

TRANSLATING INNOVATION INTO  
ACCESS FOR ATMPs

# STRENGTHENING

THE EUROPEAN INNOVATION  
ECOSYSTEM

3rd EU-Innovation Network multi-stakeholder  
meeting

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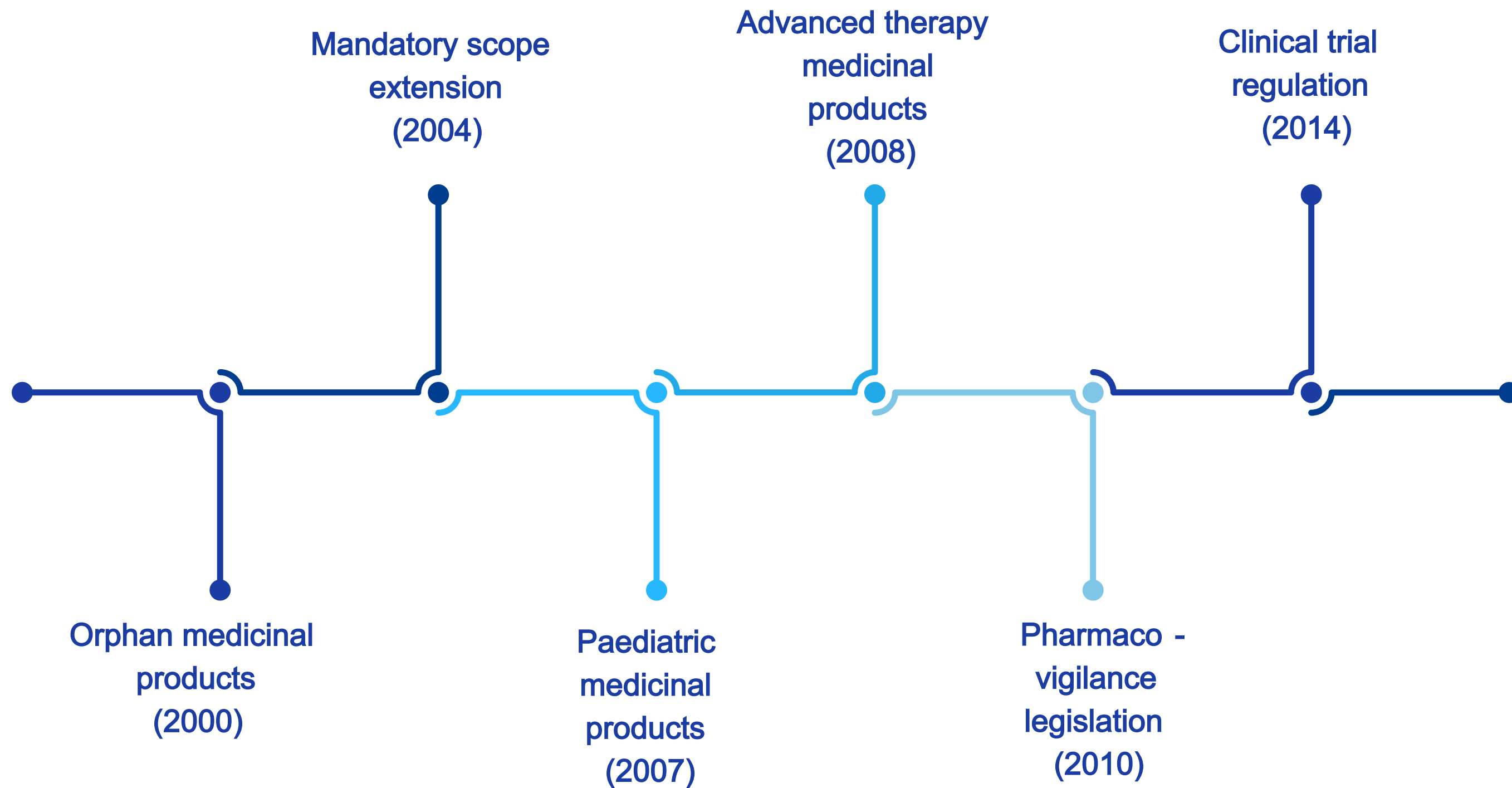


# Origins

*"It is necessary to establish a centralised community authorisation procedure for technologically advanced medicinal product in particular those derived from EU biotech industry."*



# Systematic extension of stimulus to innovation



# Advantages of Clinical Trials (CTs) in Europe



1

Access to a **world class Clinical Research Community** with extensive experience in conducting high quality CTs.



