



EU NTC 10-year anniversary event



30 May 2024

EMA, Amsterdam, Room 1D

Event Summary

Join us as we celebrate a decade of building scientific and regulatory capability and capacity building through the EU Network Training Centre (EU NTC).

In 2024, the EU NTC will mark the 10-year anniversary of its creation as a strategic collaborative endeavour between EMA and HMA. The EU NTC has become a cornerstone of high-quality scientific and regulatory training opportunities within the European Medicines Regulatory Network (EMRN). The aim of the EU NTC is to ensure that staff across the Network are equipped with the skills and knowledge they need to navigate the regulatory complexities of the life sciences and pharmaceutical sectors.

This 10-year milestone is an opportunity to celebrate and share EU NTC successes and key achievements towards a wide audience of partners, networks, and stakeholder groups, both within and outside of the EMRN. But we are not just looking back: together, we will chart a course for the future by delving into lessons learned and exploring critical success factors. We have invited colleagues and partners who bring diverse experience and inspiring perspectives to discuss how the EU NTC can contribute towards better patient and animal health outcomes. We will also hear from international partners and organisations about how they have leveraged similar learning networks to meet strategic needs for the public good.

We look forward to what promises to be both a celebratory and forward-looking anniversary event for the EU NTC.

See websites for contact details



30 May 2024, 09:00 – 16:30 (CEST)

Co-chairs: Zaide Frias (EMA) and Lars Bo Nielsen (HMA, DKMA)

09:00 Registration and networking

09:30 Welcome and opening remarks



This introduction will welcome face-to-face and remote participants to the event and will set the scene, outlining the aims as described in the programme.

Welcome by EMA Executive Director

Emer Cooke (Executive Director, EMA)

5'

Opening remarks from co-chairs of EU NTC Training Steering Group

Lars Bo Nielsen (Head of DKMA, Denmark) and Zaide Frias (Head of TDT, EMA)

5'

European Medicines Agencies Strategy to 2028 and role of EU NTC

Rui Santos Ivo (Head of Infarmed, Portugal, Co-chair of EMA/HMA MAWP)

5'

09:50 Session 1: The EU Network Training Centre - 10 years in operation

*Moderators: **Zaide Frias** (EMA) and **Christa Wirthumer-Hoche** (former EU NTC co-chair)*



The aim of this session is to present:

- Vision and critical mission of the EU NTC.
- Key achievements and lessons learnt over the last 10 years.
- How the EU NTC supports capacity building in the EU.

Mission and vision of the EU NTC around regulatory, scientific and digital topics

Sheila Kennedy (EU NTC senior specialist, EMA) and Esther Martinez (EU NTC team lead, EMA)

10'

Benefits of EU NTC for NCAs and the EU Regulatory Network

Aimad Torqui (Head of Division, MEB, The Netherlands)

Maria Jesus Lamas (Head of AEMPS, Spain)

20'

EU Scientific Committee's vision for training in a changing EU environment

Harald Enzmann (CHMP chair, BfArM, Germany)

10'

EU4Health Joint Action on capacity building in the EU

Momir Radulovic (Head of JAZMP, Slovenia)

10'

Panel and audience discussion

20'

11:00 Coffee break and networking

11:30 Session 2: Views of key stakeholders

Moderators: **Marko Korenjak** (Chair of Patients' and Consumers' Working Party - PCWP) and **Melanie Carr** (Head of Stakeholders and Communication, EMA)



The aim of this session is to:

- Elicit the views of patients/healthcare professional representatives on where and how regulators can approach training.
- Explore areas for future collaboration between regulators and key stakeholders.

Expectations from patient representatives on the role of training in supporting the life science sector 10'

Marco Greco (EMA Management Board patients' organisation representative, European Patients Forum)

Synergizing regulatory and academic forces: advancing training and learning in the life sciences sector 10'

Rosa Giuliani (Chair of Healthcare Professionals' Working Party - HCPWP)

Navigating tomorrow: insights on horizon scanning and public-private collaborative support strategies 10'

Niklas Blomberg (Executive Director of Innovative Health Initiative - IHI)

Panel and audience discussion 20'

12:20 Group photo & lunch break (buffet served outside Room 1D)

13:45 Session 3: Training in the wider landscape

Moderators: **Lorraine Nolan** (Head of HPRA, Ireland) and **Martin Harvey Allchurch** (Head of International Affairs, EMA)



The aim of this session is to:

- Learn about training initiatives in other organisations, with discussion on how the EU NTC can benefit from future interactions and collaboration.
- Provide an overview of steps that are being taken to strengthen regulatory capacity in Africa.

Sharing US FDA's experience on training activities 10'

Katherine Tyner (US FDA liaison officer to EMA)

Training activities beyond EU and global collaboration 10'

Jacques Morenas (Chair of the PIC/S Committee of Officials and special advisor for the Inspection Division at ANSM, France)

Lifelong learning for global health: the WHO Academy 10'

David Atchoarena (Executive Director of WHO Academy)

African Medicines Agency: EU-Africa collaboration 10'

Chimwewe Chamdimba (Head of African Medicines Regulatory Harmonization Initiative at the African Union Development Agency, AUDA-NEPAD)

Panel and audience discussion 20'

15:15 **Session 4: Looking to the future – working collaboratively to address future scientific and technological challenges**

*Moderators: **Lars Bo Nielsen** (Head of DKMA, Denmark) and **Steffen Thistrup** (Chief Medical Officer, EMA)*



The aim of this session is to:

- Prepare for the future: discussing opportunities to support new areas of innovation and technology.
- Present approaches to training in the future.

Advancing healthcare excellence: sharing of best practices and scientific progress from a healthcare professional perspective **10'**

Ioana Agache (Transylvania University of Brasov, Past President of the European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology - EAACI)

Opportunities for AI-enabled regulation: thinking the unthinkable **10'**

Julian Isla (Data and Artificial Intelligence Resource Manager at Microsoft and Member of Committee for Orphan Medicinal Products - COMP)

New trends and innovation in training development & delivery **10'**

John Kilroy (Founder of the Digital Learning Institute)

Panel and audience discussion **20'**

16:05 **Closing remarks**

Zaide Frias (Head of TDT, EMA) and Lars Bo Nielsen (Head of DKMA, Denmark)

Co-chairs and Moderators

- **Zaide Frias**, Head of Digital Business Transformation, EMA
- **Lars Bo Nielsen**, Head of Danish Medicines Agency (DKMA), Denmark
- **Lorraine Nolan**, Head of Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA), Ireland and Chair of EMA Management Board
- **Steffen Thirstrup**, Chief Medical Officer, EMA
- **Christa Wirthumer Hoche**, former EU NTC co-chair
- **Marko Korenjak**, Chair of Patients' and Consumers' Working Party (PCWP)
- **Melanie Carr**, Head of Stakeholders and Communication, EMA
- **Martin Harvey Allchurch**, Head of International Affairs, EMA

Speakers

- **Emer Cooke**, Executive Director, EMA
- **Rui Santos Ivo**, Head of National Authority of Medicines and Health Products (Infarmed), Portugal and Co-chair of EMA/HMA MAWP
- **Momir Radulovic**, Head of Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices of the Republic of Slovenia (JAZMP), Slovenia
- **Maria Jesus Lamas**, Head of Spanish Agency for Medicines and Health Products (AEMPS), Spain
- **Aimad Torqui**, Head of Division, Medicines Evaluation Board (MEB), The Netherlands
- **Harald Enzmann**, Chair of Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP), Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (BfArM), Germany
- **Sheila Kennedy**, EU NTC senior specialist, EMA
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