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Agenda – 15th Industry stakeholder platform on research and development support 4 December 2025, 12:30 - 17:30 (room 1A)

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Item	Agenda	Time
1.	 Welcome / Introductions Overview of the agenda Review of status of follow-up actions from the last platform meeting 	10 min
2.	Strengthening the delivery of scientific advice to efficiently support development programmes	1h05
	A. Update on recent developments	
	EMA update	
	 Volume and capacity Update on the SAWP-CTCG scientific advice pilot Latest experience with new pre-payment requirements 	
	B. Establishment of a Focus group on introducing agility in scientific advice	
	Expectations in terms of objectives and deliverables	
	C. Broad scientific advice affecting multiple products	
	 Proposal from developers to use broad scientific advice as a vehicle to get regulatory input on topics with wider implications and thus involving EU bodies and institutions beyond EMA 	
3.	Modernising the Qualification of Novel Methodologies framework	20 min
	Status report on the delivery of the action plan	



5. HMA/EMA multi-stakeholder workshop on reporting and qualification of mechanistic models for regulatory assessment • Summary report from the meeting and follow-up activities 6. Proposal for the pilot of a voluntary data submission framework to establish potential alternatives to animal testing in line with the 3Rs principles • Update on the stakeholder consultation with the NcWP and preparation for the upcoming co-creation meeting Coffee Break 7. Progressing the support to paediatric developments • Update on recent developments • Update on recent changes to the PIP scientific document and the Key elements form • Experience with the paediatric scientific advice • Final report on the stepwise PIP (sPIP) pilot Advancements in the prospective design of paediatric development programmes • Sharing of experience with the Mechanism of action approach in paediatric drug development • Industry reflections regarding flexibility of sPIP requirements in rare paediatrics 8. Identification of product-specific bioequivalence guidelines Proposal for enhaced stakeholder engagement 9. Focus group to explore opportunities for the use of Real-World Data (RWD) and the generation of Real-World Evidence (RWE) Status report on the activities to deliver on the mandate	4.	 Translating the experience from the piloting of the new PRIME features into optimised operations Final EMA recommendations as a result of the pilot on the new PRIME features (expedited scientific advice, development tracker, and submission readiness meetings) Update on the piloting of the PRIME Product Development Coordinator role and development of metrics to demonstrate value from the developers' perspective 	30 min
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10.	Strengthening support to evidence generation for drug-IVD/MD combination products	30 min
	 Considerations on importance of EMA scientific advice in advancing the dialogue: what is the expertise required? Most prominent practical issues with development programmes for drug-IVD/MD combination products (focus on pre-authorisation interactions/dialogue) 	
11.	Summary of follow up items / Close of the meeting	10 min