



## Collaboration agreement between Telethon Foundation and Rare Partners *RP announcement*

Milan, October 31, 2012. Telethon Foundation and **Rare Partners** announced to have signed an agreement, which has the main scope of fostering the development of new diagnostic tools and therapeutic approaches starting from the results of research projects funded by Telethon Foundation.

According to the agreement signed by the two non profit organizations, **Rare Partners** will provide its expertise, know-how and network of consultants for the analysis and exploitation of potential diagnostic and therapeutic applications.

**Rare Partners** may support Universities and research centers funded by Telethon Foundation in the field of product development, intellectual property protection and management of contacts with potential industrial partners.

### About Rare Partners

**Rare Partners Srl** is a non profit company devoted to the development of new therapies and diagnostics in the field of rare diseases. The company was founded in Milan on March 2010 and registered in Italy as "Impresa Sociale". The basic idea of **Rare Partners** is to match non profit financial resources (public and private) with industrial drug development expertise, provided by the company's organization together with a strong network of consultants.

### About Telethon Foundation

The Telethon Foundation is one of the major Italian charity. Its mission is to advance biomedical research towards the diagnosis, cure and prevention of muscular dystrophies and other human genetic diseases. Telethon was founded in 1990 by a patients' association, the Italian Union for Muscular Dystrophy (UILDM)

Telethon Italy has invested over 350 million Euros in research and funded 2,400 research projects that have generated more than 9,000 papers published on international scientific journals and allowed the development of 26 different therapeutic strategies currently under development.

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