



EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY
SCIENCE MEDICINES HEALTH

Feedback from teleconference on handling of conflicts of interest for patients' and consumers' organisations





- Policy endorsed by EMA Management Board and into effect since September 2011
- Reviewed in March 2012
- Purpose:
 - Robust, efficient, transparent system
 - Balance between securing the best expertise/free of interest



- Feedback: negative impact from patients' organisations
 - Funding of organisations
 - Definition of consultancy
 - Restrictions for participation



- Analysis:
 - Robust, transparent system in place
 - Restrictions only applies to committee members
 - Establish a double standard is not desirable
 - Importance of transparency regarding funding of organisations



Next steps

- feedback received to be taken into account
- Please send any other questions/suggestions to be included in the review (with examples!)
- Workshop with all partners in spring 2013
- Consider policy revision – proposal to Management Board in June 2013

Other relates initiatives

- Electronic CV – improve processing and better control
- Publication of minutes of all EMA scientific committee by end 2013

We will keep you updated on development