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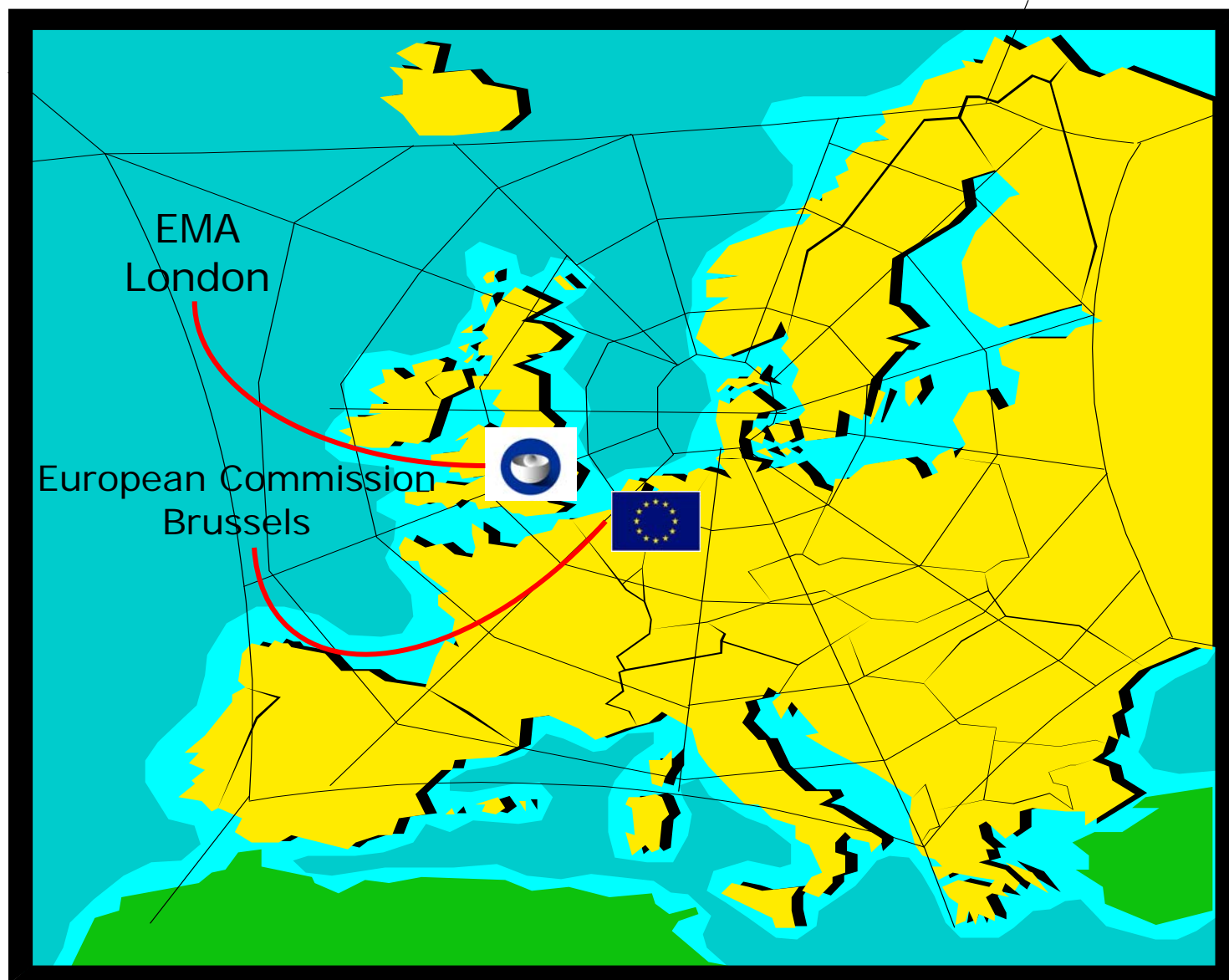
Accession preparation - Phasing-in

