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EMA support to and involvement in regulatory science

HCPWP workshop on the framework of collaboration with academia, 15 June 2016

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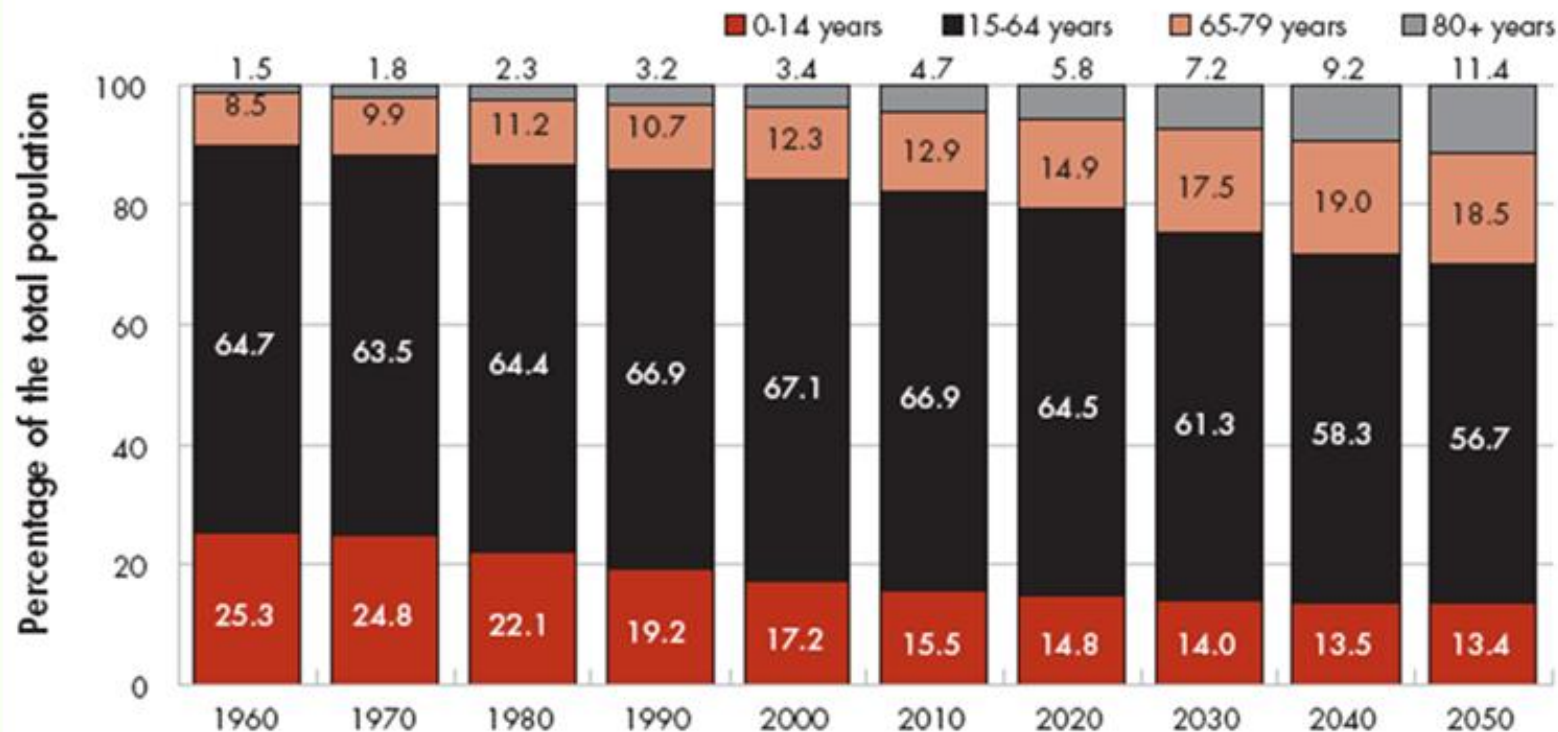
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Population structure by major age groups, EU-25; 1960, 1970, ..., 2050



Sources: Eurostat – Demographic statistics (1960-2000) and 2004-based Eurostat population projections, trend scenario, baseline variant (2010-2050).



