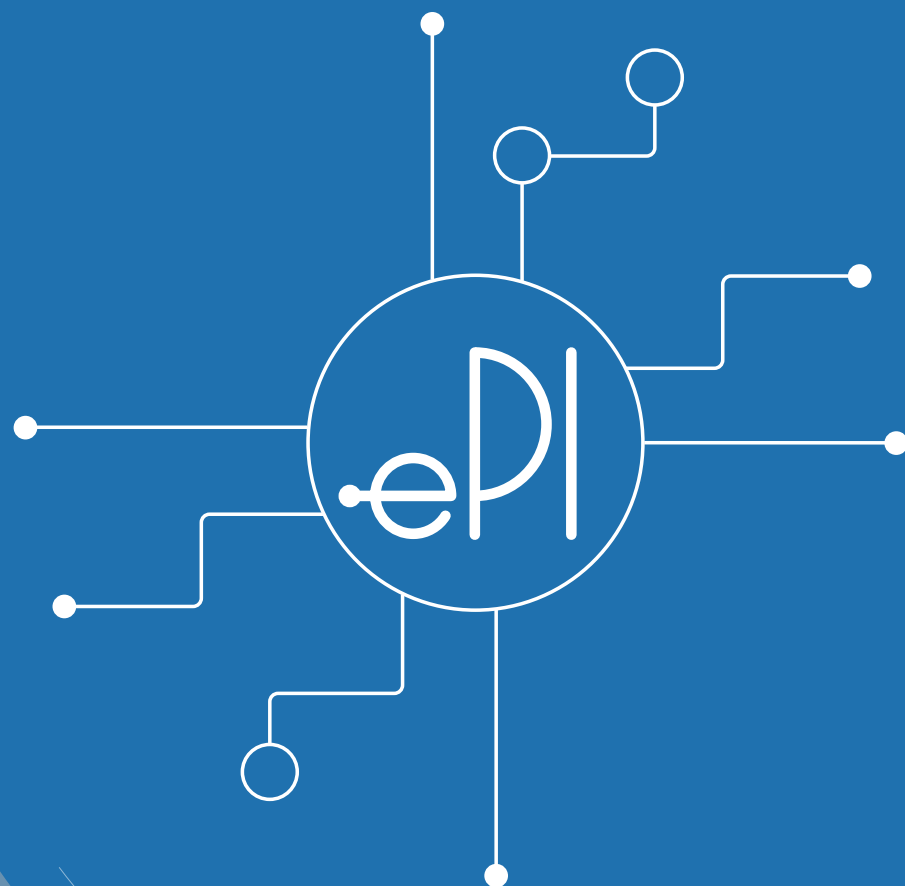




EMA/HMA/EC workshop on electronic Product Information (ePI)

Improving access to the EU medicines' product information

Wednesday, 28 November 2018

European Medicines Agency
London, United Kingdom



Background and objectives

The European Medicines Agency (EMA), Heads of Medicines Agencies (HMA) and European Commission (EC) are working together to facilitate the development of electronic product information (ePI) for medicines, including the Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) and Package Leaflet (PL), to improve access by patients and healthcare professionals.

In this workshop, we aim to agree with all stakeholders on draft EU key principles for the use of ePI in the EU prior to a public consultation. This will involve consideration of:

- opportunities, needs and concerns identified by different stakeholder groups
- ongoing initiatives in the EU
- how ePI fits into other EU and global initiatives

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Venue



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Wednesday, 28 November 2018, 09:00 - 18:00 - meeting room 2A

Registration and reimbursement arrangements / 08:30

Welcome, health and safety information and workshop objectives / 09:00

Melanie Carr (EMA)

Video message from Vytenis Andriukaitis, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety / 09:10

Session 1: Setting the scene - Why ePI?

