



EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY
SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH

HMPC – the plant committee

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Who are the members of HMPC?

- One chair and one vice-chair
- One member nominated by each of the 28 EU Member States.
- One member nominated by the Iceland and Norway
- Up to five co-opted members (experts)
- One patient representative



New management in 2017



HMPC Chair:
Marisa Delbo (IT)



HMPC Vice-Chair:
Emiel van Galen
(NL)





The problem with tradition

- **A European Union Monograph can only be prepared when the following criteria is fulfilled:**
 - **The herbal preparation has been in use for at least 30 years**
 - **And the herbal preparation has been in use in the EU for a least 15 years**
 - **The clinical efficacy is based on longstanding use and plausibility**
- **Excludes to a large extent new products, Chinese traditional medicines and Ayurvedic traditional medicines**



What have HMPC achieved?

- **174 European Union Monographs**
- **Revision of older monographs**
- **12 European Union List entries (incl. subspecies)**

Latin name of herbal substance	Botanical name of plant	English common name of herbal substance	Status
Millefolii flos	Achillea millefolium L.	Yarrow Flower	F
Millefolii herba	Achillea millefolium L.	Yarrow	F
Adhatodae vasicae folium	Adhatoda vasica Nees	Malabar-nut leaf	F
Hippocastani semen	Aesculus hippocastanum L.	Horse-Chestnut Seed	F
Hippocastani cortex	Aesculus hippocastanum L.	Horse-chestnut bark	F
Agrimoniae herba	Agrimonia eupatoria L.	Agrimony	F





Thank you!