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Implementation of the framework for interaction between the Agency and healthcare professionals

Progress report 2012

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Aims of the framework



Support the Agency in order to access the best possible **independent expertise** and obtain information on the current use of medicines in **real clinical practice**



Contribute to a more efficient and targeted **communication** to healthcare professionals, to support their role in the safe and rational use of medicines



Enhance healthcare professional organisations' **understanding** of the role of the EU medicines Regulatory Network

Network of European healthcare professional organisations



Implementation of the framework

Action plan (I)

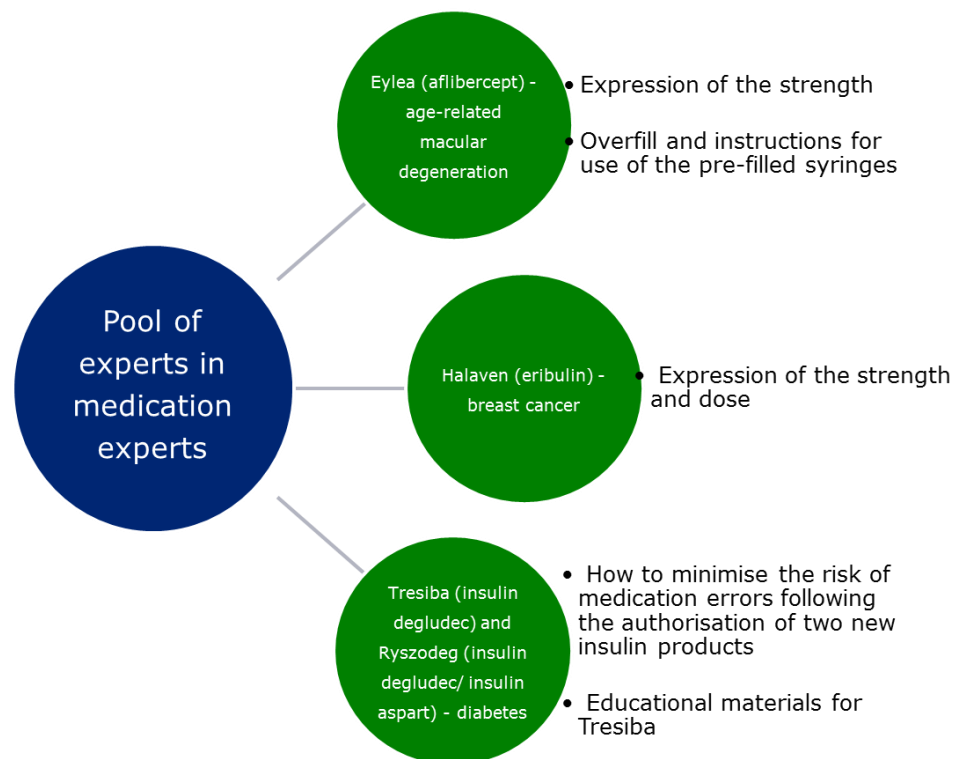
- Enable the network of European healthcare professional organisations (HCPOs) as a valuable source of independent expertise 
- Continue to develop specific dialogue and interaction with HCPOs on information produced by the Agency
- Increase awareness and promote input on EMA guidelines
- Facilitate HCPOs input and contribution to the implementation of new legislation





Valuable source of independent expertise

	2011	2012
Number of SAGs/Ad Hoc expert group meetings for which healthcare professional organisations were contacted	24	28
Number of experts identified	48	117
Number of SAG/Ad Hoc meetings for which experts attended	13	18
Number of experts attending SAG/Ad Hoc meetings	17	41
Number of HCPOs contacted (some more than once)	15	35





Consultation of healthcare professional organisations

- Pharmacovigilance Working Party (PhVWP) consultations
 - Use of erythropoiesis-stimulating agents in patients with chronic kidney disease;
 - Use of iodinated contrast agents in diabetic patients treated with metformin;
 - Colour coding system for the labelling of injectable solutions used during anaesthesia.



Dialogue and interaction re. information produced by the Agency

- Focus group on targeted information and further discussion at PCWP/HCPWG joint meeting have supported **refinement of communication documents** (e.g. press-releases, 'questions and answers' documents, 'Public Health communication' documents)
- Additional discussion on communication practices during a pandemic influenza crisis have lead to the identification of a dedicated sub-group of organisations to further support the Agency on **communicating on health threats**
- Increased feedback on **syndication of information** (mainly via internal channels)





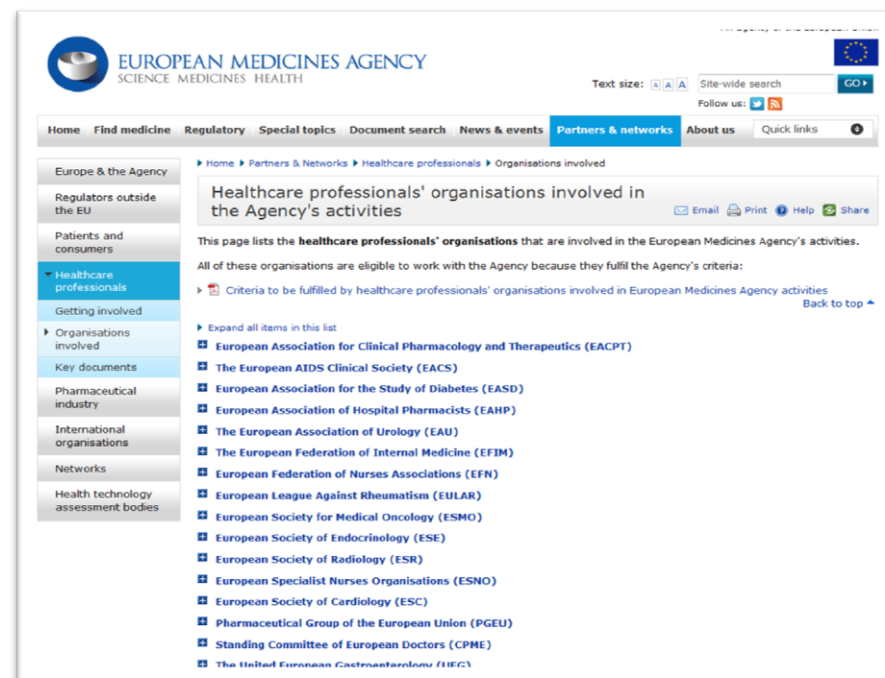
Implementation of the framework Action plan (II)

- Establish a network of European healthcare professional organisations
- Establish the EMA Healthcare Professionals Working Party (HCPWP) and ensure its full operation
- Monitor and increase transparency on the involvement of HCPOs in the Agency's activities 



Eligible organisations

- Call for expression of interest to become an eligible organisation launched in February 2012
- **There are currently 21 healthcare professional organisations eligible to work with the Agency because they fulfil the Agency's criteria**





Looking forward for this year's interaction!