Reinforcing patient safety in Europe
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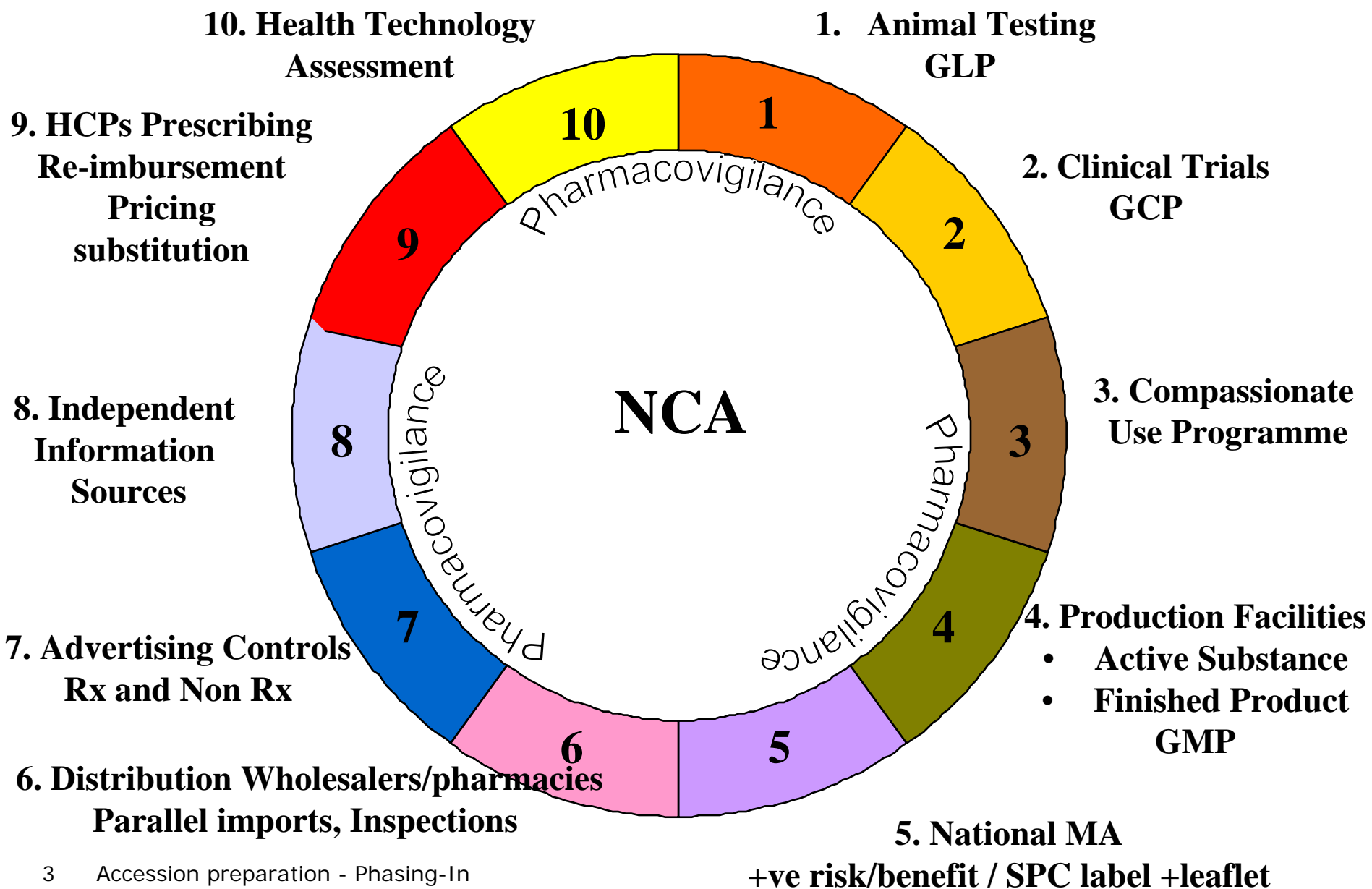


