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# Introduction to the UPD

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Veterinary Info Day for SMEs

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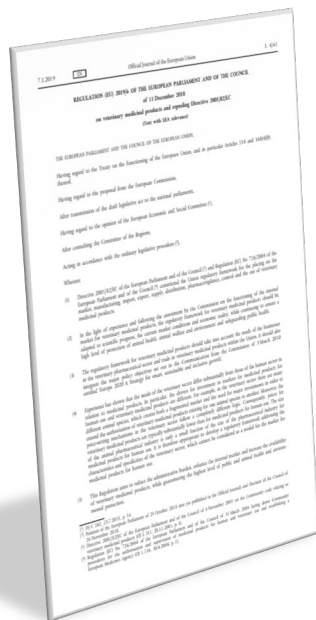


# Overview

- UPD programme and project context
- Project status

# Regulation (EU) 2019/6 on veterinary medicinal products

Replaces Directive 2001/82/EC within the overall aim of achieving 'Better Regulation' in the EU



*provides for a modern, innovative and fit for purpose legal framework*

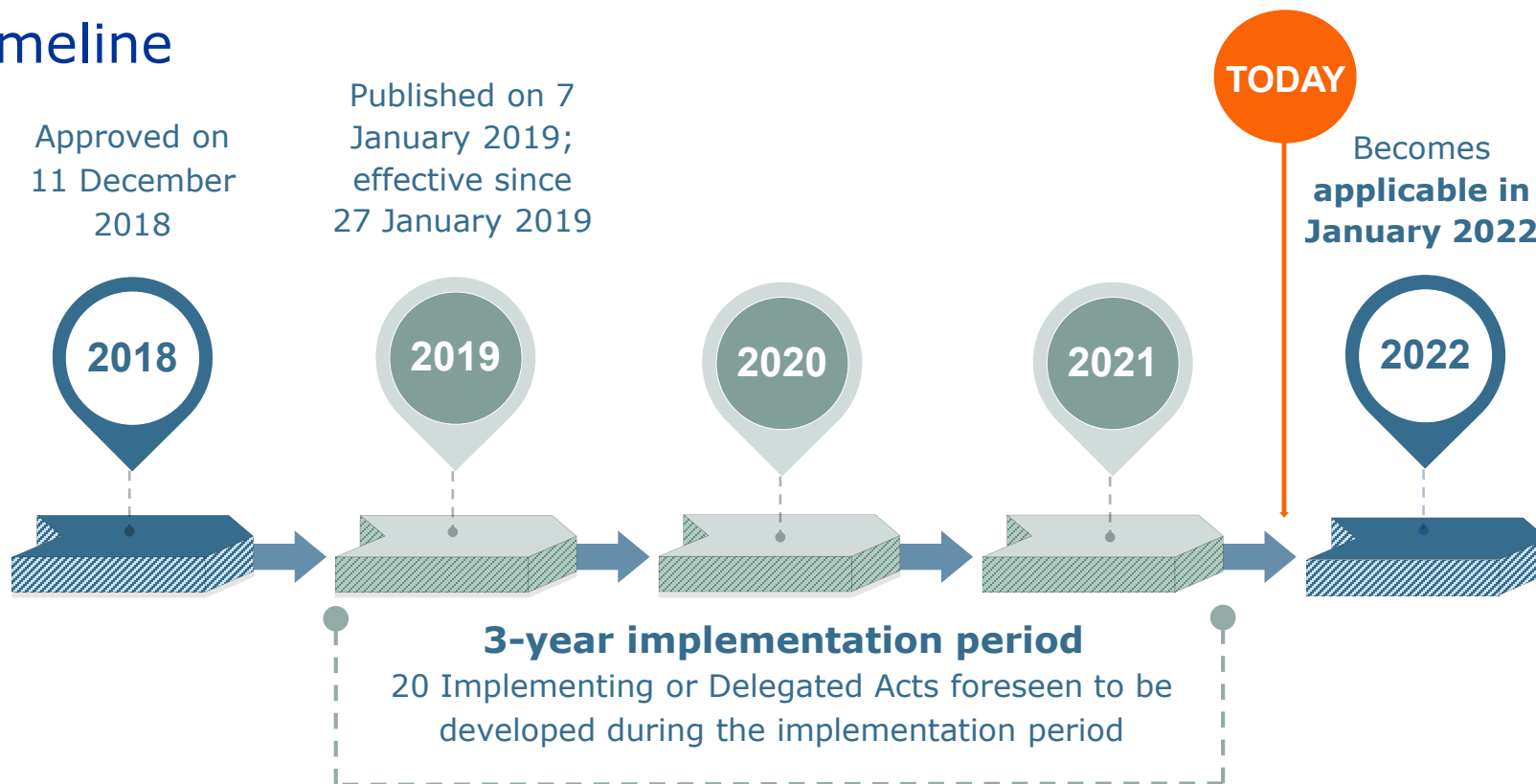
*gives incentives to stimulate innovation*