2

An **evolving regulatory environment** that facilitates clinical trial conduct



3

**Policies that promote research** into orphan drugs and rare diseases – support for SMEs



4

Ability to obtain **scientific advice on innovative CT design** and innovative evidence generation

Approx. **4000** clinical trials of medicines are authorised annually in the EU.

The EU is home to approx. 1.8 million **practising physicians**, 2.8 million **practising nursing professionals** and 450 000 **practising pharmacists**.



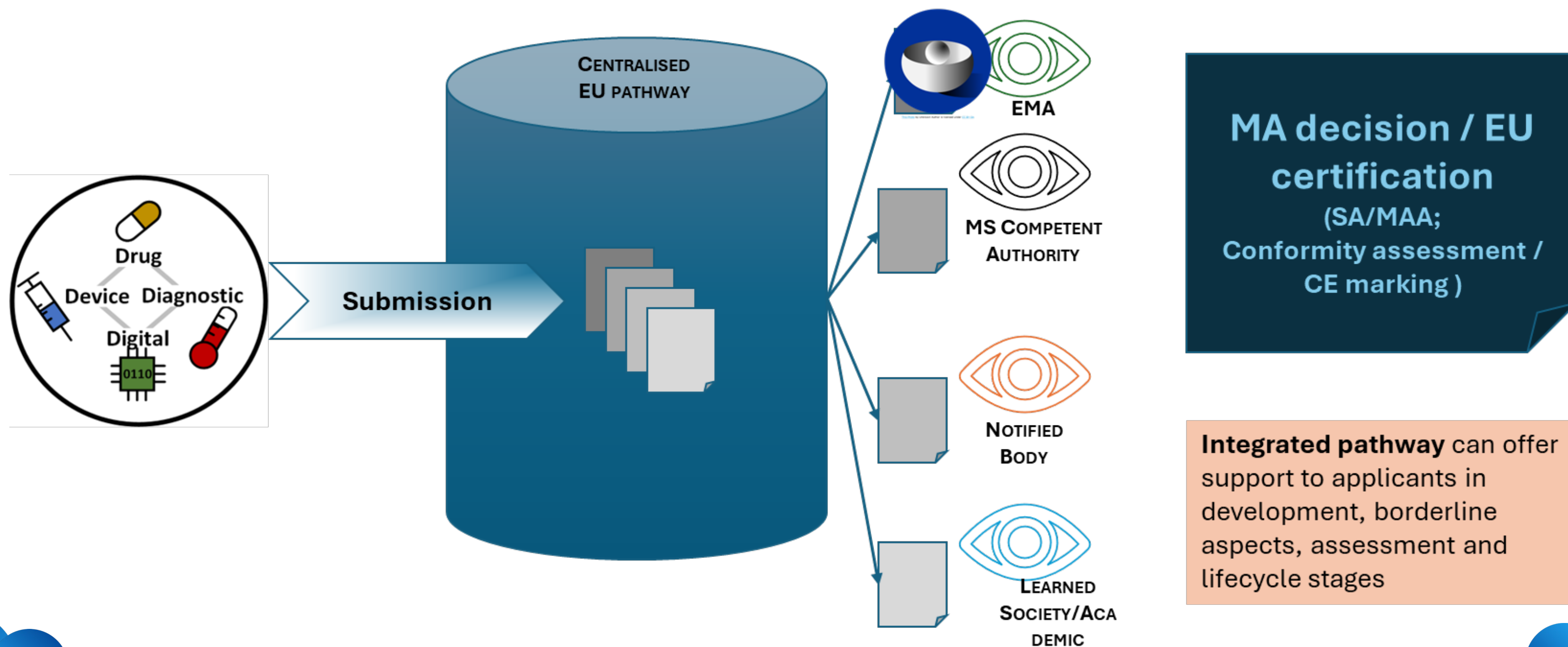
# Accelerating Clinical Trials in the EU (ACT EU)

**ACT EU is a joint initiative of HMA/European Commission/EMA to transform the EU clinical research environment** in support of medical innovation and better patient outcomes.