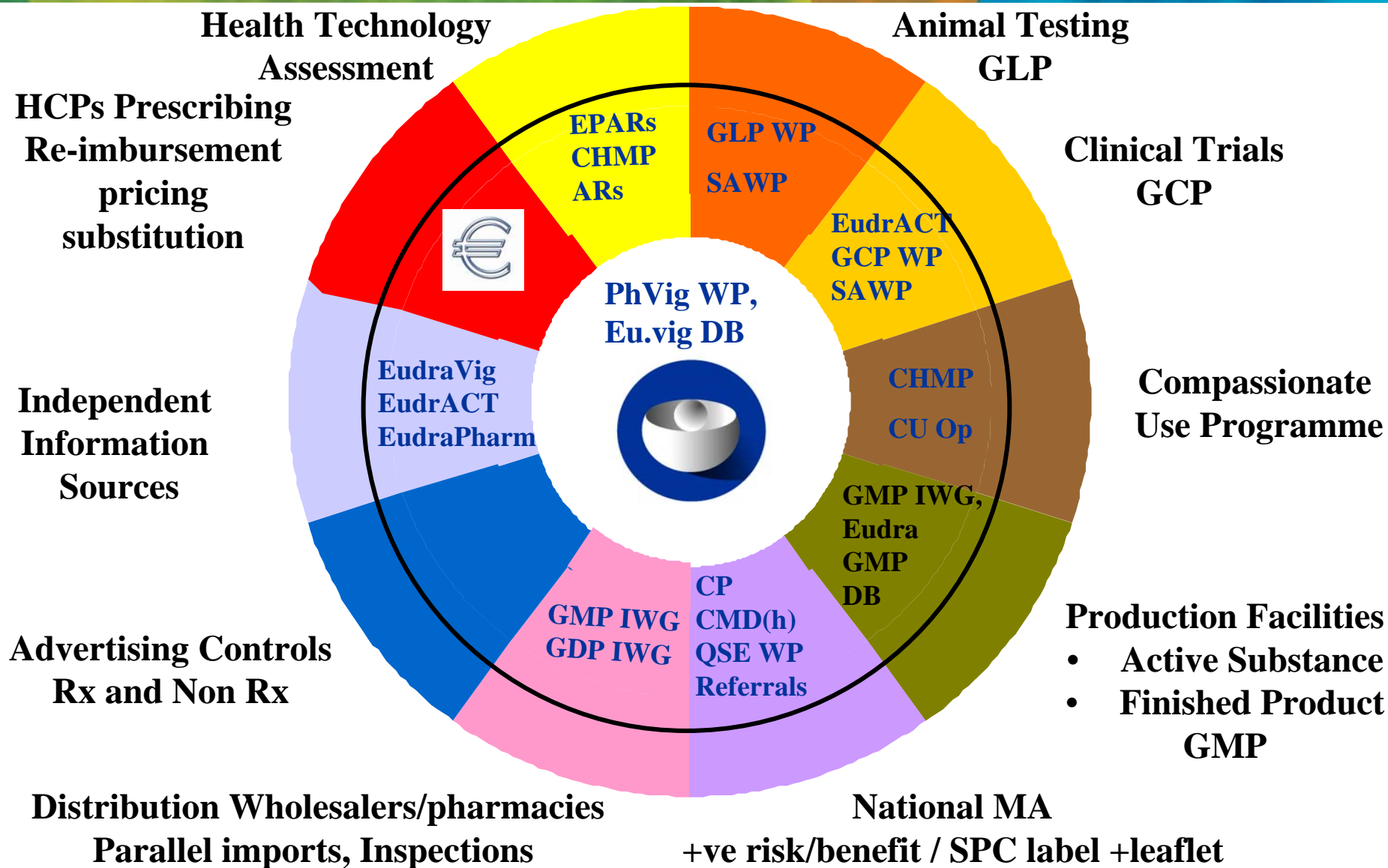
Operational roles and responsibilities within an enlarged EU

