

Report on PCWP/HCPWP virtual meeting on
24/02/2020:
Development of a concept paper to prevent
shortages

EMA PCWP/HCPWP joint meeting 04 March 2020

Meeting objectives

- Gathering initial views of what could be included in the concept paper
- Discussing the involvement of patients, consumers and HCPs in the development of the concept paper
- Sharing examples of ongoing problems and existing solutions
 - Presentations by PGEU+EAHP+EURORDIS; EPHA;UEMO; EAU (See Jan's summary)
 - Update on aspects already discussed by the HMA/EMA Task Force

Main outcomes

- General interest from participants to contribute to the concept paper.
- The concept paper should be debated **by the Commission and the Council**.
- The **concept paper should mainly focus on prevention**
 - Measures for shortages' management that have proven to work in different countries should also be contemplated in the paper.
 - Further reflection is needed on how best to address the prevention vs management aspects.
- Using “**alternative treatments**” to mitigate shortages will need to be framed properly as it may have **heavy consequences on patient's health**.
- **Improving communication** with patients, HCPs & manufacturers is important to better estimate the potential impact of shortages and allow for early action.

Methodology

- 4 co-rapporteurs from PCWP/HCPWP
 - Francois Houyes (EURORDIS), Charlotte Roffiaen (EPHA), Christian Keijzer (CPME) and Jan de Belie (PGEU)
 - Will collect input from interested members in the WPs and work with TWG2 and TWG3 on the draft concept paper
- The draft concept paper is expected to be presented and further discussed at the **PCWP/HCPWP meeting on 2-3 June.**
- The PCWP/HCPWP are also available to **contribute to the EC study on the root causes of shortages.**