- **Builds on the momentum** of the Clinical Trials Regulation and CTIS
- **Driven by** the Network Strategy to 2025, the Regulatory Science Strategy and the EU Pharmaceutical Strategy



# Vision of a future integrated pathway for complex health care solutions



# EU strategies on fostering an innovative development ecosystem



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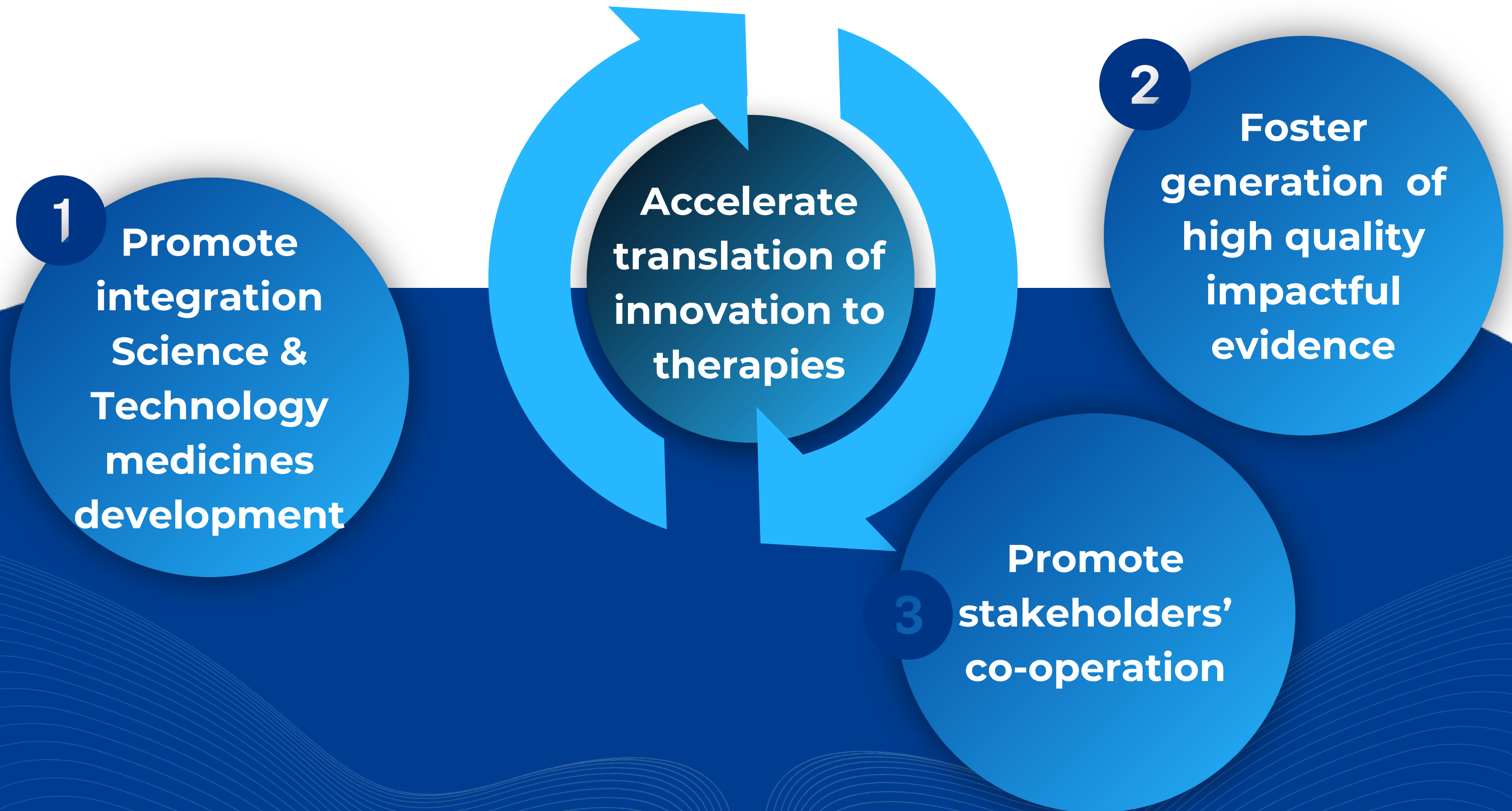
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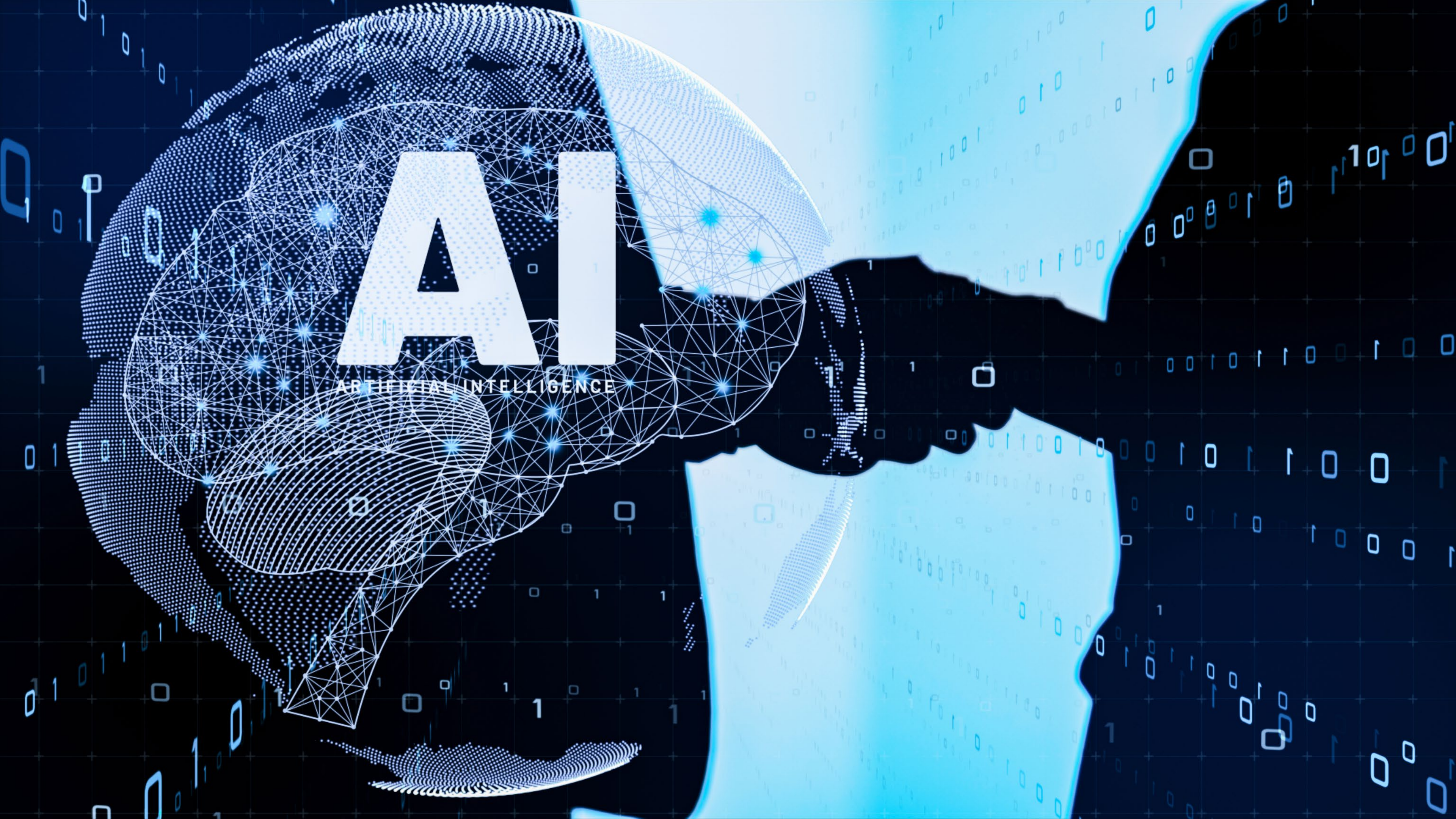
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evidence