Impact on National MAs as of Accession

Expected Contribution to the Network

Facilitating Operation of the Network







Impact on National MAs as of Accession

Nature of medicinal product concerned

= vast majority stay national

= “update in compliance with Acquis” exercise

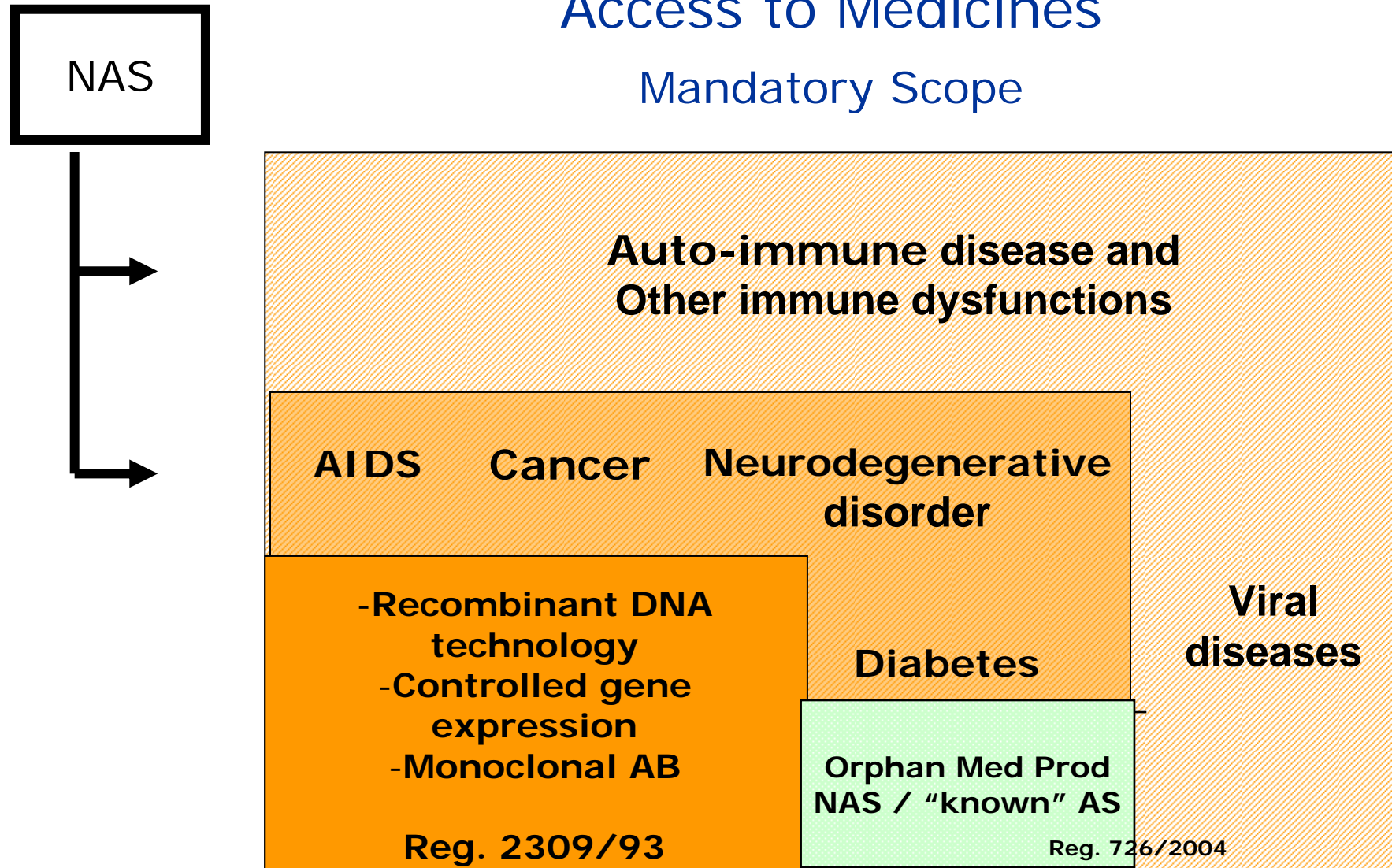
❖ Certain product types suitable for MR/DCP =
will lead to National MA = but linked and harmonised

❖ Certain product types obligatory CP



Access to Medicines

Mandatory Scope





Access to Medicines Optional Scope

Art. 3(2) of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004

Art. 3(2)(a)

New Active
Substances

Art. 3(2)(b)

