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THE NEW EU INNOVATION NETWORK (EU-IN)

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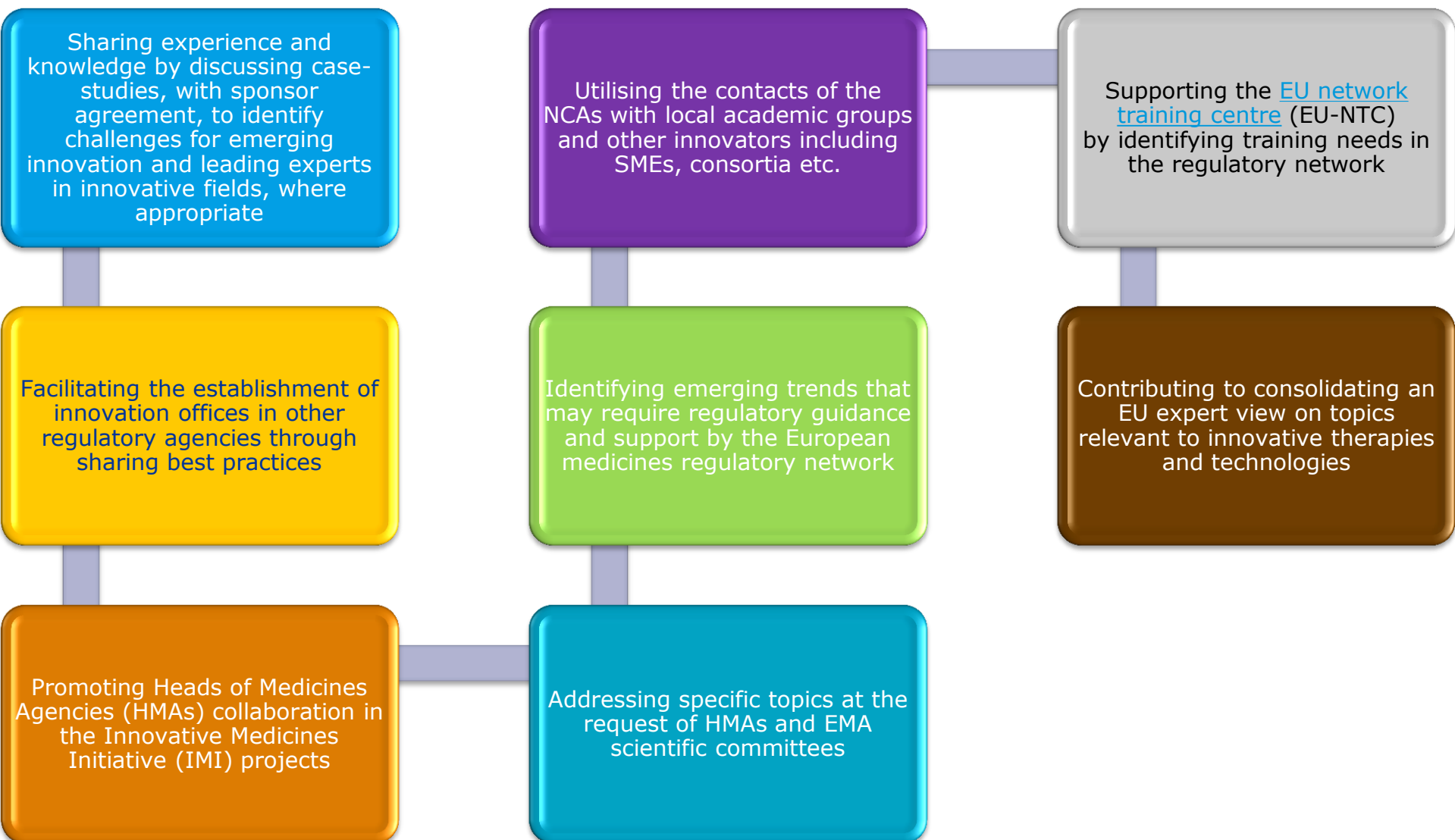
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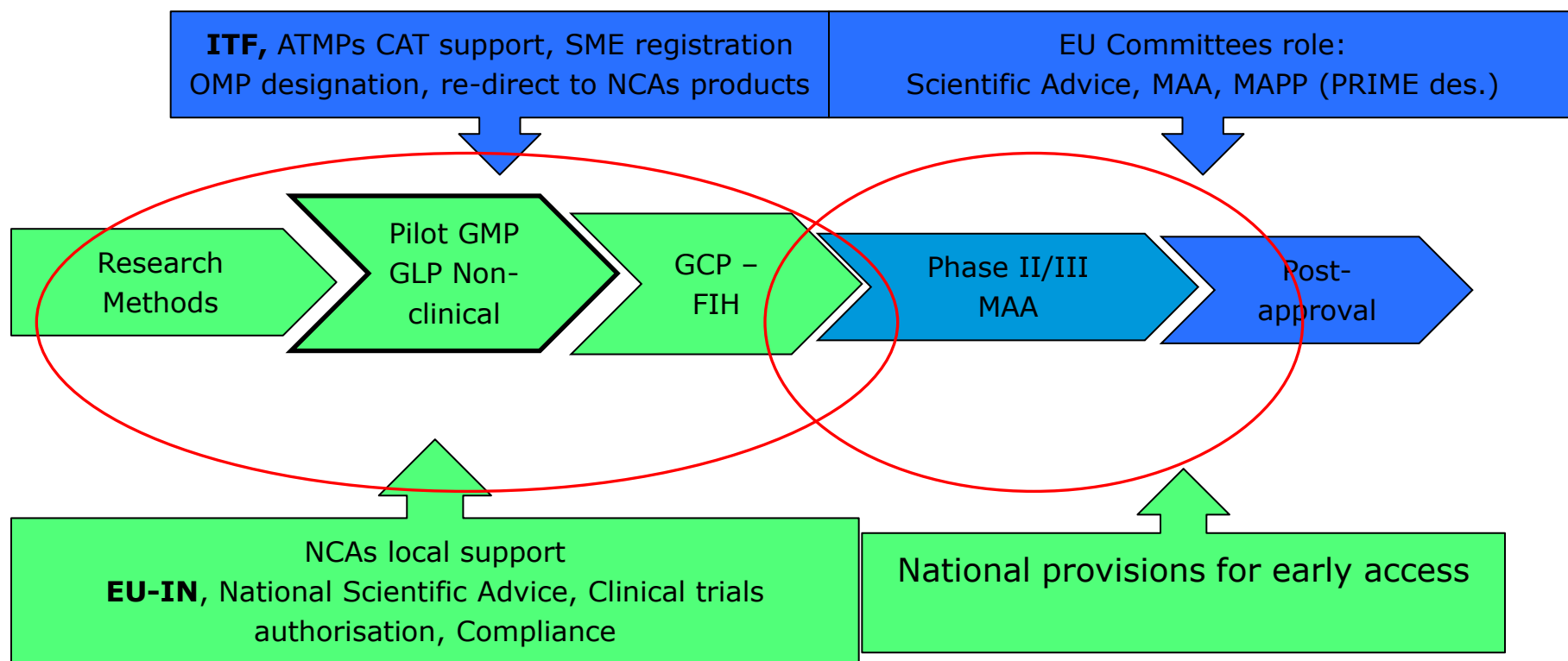
Mission