"The costs of many new medical products are becoming unsustainable for even the wealthiest countries in the world."
- Margaret Chan, World Health Organization

Global Medicine
Spending 2014
\$1 Trillion



1 in 3 Americans
with a chronic disease



has difficulty paying for food, medications, or both

In India 115,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year



The cost of medicine makes it out of reach
for 3/4 of the population

United in diversity



9 May – Europe Day



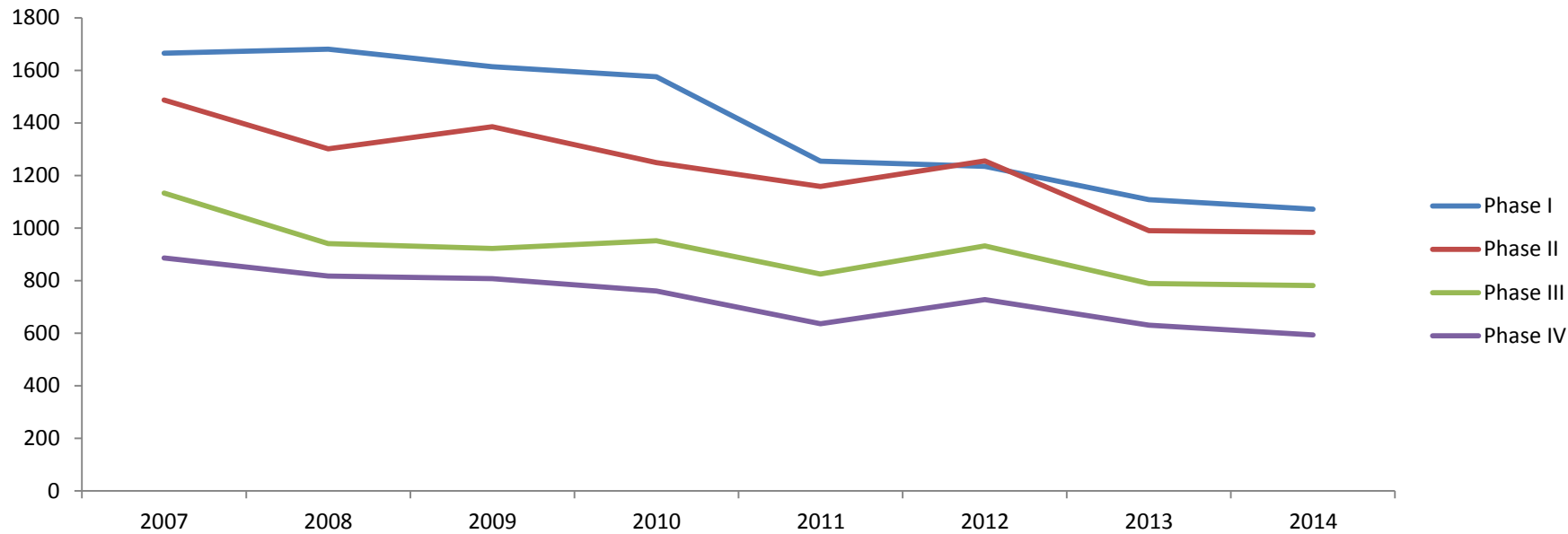
DIVIDED NATIONS

Why global governance is failing, and what we


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Clinical Trials in Europe





Global environmental changes / trends

- Costs for R&D are increasing
- Cost of innovative medicines are increasing
- Investments are moving away from Europe
- Ageing population will drive up consumption of medicines
- Number of expiring patents steadily decreasing
- Supply chain is increasingly complex, medicines shortages in some areas

EU Medicines Agencies Network Strategy to 2020



towards a system that

- is more agile
- more likely to deliver innovative medicine
- meets unmet medical needs
- fosters excellence, incl:
- effective use of resources available across the EU
- is patient focused
- promotes better regulation
- ensures effective communication
- ...