Chaired by Olga Solomon (EC) and Alexios Skarlatos (EMA)

- **Towards digital transformation of health and care** / 09:20
Kristina Kurgonaitė (EC) and Patrizia Tosetti (EC)
- **Opportunities for expanding access to product information for medicines: stakeholders' needs and challenges** / 09:30
Fakhredin Sayed Tabatabaei (MEB)
Kaisa Immonen (EPF)
Sine Jensen (BEUC)
Darragh O'Loughlin (PGEU)
Gesine Bejeuhr (IATF)
- **Questions and answers** / 10:30

Coffee / 10:40

Session 2: Current landscape - How does ePI fit in with other initiatives?

Chaired by Maria Jesús Lamas Díaz (HMA/AEMPS) and Juan García Burgos (EMA)

- **Overview of initiatives from the EMA-HMA mapping** / 11:00
Rosa González-Quevedo (EMA)
- **Initiatives from national competent authorities** / 11:15
César Hernández (AEMPS)
Vibeke Åbyholm (NOMA)
Kim Sherwood (MPA)
- **Questions and answers** / 12:00

Lunch / 12:15

- **Initiatives from stakeholders** / 13:15
Gunilla Englund (Fass - Digital product information, Sweden)
John Moreland (electronic Medicines Compendium [eMC], United Kingdom)
Nathalie Lambot (ePIL Pilot Project, Belgium and Luxembourg)
Georg Lang (Gebrauchsinformation 4.0 consortium, Germany)
Giovanna Ferrari (proposed public-private partnership for research initiative)
- **Questions and answers** / 14:20

Coffee / 14:30

Session 3: Towards an EU ePI

Chaired by Zaide Frias (EMA) and Melanie Carr (EMA)

- Common electronic standard: potential features and use cases / 14:50
Elizabeth Scanlan (EMA)
- Analysis and discussion on proposed key principles for ePI: / 15:15
 - Definition of ePI
 - Common EU electronic standard
 - Expanding access to medicines information
 - Accessibility
 - Complementing paper package leaflet
 - Regulatory-approved information only
 - EU multilingual context
 - Interdependency with EU and global initiatives
 - Implementation
 - Process governance

Facilitated discussion with participants aimed at consensus building (EMA/HMA/EC)

Concluding remarks and next steps / 17:30

Melanie Carr (EMA)

