Ten psychiatric multidisciplinary teams from seven European countries are presently involved in a multicentric study on schizophrenia. The objective of the study is to compare the care systems in different countries. The different research teams have been using SCAN and NFCAS evaluation schedules amongst other tools. Most of the teams were not used to doing clinical research and they have been trained for this purpose. Their experience will show what the impact of this research was on their clinical work and also how they have been able to use their clinical experience of the patients, included in the study, to deal with the difficulty they encountered in completing the study and using the schedules.