*gives incentives to increase the availability of veterinary medicines*

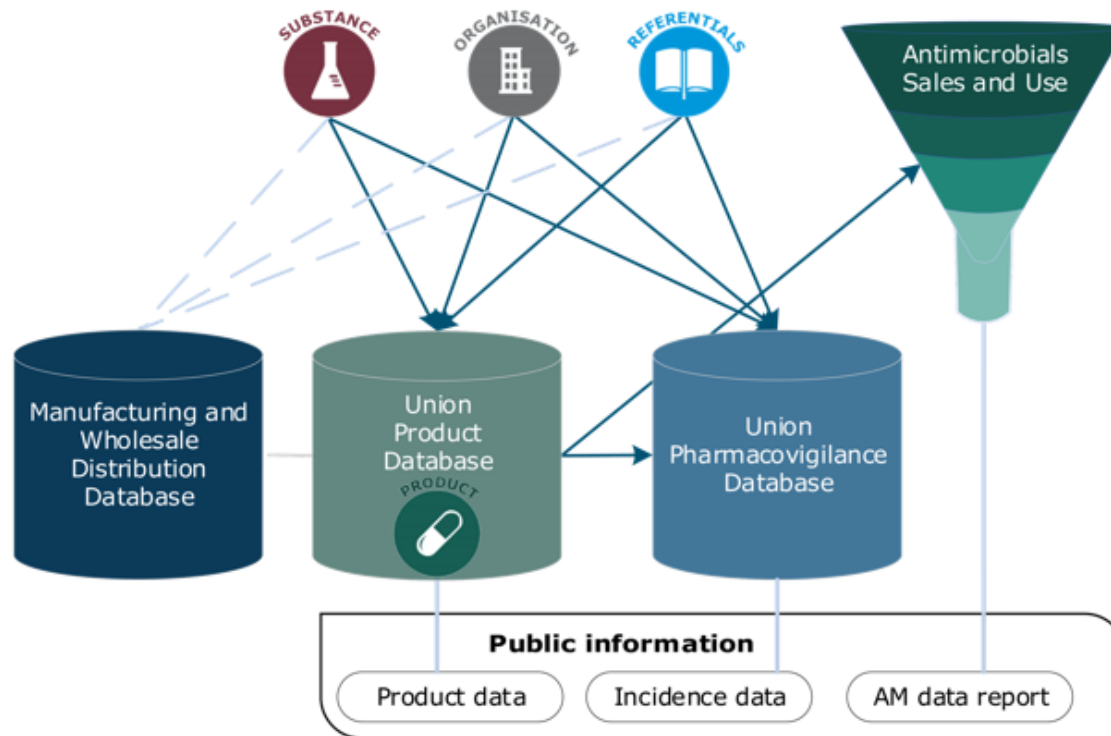
*strengthens the EU action to fight antimicrobial resistance*



