

# Spine Atlas Initiative

Building a global spine atlas:  
Pioneering collaborative data calls to advance spine care.

## Information sheet for Spine Societies

### Overview

#### **What is Spine Atlas Initiative (SAI)**

Inspired by international cancer registration, Spine Atlas is an international epidemiological initiative to visualise spine services and practice variations in spinal care across geographical boundaries.

#### **Who can be part of Spine Atlas?**

All units performing spine treatments and all spine registries are invited to participate in the data calls and join the group authorship.

#### **How to support Spine Atlas?**

The first data call 2025 is focusing on degenerative lumbar spondylolisthesis (LDS).

### **We need your help in disseminating and advocating for the initiative:**

Please publish information on your website, inform and invite your society members to participate in the data call. If together we can get enough participants from your country to participate and reach representativeness, your country will be featured prominently in the Spine Atlas map(s), and you may use the results for your own purposes.  
See timeline on next page.

### **Help your members by informing them on the ethical rules in your country**

The study protocol was reviewed and cleared by the Ethics Committee of Eastern Switzerland (EKOS), BASEC no. AO\_2024-00111. If further ethical approval for the anonymous data collection and submission to an international project centre is needed in your country, consider applying for all hospitals collectively, see helpful assets and templates on the [resources page](#).

### **Links to important resources:**

[spineatlas@eurospine.org](mailto:spineatlas@eurospine.org) (email to contact Spine Atlas team)

**Spine Atlas Initiative website** ([http](#))

**Direct link to registration for the data call 2025** ([http](#))

**Spine Atlas Protocol** (pdf)

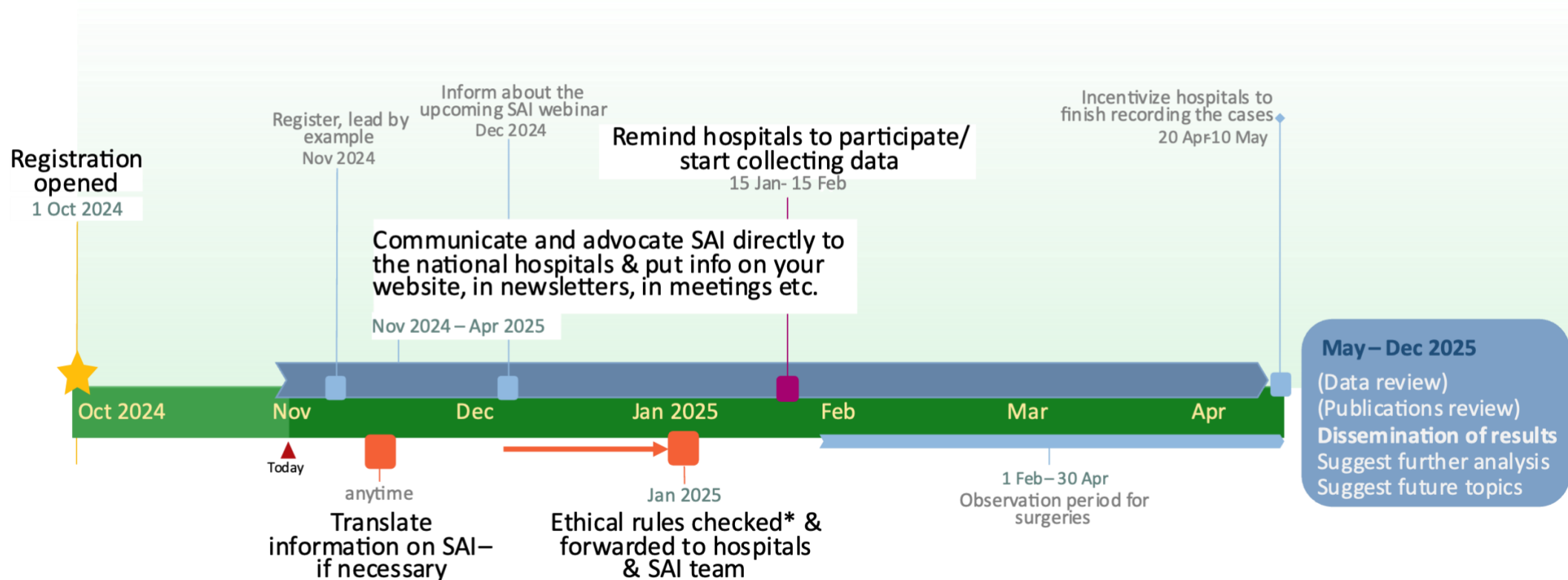
**Spine Atlas Initiative FAQ** (pdf)

**Spine Atlas initiative advocacy deck** (public folder) Contains:

- Spine Atlas e-sig.png - *small banner for email-signatures etc.*
- Spine Atlas Flyer.pdf - *2-page portrait flyer on the initiative*
- Spine Atlas Information.pdf - *short presentation showing benefits for clinics and surgeons*
- Spine Atlas Initiative Power Point Slides.pptx - *same as above, as power point slides*
- Spine Atlas single Slide.pptx - *Single slide with the initiatives key message*
- Spine Atlas-data call 2025 LDS.pptx - *presentation on rationale for the initiative, it's organisation, info about the data call 2025 on LDS including the expected efforts for participants and benefits.*
- SAI2025-timelines\_participant\_registry\_society.pdf - *3 pages, showing the timelines of the 2025 data call for a) participants b) spine registries and c) spine societies*
- Instagram & Facebook Post.png - *Visuals for social media*
- LinkedIn & X Post.png - *Visuals for social media*

# Timeline for SAI data call 2025

## Spine Societies, EuSSAB members



*\*For your national hospitals to not have to do it individually: Check with ethics institutions, other participants in international anonymous data calls (such as cancer registries), get formal clearance -if applicable (see resources page for templates and successful applications), send SAI team the decision to help other participants*