



EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY
SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH

1995 – 2015 20 years of European Medicines Agency



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What to expect?

- How it all started
- Key milestones of patient involvement
- Celebrating 20 years of EMA
- 20th anniversary events in 2015





How it all started: Pharmaceutical legislation

26 January 1965 - adoption of Council Directive 65/65 on the approximation of the law relating to medicinal products

First piece of EU pharmaceutical legislation introduced some founding principles valid until today.





EU pharmaceutical sector

- Employs 1.8% of total manufacturing workforce.
- Main R&D employer (over 110,000 people).
- EU world's biggest trader in medicinal and pharmaceutical products in 2013 (159.9 bn EUR).
- Most importantly **450 million patients**.





50th anniversary of EU pharmaceutical legislation

- Conference organised by EC – 28 September 2015
- The EU has one of the safest and most advanced systems for monitoring the safety of medicines.
- Medicines authorised in the EU are of high quality and undergo a detailed assessment of benefits and risk before placed on the market.
- The safety of medicines is continuously monitored also after the authorisation.



1995 – 2015

20 years of European Medicines Agency

Agency founded on 26 January 1995

- Protection of public health by assessing medicines
- Providing partners with independent, science-based information on medicines
- Ensuring safety, efficacy and high quality of medicines
- Promoting research and innovation
- Cooperation with EU regulatory network





1995 – 2015

20 years of European Medicines Agency

Today:

- 7 scientific committees
- Over 30 working parties
- Several thousands of European scientific experts
- 975 human medicines and 188 veterinary medicines recommended for approval





Overview of activities over the 20 years

Dedicated webpage

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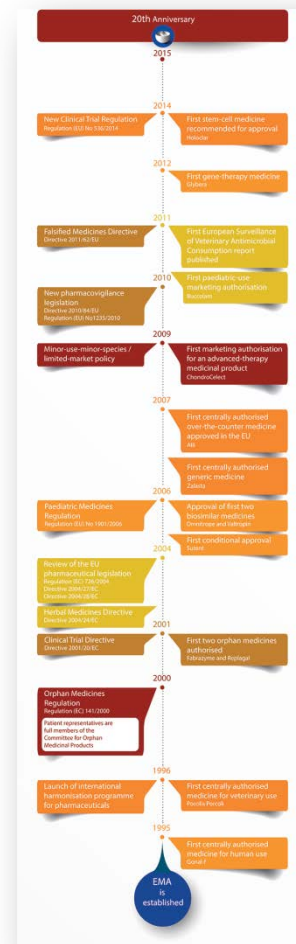
20th anniversary of EMA



26 January 2015 marks the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the European Medicines Agency (EMA). Founded in 1995, the Agency has worked across the EU and globally to protect public health by assessing medicines to rigorous scientific standards and by providing partners and stakeholders with independent, science-based information on medicines.



1995 – 2015: 20 years of European Medicines Agency





Key milestones of patients involvement

Establishment of EMA

Creation of EMEA/CPMP
Working Group with Patients'
organisations

Framework of EMA interaction
with patients' and consumers'
organisations

COMP – the first scientific
Committee to include patient
representatives as full members

Representatives of patients',
healthcare professionals' and
veterinarians' organisations join EMA
Management Board





Establishment of the
PCWP and HCPWG

CAT is established - two members
representing patients and healthcare
professionals

PRAC starts operations with two
members representing patients and
healthcare professionals

2006

2008

2011

2012

2013

PDCO is established – two members
representing patients and healthcare
professionals

Framework for interaction
between the EMA and
healthcare professionals

Creation of European Medicines
Agency Human Scientific Committees'
Working Party with Healthcare
Professionals' Organisations (HCPWP)



Staff celebrations

- On 26 January 2015
 - Former directors and staff members present
 - Ribbon cutting and choir
 - General Assembly with speeches, evening celebration
- Monthly events for staff, committee and working party members throughout the year



Scientific conference: Patients at the heart of future innovation

Main theme: looking at the future challenges, how to support innovation to increase public health.

290 participants attending

Speech by Margaret Hamburg, Commissioner, US FDA.

Keynote addresses by

- Elias Zerhouni, President, Global R&D, SanofiSir
- Mark Walport, Chief Scientific Adviser to Her Majesty's Government





20th anniversary book

Contents:

- Progress in science and developing new medicines
- Unmet health needs and health threats
- Robust decision-making facilitating access to treatment
- From marketing authorisation-only to life span approach
- Access to data and empowering patients





Internal anniversary monthly events (selection)

- Feb. ■ Ensuring quality in Low and Middle Income Countries
- Mar. - ■ Falsified and substandard medicines
- Apr. - ■ Innovation in veterinary medicines in global food security
- May - ■ Rare diseases – innovation provides hope to patients
- Jun. - ■ Pathfinder – innovative medicines for patients
- ■ How to make data talk - lecture

panel debate

roundtable

lunchtime talk

lecture

video

workshop



Internal anniversary monthly events (continued)

- Jul. - ■ Making medicines safer: implementation of PhV legislation
- Sep. - ■ Health literacy: getting health information across
- Oct. - ■ Tailoring medicines for children
- Nov. - ■ Antimicrobial resistance – a challenge in human and veterinary practice
- Dec. - ■ Patients as driving force: 10 years Patients and Consumer WP

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Thank you for your attention

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