Significant
Innovation

-Therapeutic
&/or
Scientific
&/or
Technical

OR

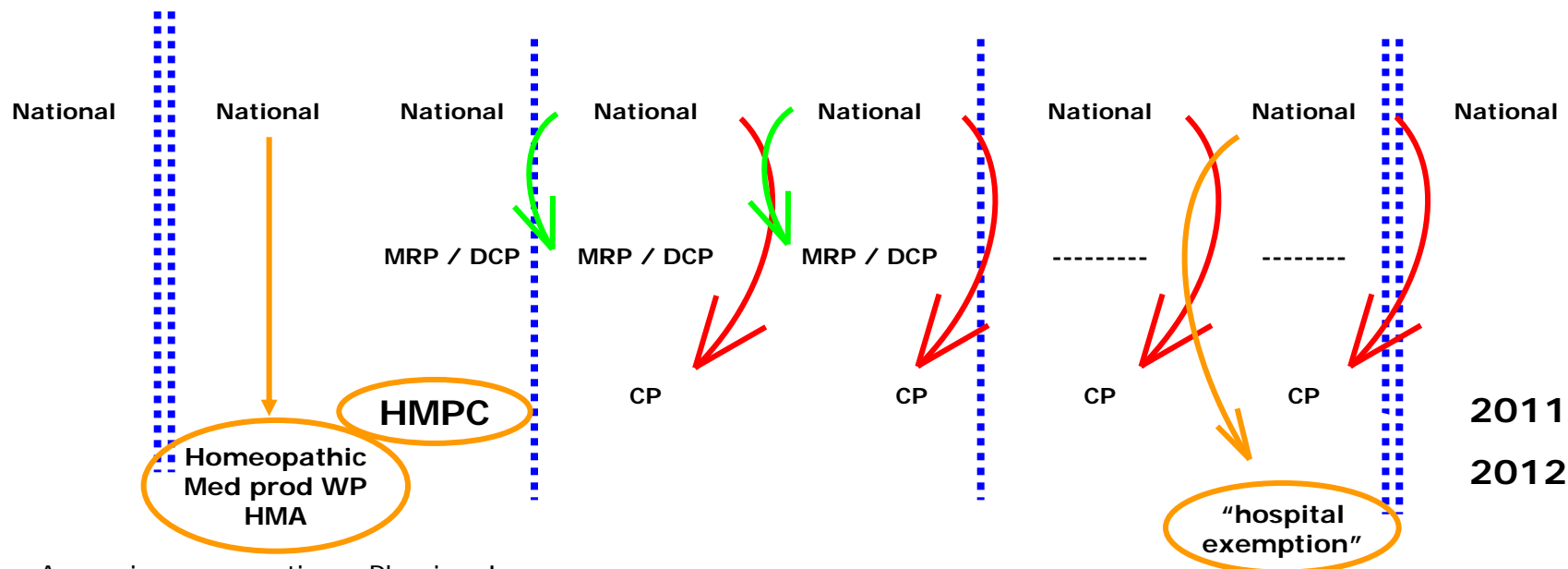
Interest of
Patients at
Community
Level

← "known" AS →



Impact on National MAs as of Accession

Food Supplements	Homeopathics	Trad Herbals	Chemical Active Substances	Biologicals (trad)	Biologicals (high tech)	ATMPs	Medical Devices
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Levels of harmonisation drive impact

A. Centralised Medicinal Product

- = No national equivalent MA allowed

- = Central MA effective as of Accession

B. Community Referral Procedure with partial / complete SPC harmonisation

- = “expected” to be implemented into National MA

C. MRP / DCP Medicinal Products

- = “invited” to be implemented into National MA (repeat use procedure)



National MAs: Continued Independence of action?

It depends....

- MRP / DCP → fully linked for all regulatory actions
- Quality defects; Emerging safety issues
rapid communication through network → NuI / Rapid Alert System (RAS)
- Pharmacovigilance safety actions ; suspension triggers Art. 107 Procedure → takes issue to EU level
- Community Interest Art. 31 referrals impacts on national MA
- NCA can take interim suspension of use action for all products regardless legal basis approval



