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Minutes – Executive Steering Group on Shortages of Medical Devices (MDSSG)

23 March 2026, from 09:00 to 10:00 CET, TEAMS

MDSSG Co-Chairs: Emer Cooke (EMA) and HMA representative (elected during the meeting)

Item	Topics
1.	<p>Welcome, declaration of interest and adoption of the agenda</p> <p>EMA Co-Chair welcomed the participants to the meeting of the Executive Steering Group on Shortages of Medical Devices (MDSSG).</p> <p>The MDSSG secretariat reviewed members and experts declared interests in accordance with the Agency’s policy on handling of declarations of interests (DoI) of Scientific Committees’ members and experts, applicable to members and experts of the MDSSG. The MDSSG Secretariat announced that no competing interests relevant for the meeting were identified.</p>
2.	<p>Election of the Co-Chair</p> <p>According to the mandate of this group, the group is co-chaired by EMA and a representative of a Member State elected by and amongst the representatives of the Member States for a period of three years.</p> <p>A request for nominations for the Member States Co-chair was circulated prior to the meeting, and one nomination was received from Prof Karl Broich, BfArM, Germany.</p> <p>EMA secretariat provided instructions on the procedure for the formal election of the MDSSG Co-Chair representing the Member States. An election was held and MDSSG members voted electronically through the EU survey tool.</p> <p>The quorum was reached and 22 members voted. Prof Broich received 21 positive votes (95%), with one abstention, and was elected as Co-chair of the MDSSG.</p> <p>Karl Broich thanked the group and acknowledged the importance of the MDSSG work.</p>



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3.	<p>Proposed amendments to Regulations (EU) 2017/745 and (EU) 2017/746</p> <p>The European Commission (EC) presented the proposed amendments to the Medical Device Regulation (MDR) and In Vitro Diagnostics Regulation (IVDR). EC highlighted relevant background information on the evaluation report required by both Regulations and the outcome of the targeted consultation. Detailed information was presented on the objectives of the revision and the ongoing and planned work, including proposed provisions on shortage management.</p>
4.	<p>Mandate of the MDSSG</p> <p>EMA presented MDSSG tasks in relation to monitoring and mitigating shortages of critical medical devices in the context of a Public Health Emergency (PHE), as required by the Regulation (EU) 2022/123.</p> <p>In response to a question, EMA elaborated that information collected using the Critical Medical Device Shortages (CMDS) IT system and associated analyses will be made available to the MDSSG and the MD SPOC WP, where necessary. In addition, certain information will be published on a dedicated webpage in accordance with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2022/123.</p>
5.	<p>Critical Medical Device Shortages (CMDS) IT system – status update</p> <p>EMA provided an overview of the development of CMDS, noting that the minimum viable product was finalised in July 2023 and is subject to continuous improvement. CMDS allows analysis and monitoring of information to prevent or mitigate shortages of medical devices included in the critical list during public health emergencies (PHE) in the European Union/European Economic Area (EU/EEA).</p> <p>The MDSSG was informed about the CMDS IT roadmap for 2026-2027 and that a stress test of the system is planned for Q1 2027 which will be coordinated by EMA together with the MD SPOC WP.</p>
6.	AOB

Next meeting: tbc