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Progress and roadmap of Regulatory Procedure Management (RPM) for Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) transition to IRIS

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Stage 1 (2018-2021)

- Learning to use IRIS (Microsoft dynamics)
- Transfer relatively standalone procedures

Stage 2 (2022-2025)

- Move **post-authorisation** procedures to IRIS in a controlled manner to have a system ready for new fee regulation in 2025

*Variations, Art 61.3, Transfers, PSURs, PAMs, Line extensions, Renewals, Annual Reassessments, PASS, Referrals**

Stage 3 (2025 onwards)

- Move **marketing authorisation application** procedure to IRIS
- Integrate necessary changes: improvements, create new opportunities for efficiency
- Integrate regulation & improve

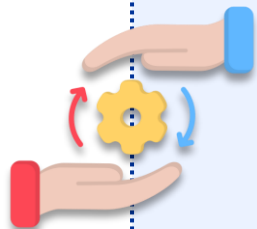


A controlled transition

Procedures will be developed and transitioned in phases in a lean and simple way and in the shortest possible time. This will:

- Enable a gradual **learning curve & evolve with users' feedback**
- Enable **incremental migration of procedural data** starting from products with lower regulatory complexity
- Allow to **meet new fee regulation implementation** deadline (Jan 2025)

*note: Development started with the lifecycle procedures to enable processing of high number submissions such as variations



- **1st roll-out** of Variations, Art. 61.3 Notifications, Marketing Authorisation Transfers on IRIS took place on **23 January 2024**
- For the first transition to IRIS, EMA has selected a **subset of medicinal products: 67 human generic products out of 150 (renewed MA generics) and 45 veterinary products**
- This impacts the Industry users from Marketing Authorisation Holders (MAHs) with selected products, as they **need to access IRIS** to:
 - > view case status
 - > withdraw a case
 - > update case contacts/ contributors/ managers
 - > retrieve documents sent by EMA and submit non-eCTD(NeeS) documents.



July 2024

Migration of additional human & veterinary products to IRIS with low regulatory complexity (for variations, MA transfers, art. 61.3)



September 2024

External user Acceptance testing with Industry & Network Subject Matter Experts (for Epic 2 procedures)



Q4 2024

Migration of all remaining CAPs to IRIS



January 2025

2nd roll-out with all post-authorisation processes and related workload

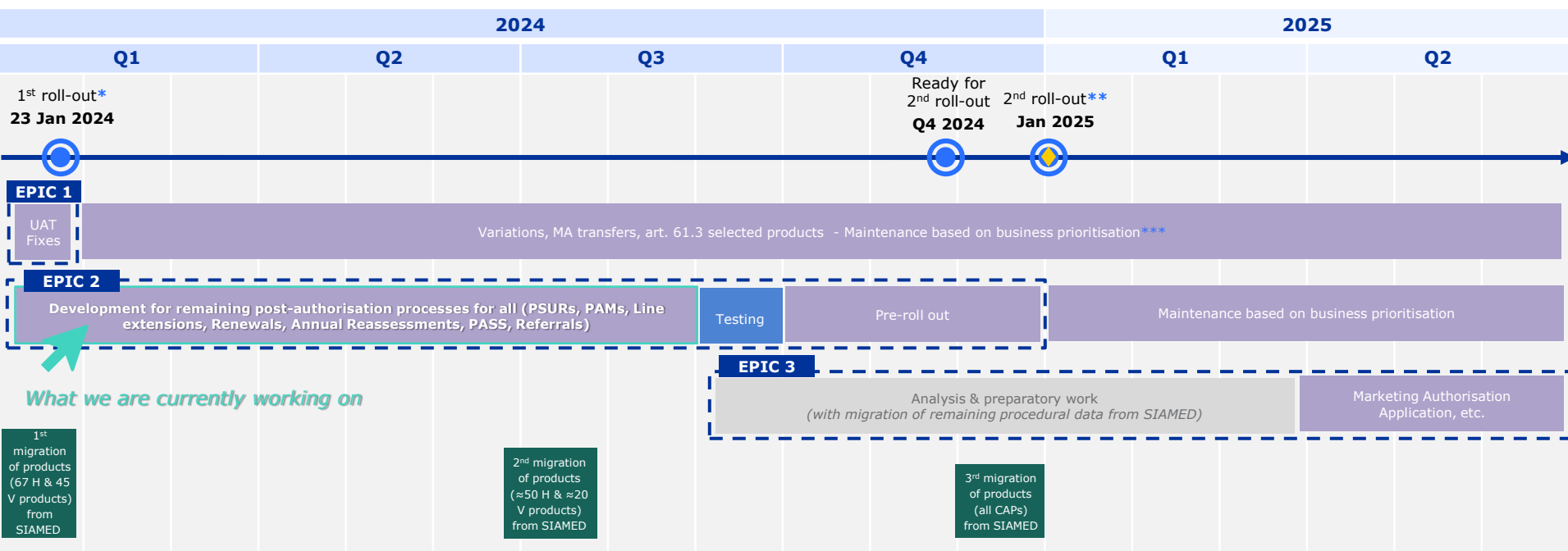


NOTE: *Submission of all regulatory procedures of the product lifecycle will still be performed via the current systems (i.e. Gateway and PSUR repository)*