National MAs Continued Independence of Action? Case studies

Art. 107 –

Ketoprofen gel = phototoxicity

Nimesulide = Hepatotoxicity

Art. 31 –

Dextropropoxyphene = risk of accidental overdose and death

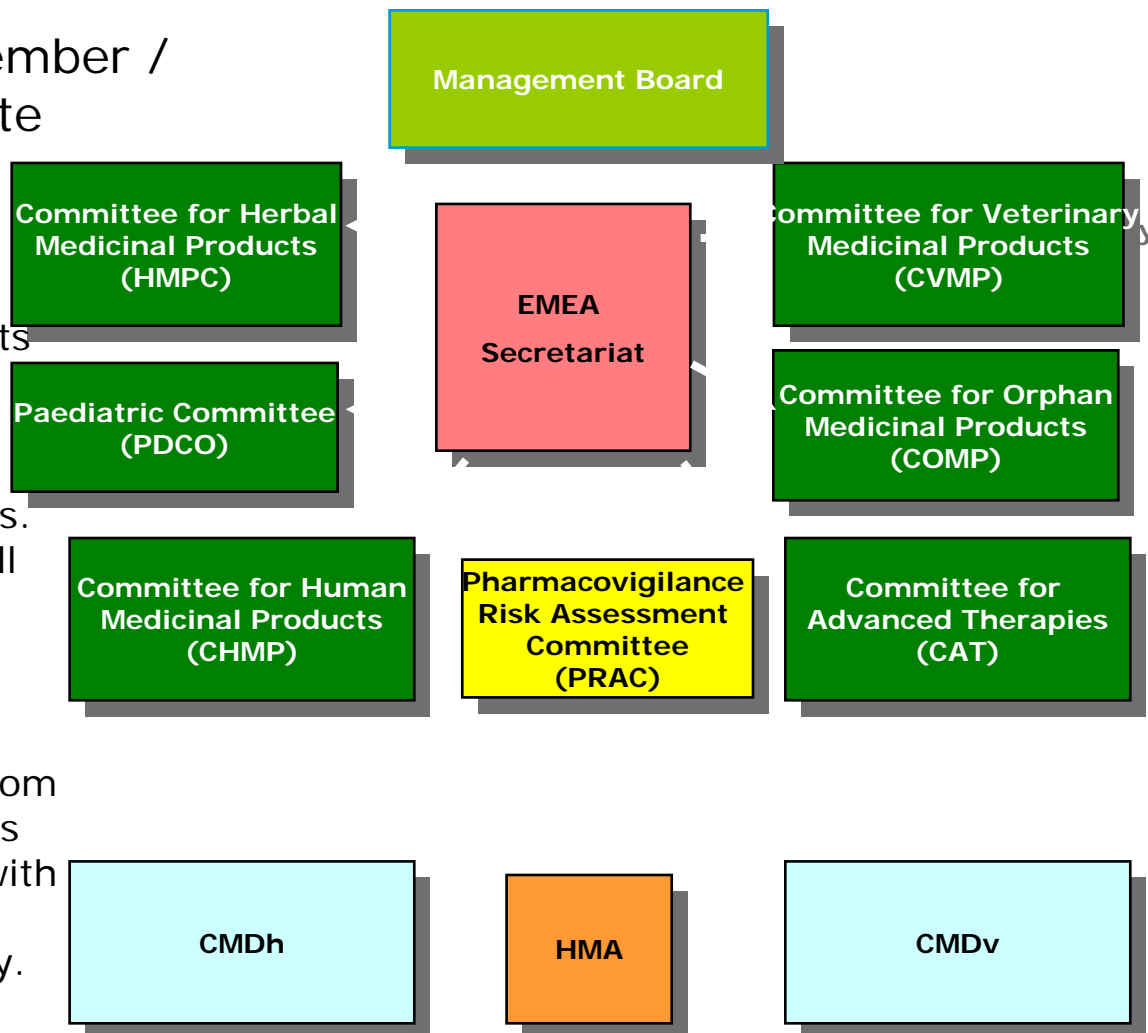


Expected Contribution to the Network

Legislatively Mandated One Member /
One Alternate per Member State

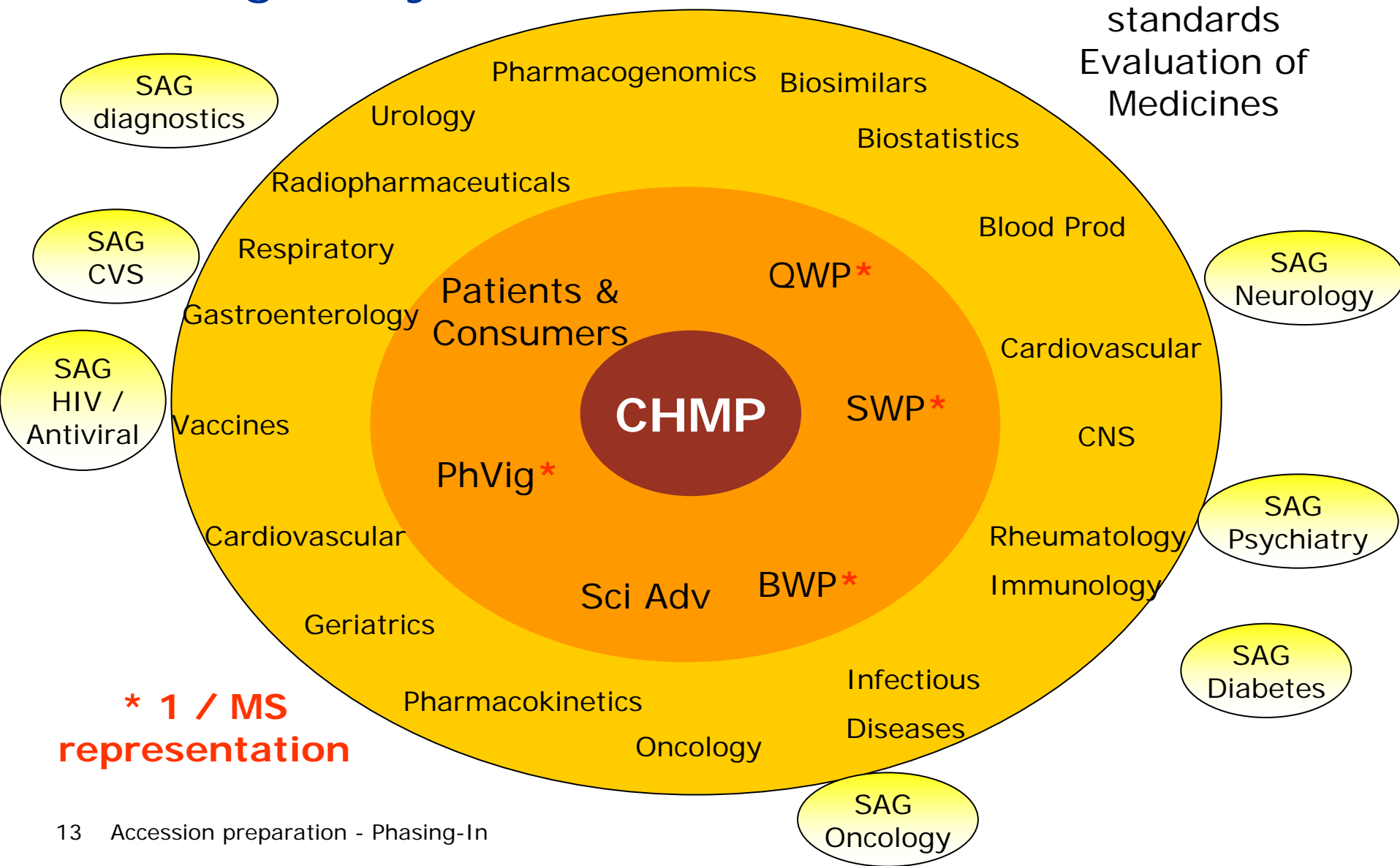
Role: Rapporteur/
Peer Reviewer/Voting Member

Members of the committees and experts responsible for evaluating medicinal products shall rely on the scientific evaluation and resources available to national marketing authorisation bodies. Each competent national authority shall monitor the scientific level and independence of the evaluation carried out and facilitate the activities of nominated committee members and experts. Member States shall refrain from giving committee members and experts any instruction which is incompatible with their own individual tasks or with the tasks and responsibilities of the Agency.





