



EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY
SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH

27 February 2026
EMA/13450/2026

EMA - European Alliance of Associations for Rheumatology (EULAR) bilateral meeting

18.03.2026, 14h00-16h00 CET (Virtual)

Co-chairs: Steffen Thirstrup, Chief Medical Officer (EMA) and Xenofon Baraliakos, President (EULAR)

Item	Agenda	Time
1.	Introduction and tour de table	14:00 – 14:10
2.	Overview of EULAR mission and structure	14:10 – 14:20
3.	RMDs in Europe	14:20 – 14:30
4.	Presentation on EULAR Network of Trial Centres (ENTRI) and other relevant initiatives	14:30 – 14:40
5.	Introduction to EMA work in the field of Clinical Trials Transformation and ACT EU	14:40 – 14:50
6.	Recommendations' development and implementation	14:50 – 15:00
7.	Introduction to the Rheumatology/Immunology Working Party (RIWP) and the Immunology and Inflammatory Diseases Scientific Advisory Group (SAG IMM)	15:00 – 15:10
8.	Presentation on the role of patients in drugs development/regulatory decisions	15:10 – 15:20
9.	EMA initiative on patient experience data	15:20 – 15:30
10.	Interactive Discussion – exploring mutual areas of interest and possible collaboration formats	15:30 – 15:50
11.	Closing Remarks and summary of agreed actions	15:50 – 16:00