Roadmap for 2024-2025



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*for variations, MA transfers and Art 61.3 for subset of products (CAPs)

with Post-authorisation processes in IRIS for all CAPs → **all EMA-led post-authorisation processes will be managed in IRIS in 2025

***Please note the ongoing development of RPM will happen epic by epic, with incremental improvements across the entire regulatory procedure management landscape.

| Acronyms | | |
|---|--|--|
| AVS: Assisted Validation System | MA: Marketing Authorisation | PSURs: Periodic Safety Update Reports |
| CAPs: Centrally Authorised Products | PAMs: Post-Authorisation Measures | UAT: User Acceptance Testing |
| CDP: Clinical Data Publication adaptor | PASS: Post-Authorisation Safety Study | |

| Legend | | |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Milestone | Development activities | Migration activities |
| UAT activities | Analysis & preparatory activities | New Fee Regulation |



Key impacts and actions on MAHs

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What stays the same

- **MAH's submission and responses to RSI via eCTD/VNeeS submissions**
- **Timelines** and **active email notifications** on the main milestones of the submission (e.g. start of the procedure, requests for supplementary information (RSI), outcomes etc.
- Requests for **withdrawal of single scopes in grouped variations** (via email)
- Receipt of **European Commission decision** (via Eudralink)
- **Content** of the documentation
- **Guarantee of confidentiality**



Case number use

Format: {agency ID}/{process group type (case form)}/{unique case number (10digits)}

Examples: Human: EMA/VR/0000076556
Veterinary: EMA/VRA/0000076559

While the current format contains detailed information within the procedure numbers, IRIS offers this **visibility through dashboards and views** within the system



EMA communication format

- **Emails sent from EMA** to the Industry portal contact contain **basic administrative information** on the submissions and the link to the IRIS industry portal (*no Eudralinks or attachment in the emails*).
- Emails from EMA IRIS will always come from EMA-IRIS@id.ema.europa.eu and contain a routing ID.
- During the procedure, the **document exchange** (outside eCTD/ VNeS) takes place via **IRIS Industry portal**, relevant for **CAP** and **NAP MAHs** (in case of EMA led procedures, e.g. **PSUSA NAP**)



MAH Contact person

- The **MAH contact person for CAPs** - [user stated in MAA eAF section 2.4.3](#) - for the product, by default becomes **portal contact and submission manager** in IRIS for the procedure



Lead product for Worksharing procedures

- For WorkSharing procedures in the Cover letter, the MAHs are requested to **indicate the "Lead product"** within the procedure in order to:
 - ✓ assign the correct Industry portal contact
 - ✓ set up a lead MAH for payment-related activities



Procedure withdrawal

- Procedure withdrawal (whole procedure) to be requested via **Industry Portal**

EMA-led procedures managed in IRIS will include **CAPs**.



MAHs have the obligation to indicate a **product contact** for communication between EMA and the MAH (see [Notifying EMA of changes to contact persons](#))

- The product contact person will be used for as default contact communication regarding the IRIS case.
- At their end, the contact person for the MAH will receive a notification and will be able to view the case data and collaborate with EMA for documents exchange.
- The contact can also add other users to view/collaborate and can change the contact person in the portal, for a specific case.

EMA-led procedures managed in IRIS will include **Nationally Authorised Products (NAP/MRP/DCP) for PSUR, PASS and Referrals.**



MAHs will be requested to **indicate a contact person** for those procedures:

- The contact person will be used for communication regarding the IRIS case.
- At their end, the contact person for the MAH will receive a notification and will be able to view the case data and collaborate with EMA for documents exchange.
- The contact can also add other users to view/collaborate and can change the contact person in the portal, for a specific case.

1 *MAHs to be registered in OMS*

2 *MAHs products contact person for post-authorisation procedures has EMA account (**CAP and NAP MAHs**)*



How to request access? Via the [EMA Account Management System](#) for all affiliated roles.

