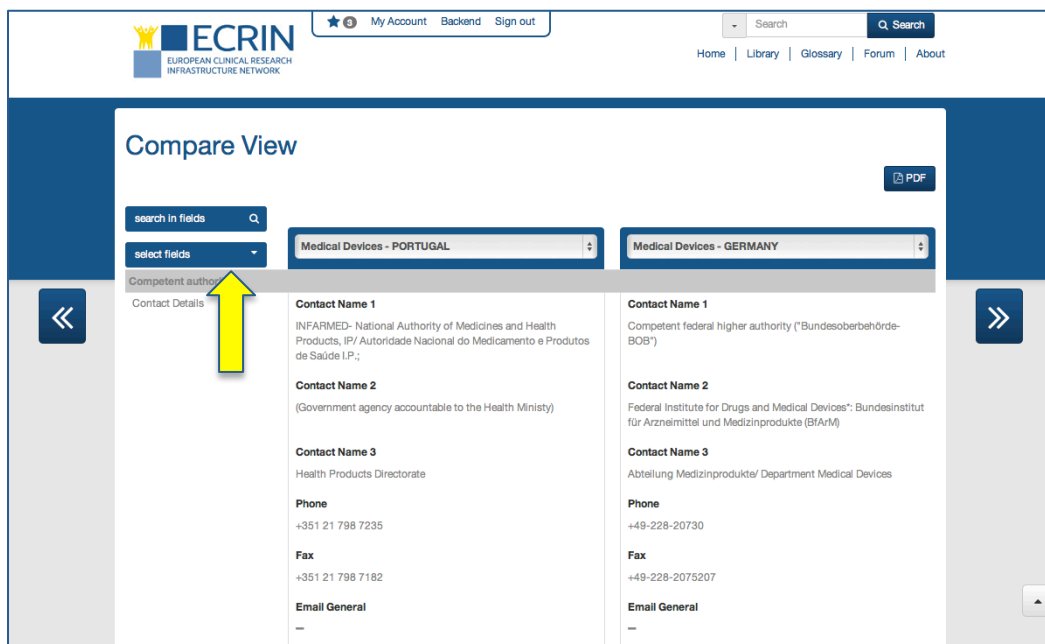
The system selects by default the first pair of study information according to the order of the bookmark list (Field „Study info A“ and „Study info B“).

The pairs can be changed according to your preference by clicking on the dropdown arrows and selecting the first pair you want to be shown in the compare view (see Screen 6).

[B7] Click on the „Compare“ button!

The complete content of the first pair of study information appears. The double-headed arrows on the left and right side of the window allow you to advance to the next pair of study information or to go back in the loop.

Alternatively, you can select a new pair by using the dropdown menu linked to the fields „Study info A“ and „Study info B“).



Screen 7

[B8] Refining your search results:

If you want to narrow down your search results, an additional filter option becomes available when clicking on the down arrow of the blue “select fields” button. A filter tree opens where you can specify your search by ticking the boxes (see Screen 8_Compare View).

Only selected items will subsequently appear in the compare view. The filter window closes when up arrow is clicked. Your selection can be changed anytime in the tree window.

Alternatively, the “search in fields” function enables to search for specific information by typing the search terms of interest.

You can download the search results (pairwise as displayed in the compare view) as pdf by clicking on the “pdf” button.

The screenshot displays the 'Compare View' interface of the ECRIN database. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the ECRIN logo, user account options (My Account, Backend, Sign out), a search bar, and a list of links (Home, Library, Glossary, Forum, About). The main content area is titled 'Compare View' and features a 'PDF' button. Below the title, there are search and select fields. The 'select fields' dropdown is currently set to 'Medical Devices - PORTUGAL' and 'Medical Devices - GERMANY'. A left-hand navigation pane shows a tree view of categories, with 'Submission Fees' and 'National legal framework in place' expanded. The main content area displays details for 'Fees for Ethical review mandatory' and 'Fees for Ethical review' for both countries. The interface includes a search bar, user account options, and a PDF download button.

Screen 8

! Please note that any search results (list of study information) or bookmarked items will not be stored if you exit the database without being registered.

Registration is generally recommended if you want to fully use the database (e.g. Storing of bookmarked items, forum posts).