- The objective of the EU Innovation Network is to facilitate the development of innovative medicines by addressing gaps in early regulatory support to innovation by:
 - Making the **regulatory support** available at national and EU level more **visible and attractive** to innovators since early stage;
 - **reinforcing dialogue** with innovators with a wider EU exposure of identified issues;
 - providing a platform for regulators to share and improve **the flow of knowledge** from early stage innovators (with their agreement) to NCAs and to EMA scientific committees;
 - identifying and encouraging sponsors of promising drug development projects, including combination products and advanced therapy medicinal products, to **move into the next appropriate regulatory level** for national and EU advice and evaluation;
 - actively contributing to and integrating into relevant **EU initiatives** enabling innovative medicines development and **access to patients**.





EU-IN for the EU seamless support to Innovation



Composition

- The EU-IN is composed by representatives nominated by the interested NCAs as well as of the EMA ITF.
 - HMA and EMA have the oversight of the EU-IN. Members from participating NCAs will be joining on a voluntary basis.
 - The EU-IN is co-chaired for a term of three years by a NCA senior official nominated by the HMA (currently Esa Heinonen, Fimea) and an EMA's senior staff member (currently Marisa Papaluca).

Governance

- The EU-IN is composed by representatives nominated by the interested NCAs as well as of the EMA ITF.
 - The EU-IN provides HMA and EMA with a report on the evolution and performance of the network, including benefits of the network to its members according to its annual work plan.
 - The EMA staff, in close collaboration with participating officials and scientific committees, will provide administrative and scientific secretariat to the EU Innovation Network.