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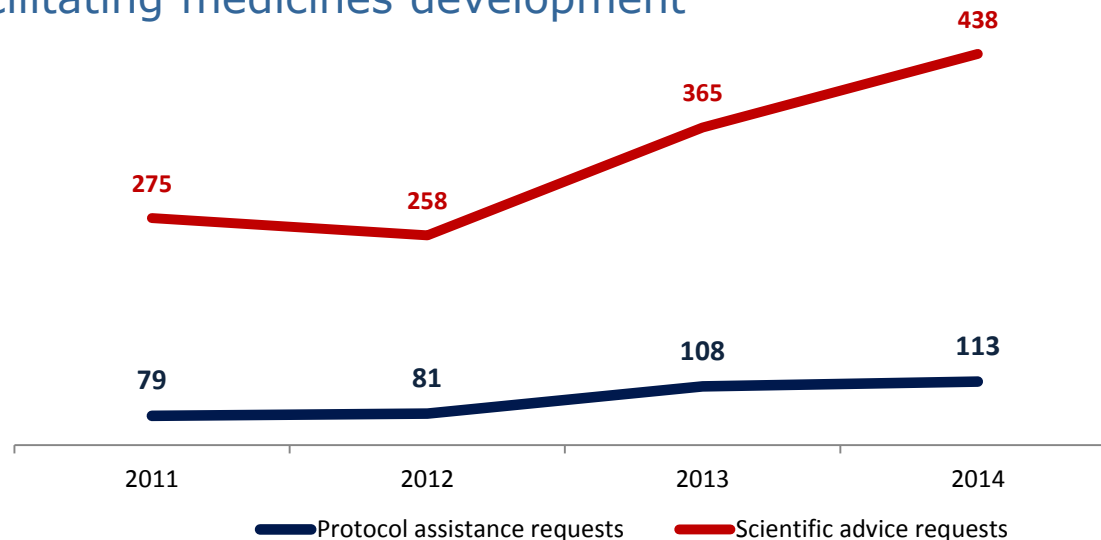
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Scientific Advice

Facilitating medicines development



- Growth area
- 15 countries active
- Short cycle procedures (40 or 70 days)
- Strong integration in all Committee work



EMA-HTA Parallel Scientific Advice

Experience so far

- **73 parallel EMA – HTA SA procedures** with EU HTA bodies from UK, Italy, Germany, Sweden, France, Netherlands, Spain, Belgium, Austria, Poland, Norway, Hungary
- **Broad range of indications:**
Lung cancer, Breast cancer, Pancreas cancer, Melanoma, Asthma, COPD, Diabetes, Heart Failure, Depression, Alzheimer's, Migraine, Infections, Rare diseases, Myasthenia Gravis

The screenshot shows a web page from the European Medicines Agency (EMA) website. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Product Sector' (with sub-links for MedTech, Pharmaceuticals, and Diagnostics), 'Regulatory Region', and 'Pre-marketing Regulation'. The article is titled 'Demand Soars For Parallel EMA-HTA Advice' and is dated '24 November 2015' by 'Maureen Kenny'. The text of the article states: 'There has been a huge increase in use by drug companies of the scheme that enables them to get simultaneous feedback on their development plans for new medicines from the European Medicines Agency and national health technology assessment (HTA) bodies. Almost 50% of the 62 procedures that have taken place since the scheme was launched as a pilot in 2010 have taken place this year. Twenty eight procedures have taken place in 2015 to date, well over twice the number – 11 – that took place in 2014. The EMA puts the increase down to the appreciation by applicants for the platform and its usefulness to them and to the fact that "applicants and regulators/HTA colleagues are now more experienced" in this kind of interaction with multiple stakeholders¹.'

SME Office: tailoring assistance to SMEs



A strategic regulatory toolbox to promote innovation & development of new medicines by SMEs:

- A single interface, facilitate communication
- SME assignment, public SME register
- Fee incentives, regulatory assistance, translations
- News bulletins, SME user guide, workshops

In 2015,

- 1450 SME companies registered with EMA

1 August 2014
EMA/960940/2011

User guide for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises

on the administrative and procedural aspects of the provisions laid down in regulation (EC) No 726/2004, that are of particular relevance to SMEs



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Innovation Task Force

- **Free of charge, early dialogue** on **scientific, legal and regulatory** issues
- **knowledge exchange** on innovative strategies involving **EU network**
- **address the impact of emerging therapies and technologies** on current regulatory system
- identify the **need for specialised expertise** at an early stage
- identify issue of particular interest to regulators in **preparing for formal procedures** (e.g. biomarkers qualifications, scientific advice)



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Box 1. Oncology white spots (Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities terminology).