# Timeline



# VMP-Reg programme – IT systems overview



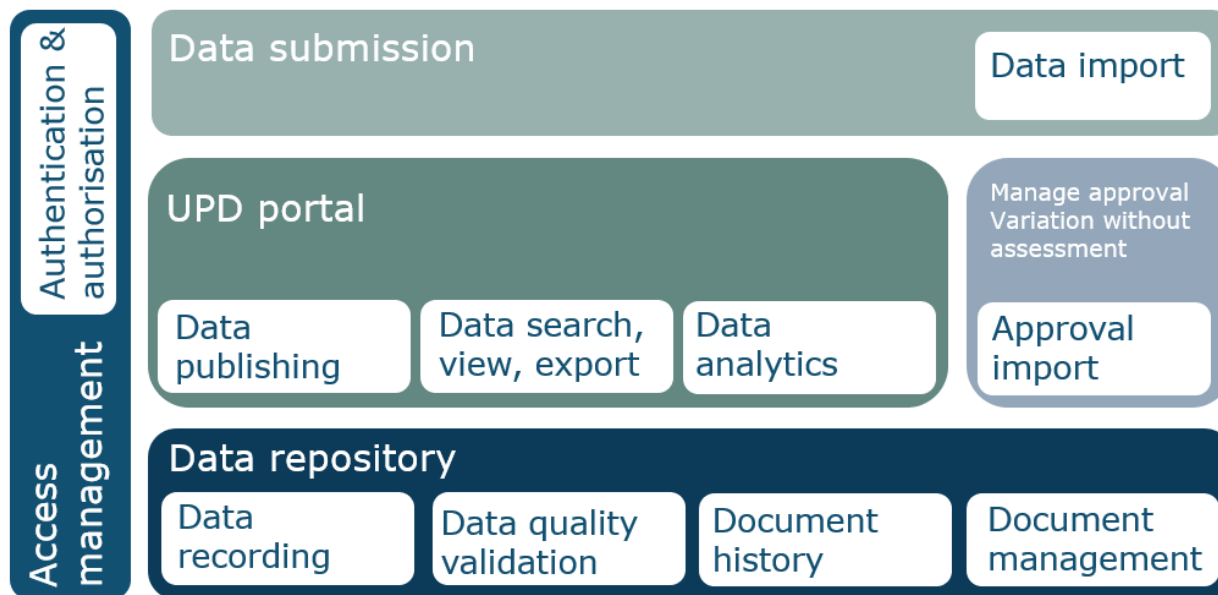


## Objectives arising from legislative requirements

- To be the common database to collect, store and provide information about veterinary medicinal products within scope of NVR to both individual users and other, centralised/NCA systems
- To be the common database to collect, store and provide information on availability of veterinary medicinal products (VMP)
- To use structured data and controlled vocabularies in the UPD; to foster the use of controlled vocabularies for improved data quality in the regulatory processes
- To allow integration of the UPD in the activities of the regulatory network
- To support electronic exchange of product data between competent authorities and the Agency



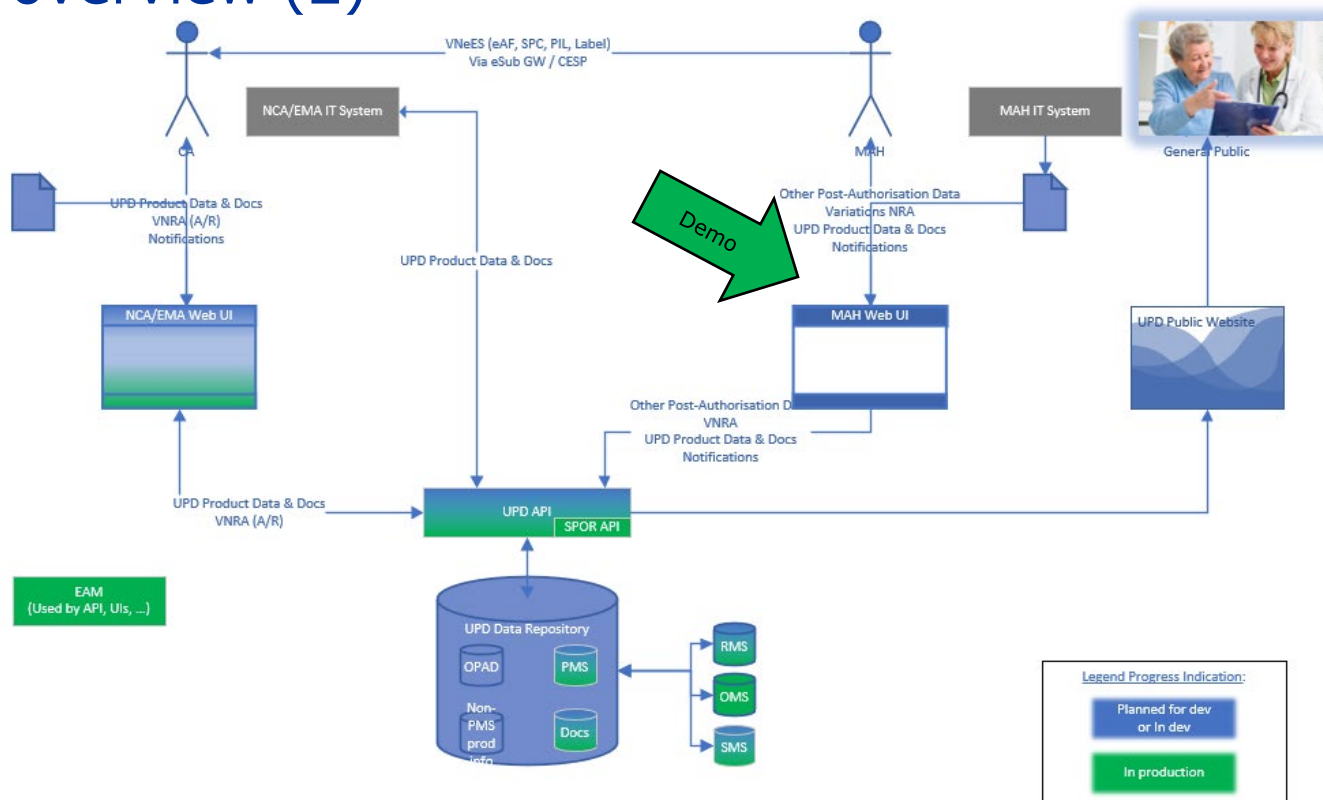
# System overview (1)