 - The mandate of the group will be reviewed by the HMAs and the EMA after three years of operations.



Deliverables 2017

- Enhance visibility of the EU-IN e.g. via appropriate updates in EMA/HMAs web
- Draft format and pilot process for planning and reporting on activities to HMAs and EMA



Innovation in medicines

This content applies to human and veterinary medicines.

One of the European Medicines Agency's strategic goals is to foster research and the uptake of innovative methods in the development of medicines. This helps to make safe and effective innovative medicines available to patients in a timely manner.

In order to ensure access to new medicines for patients it is essential for Europe to have a regulatory environment that understands and facilitates innovation. The Agency and the European medicines regulatory network support the development of innovative methodologies by fostering greater collaboration across the regulatory network and with academia.

EU Innovation Network

Innovation offices in national regulatory agencies have been working informally with the EMA's Innovation Task Force (ITF) on matters relating to emerging therapies and technologies since 2011. In 2015, EMA and the EU national competent authorities (NCAs) strengthened their collaboration to **support medicine innovation and early development of new medicines** in the EU by establishing the EU innovation network.

EMA and the HMAs adopted the **mandate** of the EU-Innovation Network in October 2016:

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Vision and mission

Structure

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Deliverables 2017

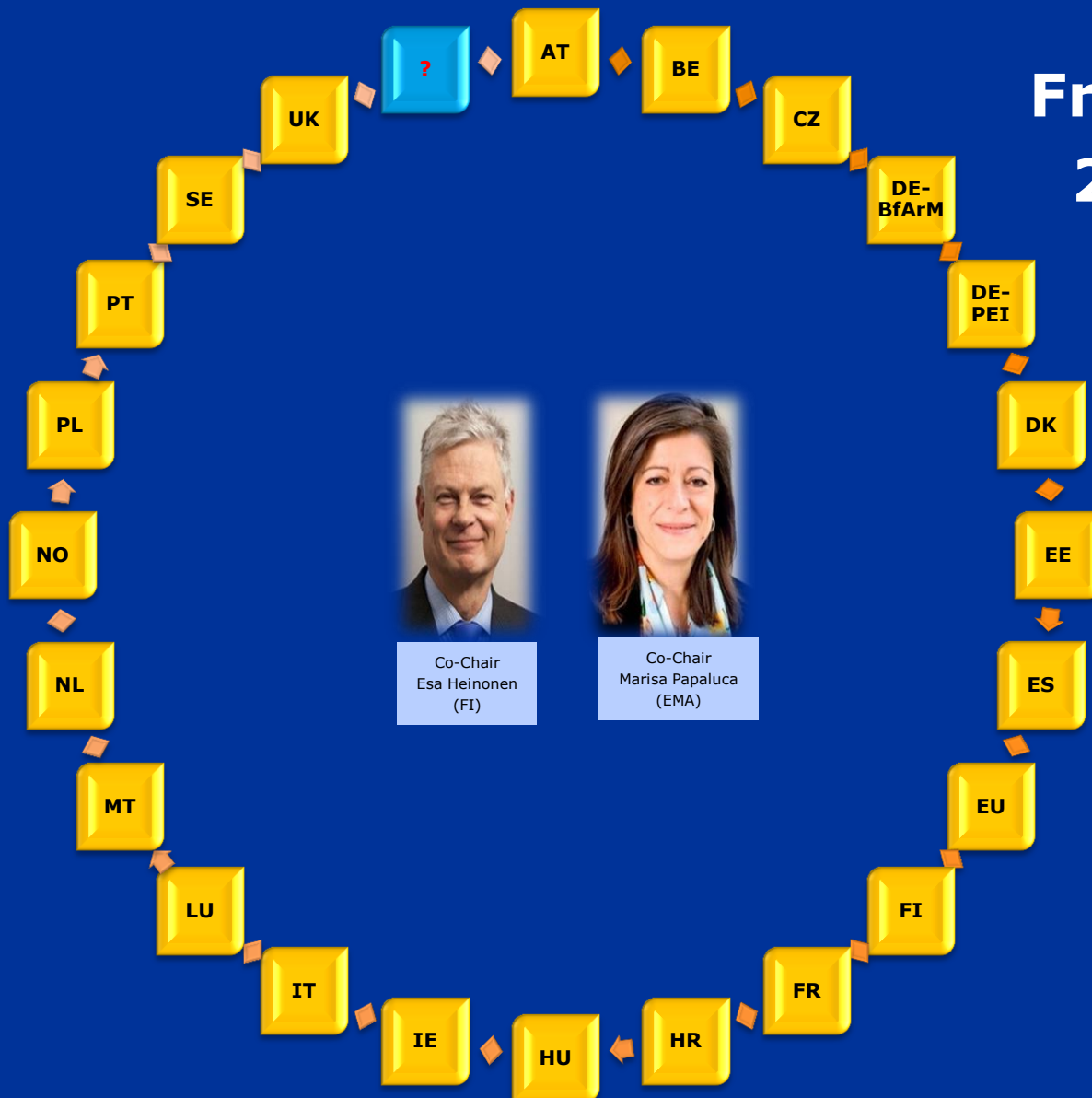
- Reinforced EU-IN with extended membership of NCAs innovation offices

