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Framework on the interaction between the EMA and healthcare professionals

Progress since 28 Feb 2012

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Objectives of the Framework

Endorsed by the Management Board on 15 December 2011

- Enhance the participation of healthcare professionals' organisations in certain Agency activities with the aim of **obtaining information on the current use of medicines in clinical practice and their therapeutic environment**, for the purposes of benefit/risk decision-making;
- **Provide clear and useful information on medicines to HCPs**, to support their role in the safe and rational use of medicines;
- Optimise and further develop **appropriate communication tools** that support provision of information to and collection of feedback from HCPs;
- Enhance HCPs **understanding of the EU Medicines Regulatory Network**;
- Facilitate and encourage the **cascade of information** to the constituencies of HCPOs (*i.e.* to reach out to HCPs at national level).



The framework relies on three critical elements:

- A network of European healthcare professionals' organisations;
- Interaction with the EU Regulatory Network in the field of communication (with particular emphasis on safety communication);
- A forum of exchange with healthcare professionals' organisations established within the Agency: the EMA Healthcare Professionals' Working Party (HCPWP).



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1. Creation of a network of European HCPs' organisations

- 29 February 2012 – call for expression of interest to become and eligible organisation was launched
- June and August 2012 - evaluation of applications received
 - ✓ positive outcome for 12 out of 15 applications
- 24 August the first list of eligible organisations was published
- More applications have been received and assessment is on-going (next evaluation meeting in early October 2012)



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Eligible organisations to date

- Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME)
- European Association for Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics (EACPT)
- European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD)
- European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP)
- European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN)
- European League Against Rheumatism (EULAR)
- European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO)
- European Specialist Nurses Organisations (ESNO)
- European Society of Cardiology (ESC)
- European Society of Endocrinology (ESE)
- European Society of Radiology (ESR)
- Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU)



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2. Establishment of the Healthcare Professionals WP

- Expression of interest by eligible HCPOS ongoing - EACPT, EAHP, EASD, ESMO, ESR, EULAR and PGEU have already confirmed interest
 - ✓ List of proposed members to be presented to the Executive Director in Dec 2012 (balanced representation of different types of HCPs will be seek);
 - ✓ A representative of each SC to be nominated as a member;
 - ✓ Observers from MB, CMDh, and PCWP to be identified.
- Work plan 2013 to be presented and discussed today.
- First meeting of the HCPWP planned for 27 Feb 2013:
 - ✓ Mandate and Rules of procedure;
 - ✓ Election of co-chair.



Monitoring and reporting

- As part of the implementation of the framework, systems will be put in place to:
 - Monitor the existing interaction and participation
 - Report on performance at regular intervals
- A report will be presented to the EMA Management Board and Human scientific committees in 2013, and subsequently each year, on the progress made, including an analysis of performance indicators, feedback received from healthcare professionals' organisations and an overview of the work undertaken by the HCPWP.
- The work to be undertaken in the context of the Agency's interaction with healthcare professionals' organisations will be incorporated in the Agency's annual Work Programme.