Working Party Constellation





MS Co-ordination structures

Mutual Recognition and De-centralised Procedures

MRFG
< 1995 >
(h/v)



CMDh
< 2005 >
(h/v)

Inspections

Clinical Trials

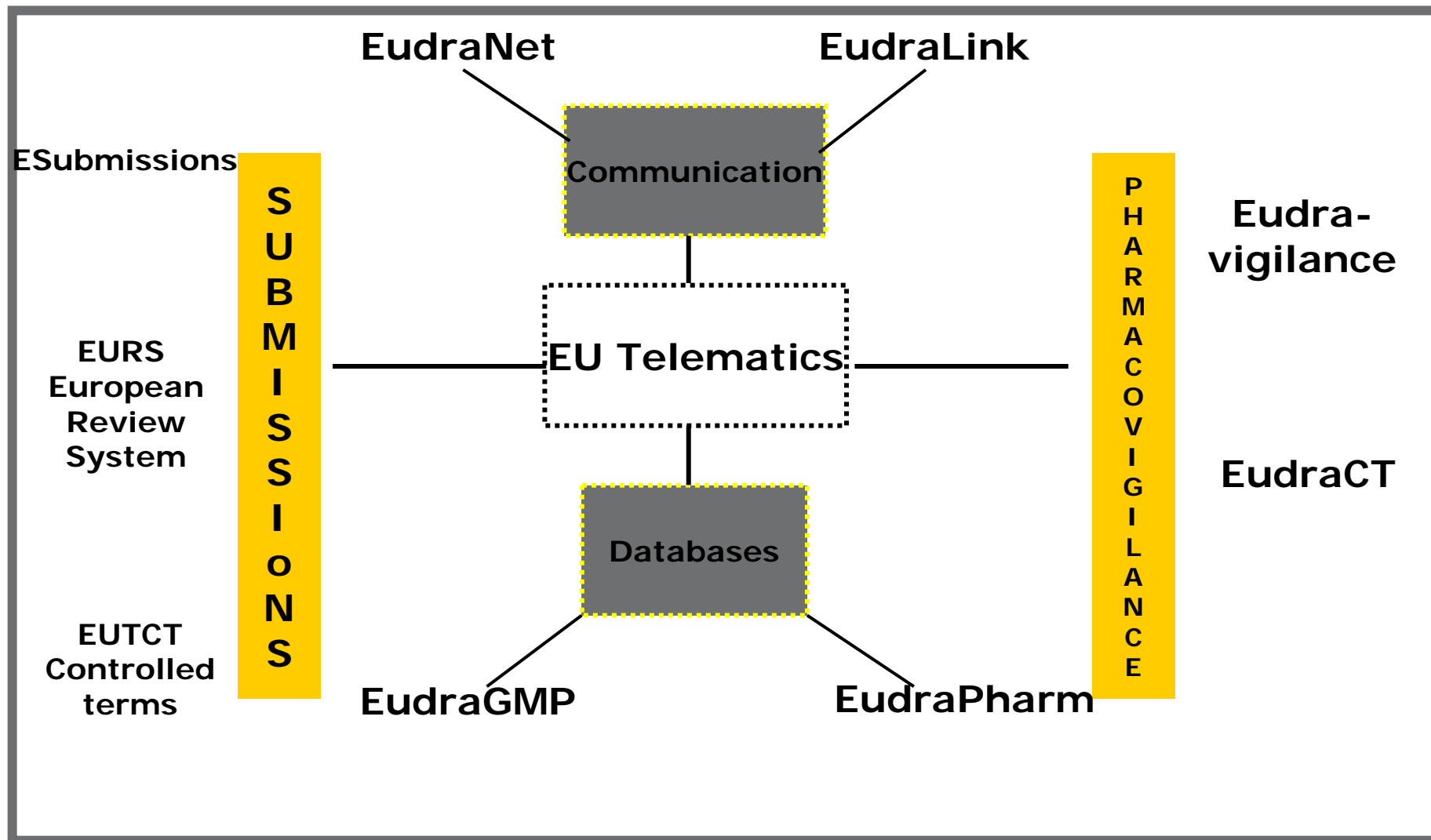
GMP IWG
GCP IWG
GDP IWG

CTFG



Communication system

EudraData Warehouse





Financing the system