CURRENT COMPOSITION



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**From 15 to
23 NCAs
in 2017**





Deliverables 2017

- Overview of the initiatives undertaken and stakeholders involved by Agencies to support promising innovative products in EU early in development
- Impact of measures taken – A drafting group has developed a questionnaire for regular feedback after each stakeholder interaction. (NL, PT and EMA)



The services of the Innovation Support Offices are directed to hospitals, academic groups and SMEs, research foundations, consortia.

Some have also expressed their willingness to hear from patient interest groups and or funding/networking organisations.

The scope is wide and includes along the lifecycle of products manufacturing processes, redaction of documents, facilities, GMP, import/export issues, antimicrobials, biostatistics, preparations for scientific advice meetings, pharmacovigilance, and HTA/Payers interactions



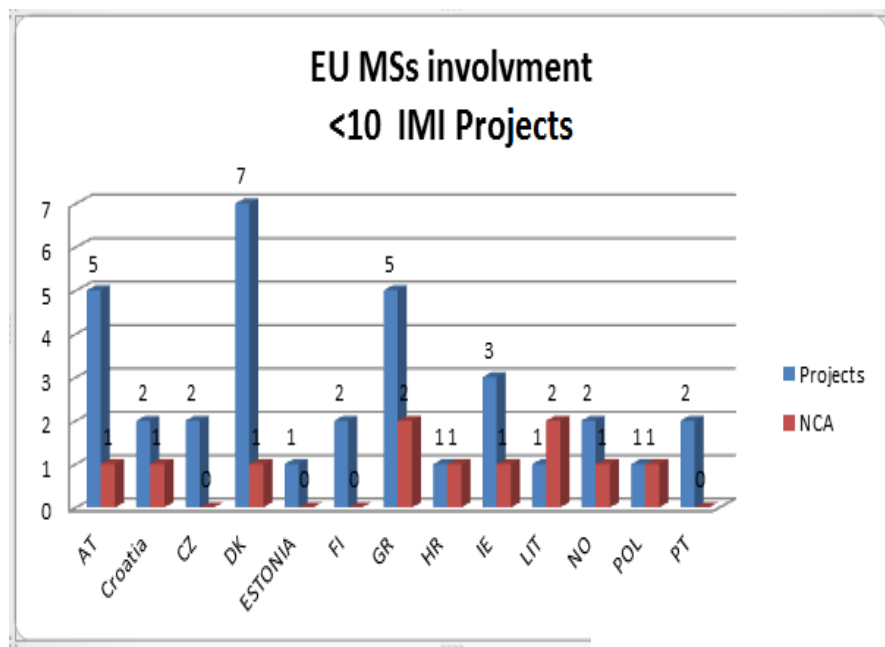
Deliverables 2017

- List of emerging challenges from innovative products discussed
- Identified regulatory science topics which require NTC training coordination
- A preliminary list of emerging challenges and interesting cases has been already identified
- Further case studies to be done (when more detailed data are provided by customers)
- Nanomedicines and novel manufacturing strategies (e.g. 3D printing) have been flagged



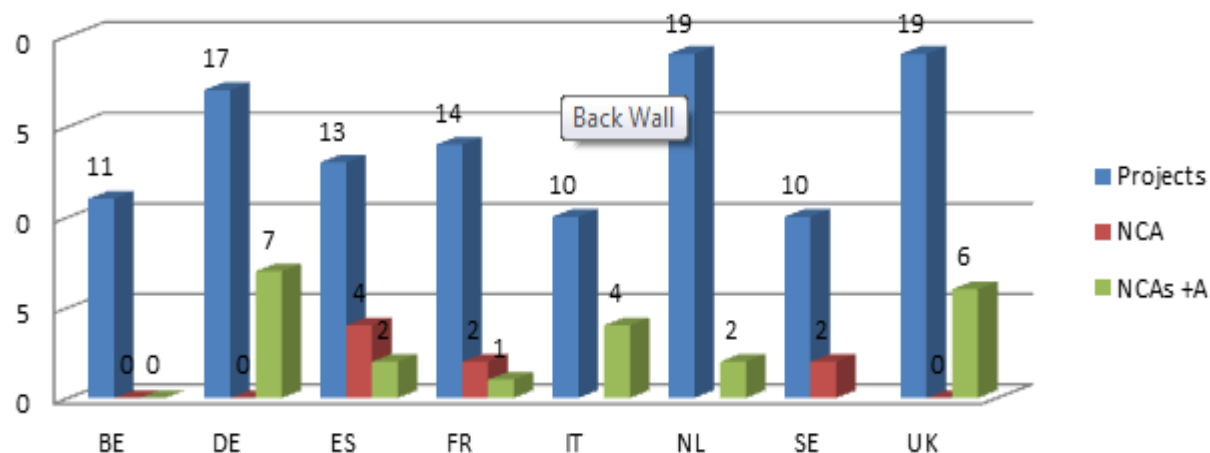
Deliverables 2017

- Pilot the tracking of the companies' journey in the national and EU regulatory pathway after the initial contact and discussion in the EU- IN
- To be done when concrete cases moving to PRIME or other EMA platforms are identified



Pilot map of engagement being analysed.

EU MSs involment >10 IMI Projects





Deliverables 2017

Develop Horizon scanning

- Drafting group established to explore methodology and format for sharing and consolidating current approaches for horizon scanning (IE, ES, HU, UK, DE (PEI) and EMA)

Related HMA Working Group

- Borderline products – The HMA agreed to proceed with the establishment of an additional working group on MD-MP classification issues (UK, IE, BE and EMA).



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European
Commission

Horizon 2020, DG Research and Innovation: Strengthen *Regulatory Sciences* and support for regulatory *Scientific Advice*

EU Innovation Network
Meeting 16.11.2017



HORIZON 2020



Conclusions

- We are strengthening the EU-IN in order to:
 - Share knowledge between the various Innovation Offices of NCAs and the EMA
 - Develop best practices for horizon scanning
 - Flag regulatory issues to be discussed at EMA level
 - Discuss about training needs of assessors with the EU Network Training Center
 - Improve our capabilities to help innovators – academic groups, SMEs, larger companies – to bring innovation forward from national level to EU level



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Innovators meet regulators

EU-IN event at the EMA Annual SMEs
Workshop 17 Nov 2017



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Thank you for your attention !