Instructions are available in the [IRIS guide to registration and RPIs](#). *It is crucial that all new submissions in IRIS created from CRM for PLM procedures reaches the correct portal contacts.*

3 *Update product contact information*




Generic mailboxes are not supported for contact points:

MAHs to submit an [updated form](#) to **change all product contacts to personal emails**.

→ Instructions to submit the form [here](#)

| | | Procedure Management Platform | |
|--------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| | | SIAMED | IRIS |
| Product type | <i>January migrated CAPs</i> | Procedures submitted until 22 January 2024 | Procedures submitted from 23 January 2024 |
| | <i>July migrated CAPs</i> | Procedures submitted until 30 June 2024 | Procedures submitted from 1 July 2024 |
| | <i>All other CAPs</i> | Procedures submitted until 31 December 2024 | Procedures submitted from 1 January 2025 |

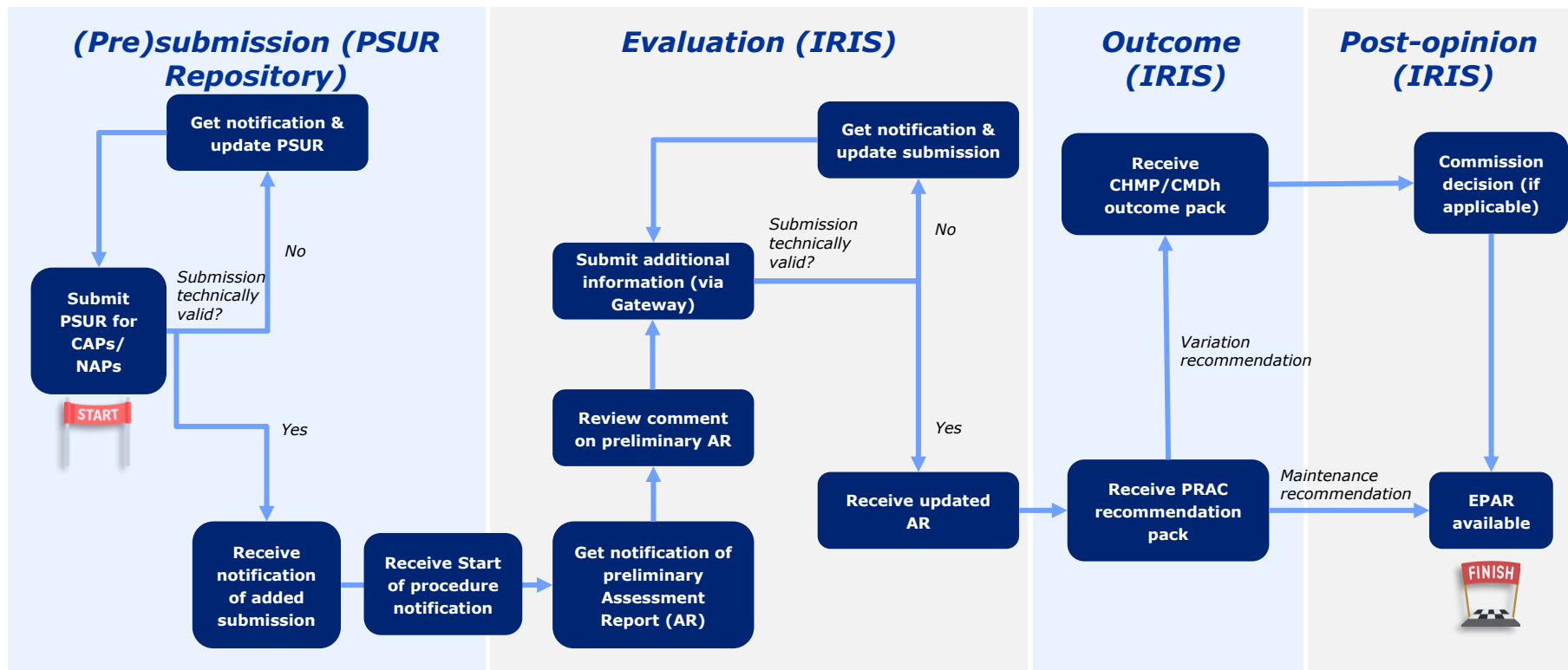
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Periodic Safety Update Reports (PSURs)