- Bone neoplasms malignant (excl. sarcomas)
- Epithelioid sarcomas
- Lymphangiosarcomas
- Mesenchymomas
- Pineal neoplasms
- Ocular neoplasms (excl. melanoma)
- Renal pelvis and ureter neoplasms
- Small intestinal neoplasms malignancy
- Germ cell neoplasms



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Box 2. Viral infections white spots (Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities terminology).

- Arenaviral infections
- Newcastle viral infections
- Parapox viral infections
- Paravaccinia viral infections
- Astroviral infections
- Echo viral infections
- Filoviral infections
- Hantaviral infections
- Phleboviral infections
- Prion-associated disorders



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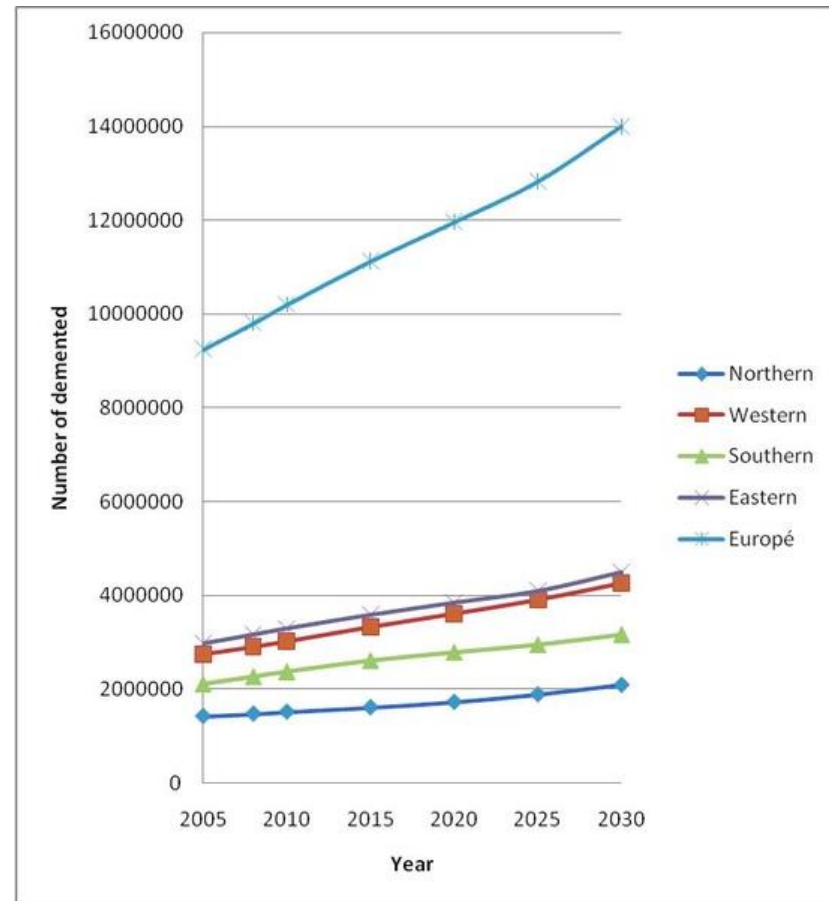
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Box 3. Psychiatric disorders white spots (Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities terminology).

- Amnestic disorders
- Confusion and disorientation
- Delusional disorders
- Infancy, childhood and adolescent psychiatric disorders
- Gender Identity Disorders
- Parasomnias
- Personality disorder with eccentric behavior (Cluster A)
- Personality disorder with dramatic behavior (Cluster B)

SA: Alzheimer's Disease activity

- Unprecedented numbers of SA
 - Unprecedented numbers of initial MAAs: **0**
 - Data sharing initiative
- what went wrong?



