

2021 Public engagement highlights

Annual overview of the involvement of patient and healthcare professionals (HCP) in the work of EMA



Engagement during a health crisis

The COVID-19 pandemic has emphasised that engagement with patients and healthcare professionals is more important than ever. Patient and HCP representatives form part of [EMA's COVID-19 pandemic Task Force \(ETF\)](#). Their first-hand involvement in the coordination of regulatory action regarding vaccines and therapeutics for COVID-19 has reinforced trust in the regulatory decision-making process. EMA consulted key stakeholders to user-test key information and [visual materials](#) for its COVID-19 outreach strategy.

Stakeholder involvement in Medicine



Patient contribution to
EMA's work

Scientific Advice procedures:	90
Scientific Advisory Groups:	25
Committee consultations:	124
Review of documents:	192



HCP contribution to
EMA's work

Scientific Advice/Advisory Groups:	25
Committee consultations:	94
Review of documents:	26

Key events

Joint meeting of EMA's PCWP with FDA's PEC

Members of EMA's PCWP and the US- FDA/CTTI Patient Engagement Collaborative (PEC) met for the first time in a virtual meeting. The aim was to facilitate discussions and share ideas between members with geographical diversity but common interests. This meeting is planned to take place annually.

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EMA and HCP framework: Ten years of cooperation

December 2021 marked ten years of cooperation between EMA and HCP and their organisations under a formal framework of interaction. Doctors, nurses, and pharmacists contribute to EMA's mission by offering independent expertise and facilitating communication with the wider community of healthcare professionals across the EU.

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Working party meetings

March

Welcome by EMA's new Executive Director, COVID-19 updates.

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June

EMA's extended mandate, stakeholder engagement, SAGs, Big Data, ePI.

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September

COVID-19 updates, pharmacovigilance, CTIS, Big Data, priorities for 2022.

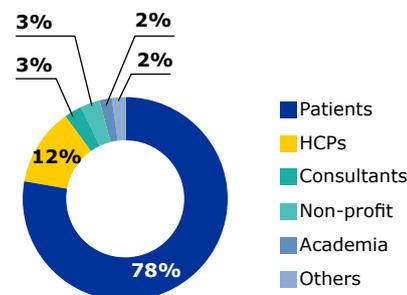
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November

EMA's ongoing initiatives, priorities for 2022.

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Queries by stakeholder



354% Increase in queries received

81% Overall satisfaction

Common topics

COVID-19 | Vaccines | Side effects | Comirnaty | Safety | Availability | Paediatric

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