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| # | Process step | Scope | Change |
|---|------------------------|----------|--|
| 1 | (pre)Submission | NAP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of PSUR via the Submission Gateway/PSUR repository remains unchanged. IRIS will be the case management system. Both CAP and NAP submissions are recorded in IRIS for PSUR procedures handled by the EMA. There is a need that all NAP products are registered in PMS as IRIS sources NAP product data from PMS. |
| 2 | (pre)Submission | CAP, NAP | A EURD entity is linked to the case which includes relevant details of the EURD list |
| 3 | (pre)Submission | CAP, NAP | Pharmacovigilance fee system will source procedure start date from IRIS instead of SIAMED and PSUR Filemaker. |
| 4 | Evaluation/ Outcome | CAP, NAP | Any document related to the PSUR (e.g. preliminary AR, outcome documents) is shared with MAH via IRIS Industry Portal (rather than Eudralink) |
| 5 | Outcome | CAP, NAP | The final version of the AR is uploaded in the PSUR repository for record keeping. |





IRIS Industry Portal Demo

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Live Demonstration



Next steps

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Public System Demos – *26 Jun 2024, end of Sep 2024, Dec 2024*



Training session for MAHs - *November 2024*

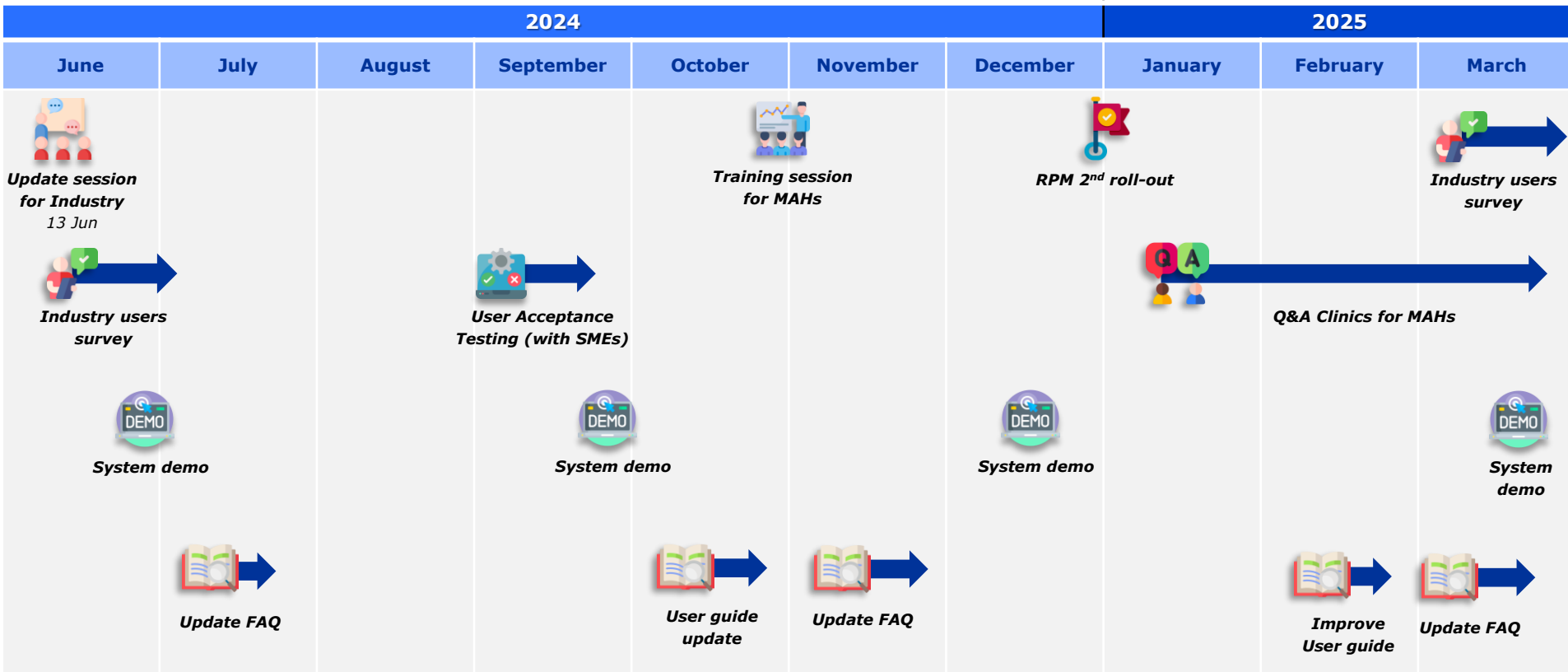


User guide & FAQ update - *November 2024*



Q&A Clinics - *Q1 2025*

How EMA is supporting the change





[IRIS Forum](#): find latest news of RPM for PLM and post your questions



[Industry FAQ Document](#): find general frequently asked questions on RPM transition to IRIS



[User Guide for applicants](#): find specific instructions to use IRIS for transitioned procedures



[IRIS email](#): ask specific questions on IRIS use



Q&A Session

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