# EMRN STRATEGY TO 2028





AI

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

# Multi-annual AI workplan 2023-2028

HMA-EMA Big Data Steering Group

## Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning



### Using Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning in the Development of Drug & Biological Products

Discussion Paper and Request for Feedback



A photograph of two scientists in a laboratory setting, wearing white lab coats, blue gloves, and face masks. One scientist is holding a small vial. The background is a blue gradient with faint, stylized icons of laboratory equipment like flasks and test tubes.

# Health Technology Assessment

#HealthUnion



# EC Pharmaceutical system problem statement

- ✓ **Medical needs** of patients are not sufficiently met (incl. for patients with rare diseases and of children)
- ✓ **Affordability** of medicinal products is a challenge for health systems
- ✓ Patients have **unequal access** to medicinal products across the EU. Shortages of medicinal products are an increasing problem in the EU
- ✓ The pharmaceutical product lifecycle can have negative impacts on the **environment**

The regulatory system does not sufficiently cater for **innovation** and in some instances creates unnecessary **administrative burden**



# Incentives for innovation



1

Targeted data  
exclusivity  
approach with  
8 years of  
unconditional  
data protection

- Additional indication(s)
- Comparative clinical trials
- (High) Unmet Medical Need
- Market launch



2

Pre-  
authorisation  
support  
  
Faster  
authorisation



3

Earlier market  
entry of  
generic and  
biosimilar  
medicines



# Streamlined regulatory framework



## **Pre-authorization:**

support to promising medicines to accelerate development and attract investments + regulatory sandboxes option



## **Faster authorisation:**

180 days standard review  
150 days accelerated review



**Regulatory efficiency / Lower regulatory burden:**  
simplified procedures, more agile and flexible expertise, better use of data and digitisation, ePI



## **Repurposing**

data analysis of evidence from non-for-profit entities



# Development support



1

**Scientific Advice**  
extended to involve  
other bodies e.g.,  
Medical Devices  
authorities/expert  
panels, HTAs, payers,  
SoHO, Clinical Trials  
Coordination Group  
(CTCG)



2

**PRIME** codified in  
legislation as  
“enhanced scientific  
and regulatory  
support for priority  
medicines”



3

**Phased review** of  
complete data  
packages: only for  
products that offer an  
exceptional  
therapeutic  
advancement in areas  
of (High) Unmet  
Medical Needs



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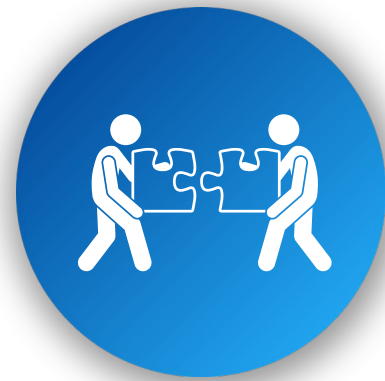
**Regulatory sandbox**  
environment to test  
adapted, waived or  
deferred  
requirements for  
products that provide  
major advantage to  
patients

# Novel types of applications



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**Platform  
Marketing  
Authorisation**



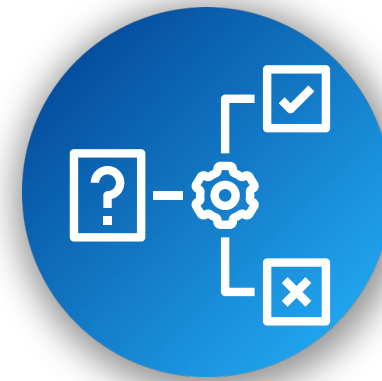
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**Combination  
pack**



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**Temporary  
Emergency  
Marketing  
Authorisation**



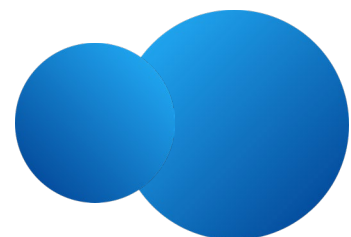
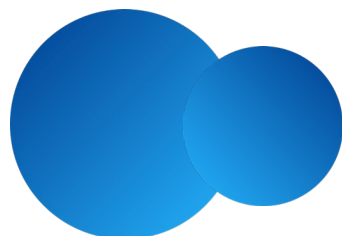
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**Conditional  
MA**



4

**Hospital  
Exemption  
for ATMPs**



# EC Review Tries to Advance



1

**Attract  
pharmaceutical R&D  
by providing a  
future-proof, stable  
legal framework and  
a favourable  
regulatory  
environment**



2

**Boost regulatory  
support for the  
development of  
promising medicines**



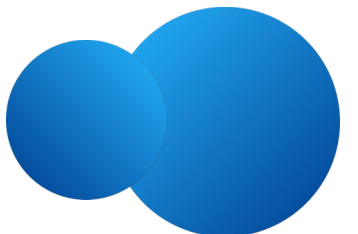
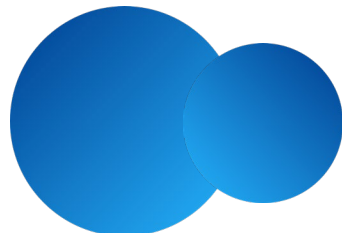
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**Provide a more  
targeted incentives  
framework for  
innovation with a  
focus on patient  
access and  
addressing unmet  
medical needs**



4

**Boost innovation and  
EU competitiveness  
through an efficient  
and simplified  
regulatory  
framework**



**THANK YOU**  
FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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