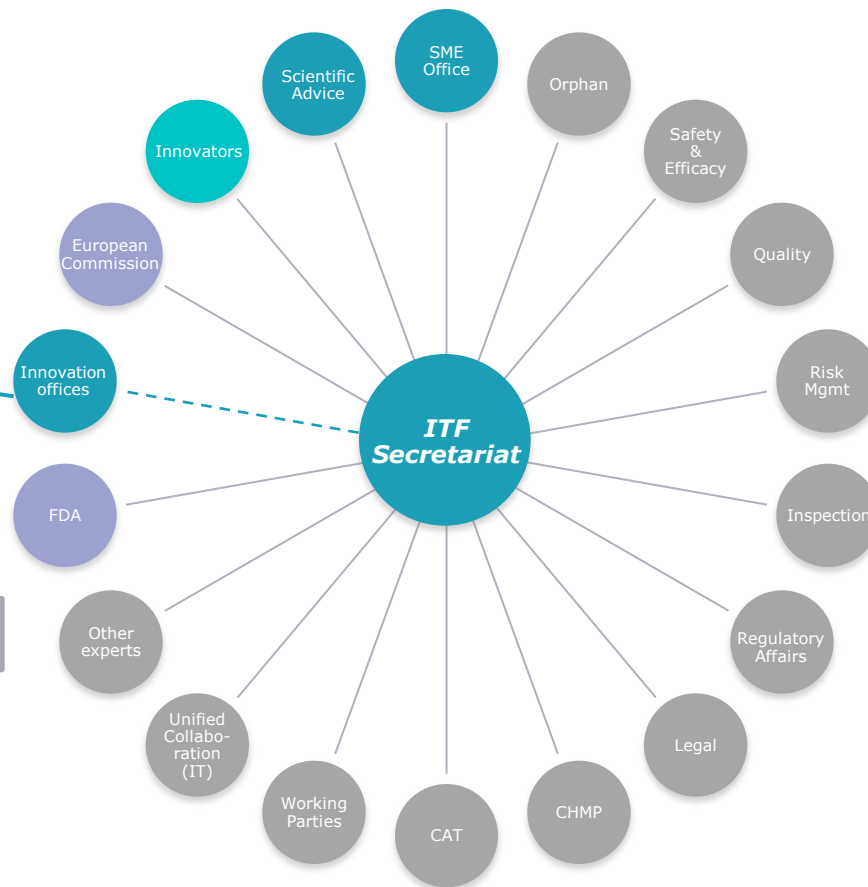
- **Borderline products and Novel and technologies**
 - Cosmetic / Food → Def. MoA (MDEG / Helsinki)
 - Biomaterials
 - Demarcation towards cell, tissue and blood regulation
 - Combination products / principle MoA
 - Nanotechnology
- **Regulatory framework** for “really” **Personalised Medicines**
 - N=1 trials
 - treatment algorithms
 - Conditions vs. MoA
 - Modelling and Simulation / Extrapolation
- **eHealth**
 - Health Apps,
 - electronic data collection / processing in CTs / e-consent
- **Bedside manufacturing**
 - bring the (individualised) product to the patient,
 - technical integration / cont. manufacturing / QbD
- **“Expertise” gap / bridge** for SA during drug development
 - NC → FiM CT → Phase II / III design (global FDA / PMDA)



EU Innovation Network



Multi-disciplinary/MSs network





IMI consortia we provide support to:



PATIENT-SMART

In addition:

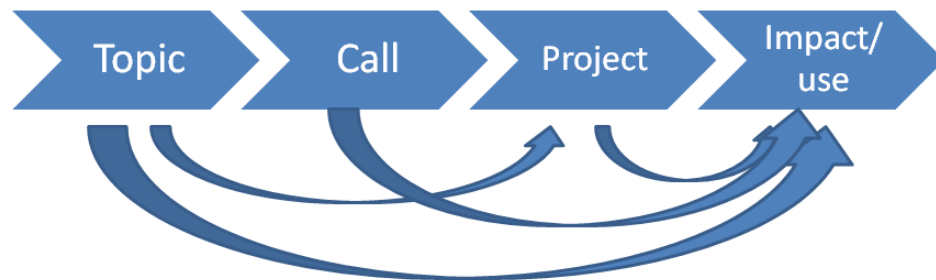
- Advisory board membership
- Dedicated liaison officer



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Regulatory science projects



Considerations: as strategic and effective as possible

- Resource implications
- Conflict of interest – perceived or real
- Alignment with Network Strategy 2020
- Impact on EU public health
- Existing opportunities for regulatory interaction
- Not at the bidding stage – no competitive (dis)advantage

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