End of meeting / 18:00

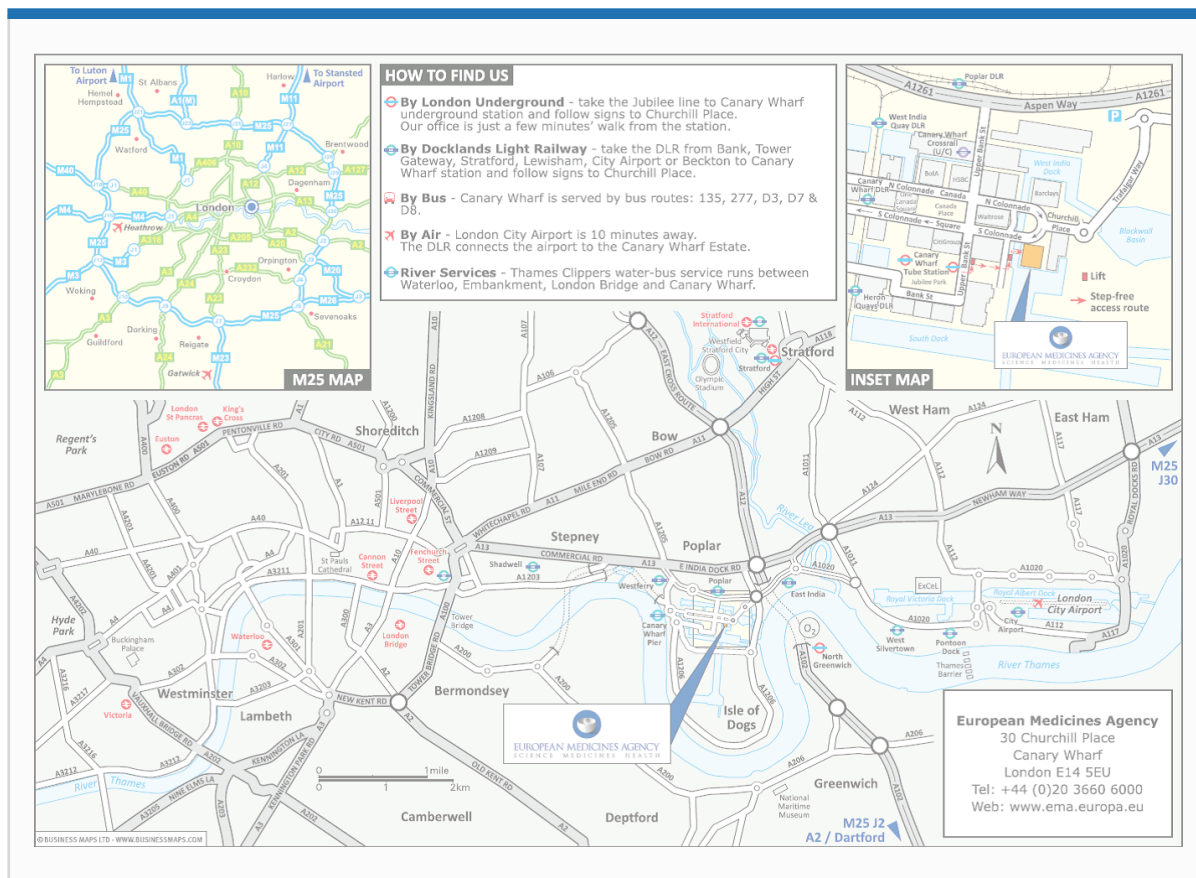
Chairs and speakers

Melanie Carr	Head of Stakeholders and Communication (EMA)
Vytenis Andriukaitis	European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety (EC)
Olga Solomon	Head of Unit for Medicines: Policy, Authorisation and Monitoring – DG Santé (EC)
Alexios Skarlatos	Head of Labeling Review and Standards (EMA)
Kristina Kurgonaite	Medicines: Policy, Authorisation and Monitoring – DG Santé (EC)
Patrizia Tosetti	European Reference Networks and Digital Health - DG Santé (EC)
Fakhredin Sayed Tabatabaei	Medicines Evaluation Board (MEB)
Kaisa Immonen	European Patient's Forum (EPF)
Sine Jensen	European Consumers' Organisation (BEUC)
Darragh O'Loughlin	Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU)
Gesine Bejeuhr	Industry's Inter-Association Task Force (IATF)
Maria Jesús Lamas Diaz	Director of Spanish Agency of Medicines and Medical Devices (HMA/AEMPS)
Juan García Burgos	Head of Public Engagement (EMA)
Rosa González-Quevedo	Medical and Health Information (EMA)
César Hernández	Head of Department of Medicines for Human Use (AEMPS)
Vibeke Åbyholm	Norwegian Medicines Agency (NOMA)
Kim Sherwood	Swedish Medical Products Agency (MPA)
Gunilla Englund	Swedish Pharmaceutical Industry Association (LIF)
John Moreland	Datapharm
Nathalie Lambot	General Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry in Belgium (Pharma.be)
Georg Lang	Gebrauchsinformation 4.0 consortium, Germany
Giovanna Ferrari	European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA)
Zaide Frias	Head of Human Medicines Evaluation (EMA)
Elizabeth Scanlan	Medical and Health Information (EMA)

Getting to Canary Wharf

The EMA is located in Canary Wharf, a business district in the east of London. Please find below the public transport options for travelling to Canary Wharf together with the approximate journey times and the map of the area.

Directions to European Medicines Agency and map of the area



By Docklands Light Railway (DLR)

Both venues are a short walk from Canary Wharf or Heron Quays station on the DLR. Services run from Bank, Tower Gateway, Lewisham, Stratford, King George V and Beckton.

By Underground

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By Bus

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