## UPD concept



## System overview (2)







# Main functionalities

- Provision of product information by NCAs
  - Manual or via provision of a file with the product information (via a Web UI or an API; FHIR standard)
  - Stored in PMS
  - Including provision of all legacy data held by NCAs (Art. 155)
- Provision of sales and availability information by MAHs via a Web UI (or an API; post-MVP)
- Support the processing of variations not requiring assessment by MAHs and NCAs
- Provide access to product information:
  - Public website for general public
  - Restricted area for NCAs and MAHs
- Access management via EMA Account Management
- Usage of SPOR controlled vocabularies & organisation data

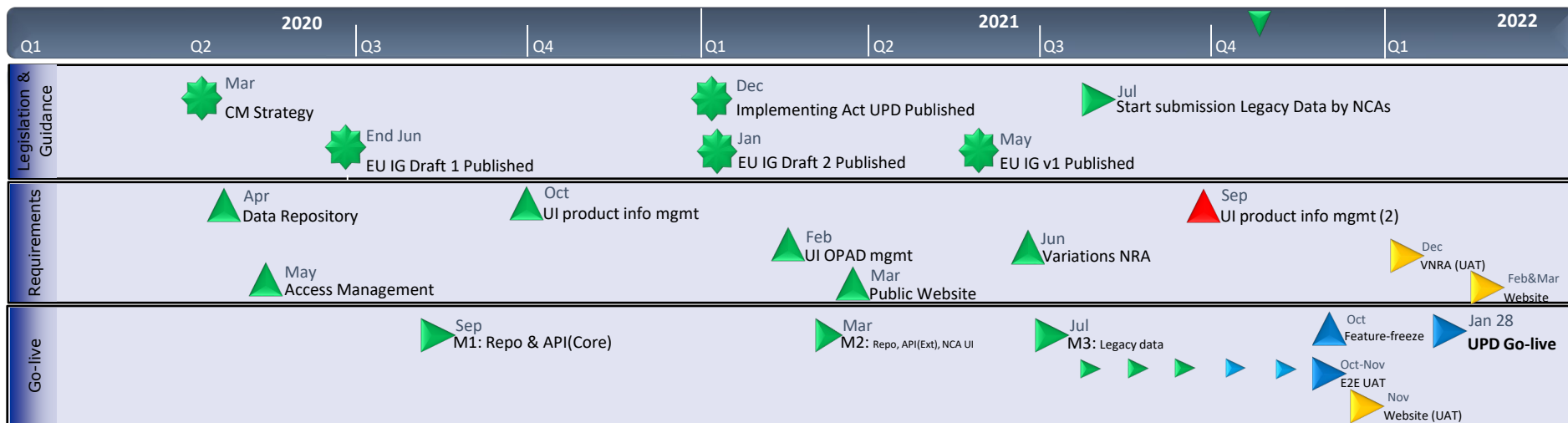


# Content

- Veterinary medicinal products authorised within the Union by the Commission and by the competent authorities
- Homeopathic veterinary medicinal products registered in accordance with Chapter V within the Union by the competent authorities
- Veterinary medicinal products allowed to be used in a Member State in accordance with Article 5(6): "... for animals which are exclusively kept as pets..." (*Note: this is not part of the Jan 22 release*)
- Information in the UPD:
  - Product information
  - Documents: SPC, PL, Labelling, Public AR
  - Information on the annual volume of sales and information on the availability of each veterinary medicinal product
  - Information related to the processing of variations without assessment: Approval/rejection by NCAs, ...



# Schedule and progress





## Resources

- [Vet EU Implementation Guide on VMP data in the UPD](#), Chapter 7: guidelines for MAHs
- UPD [release notes](#)
- [UPD webinar for MAHs](#) (15 September 2021) – recording, presentation, Q&As
- [UPD webpage](#) – linking to training activities for MAHs



# Any questions?

## Further information

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