

EU Big Data Stakeholder Forum 2022

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Session 1: Report on implementation of the HMA-EMA Big Data Task Force priority recommendations - Overview of 2022 deliverables and the new plan for 2022-2025

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- Drivers for change
- Future perspective on Clinical evidence
- HMA EMA Big Data Task Force: vision, Big Data priority recommendations and workplan
- Key achievements in 2022
- BDSG workplan 2022-2025 - Future highlights

- EU network mandate:
 - HMA EMA Big Data Task Force recommendations
 - EU Regulatory Network Strategy to 2025
- Changing policy environment:
 - European Health Data Space
 - Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe
- Slow speed of product development
- Burden of unmet medical need
- Pandemic shows new ways of working
- Better:
 - healthcare data access,
 - study methods
 - advanced analytics



- Evidence generation is planned and guided by data, knowledge and expertise
- Research question drives evidence choice: embraces spectrum of data and methods
- Clinical trials remain core but are bigger, better and faster
- Real world evidence is enabled and value is established
- The patient voice guides every step of the way
- Healthcare systems are supported in their choices
- High levels of transparency underpin societal trust



"By delivering the vision of a regulatory system able to integrate Big Data into its assessment and decision making, we can support the development of innovated medicines, deliver life-saving treatments to patients more quickly and optimise the safe and effective use of medicines through measurement of a products performance on the market."December 2019



Big Data Steering Group

Big Data Workplan 2022-2025

The vision on Big Data is a **strengthened regulatory system that can efficiently integrate data analysis into its assessment processes** to improve decision making.

Knowing when and how to have confidence in novel technologies and the evidence generated from Big Data will benefit public health by accelerating medicines development, improving treatment outcomes and facilitating earlier patient access to new treatments.

3rd Big Data Workplan 2022-2025 ([europa.eu](https://europeancommission.europa.eu)) published in July 2022

Key achievements in 2022

1. DARWIN EU ®

- Coordination Centre established
- First data partners onboarded
- First studies initiated
- HTA/Payers workshop



Initiation of DARWIN EU® Coordination Centre advances integration of real-world evidence into assessment of medicines in the EU [Share](#)

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EMA is initiating today the establishment of the Coordination Centre for the Data Analysis and Real World Interrogation Network (DARWIN EU®).

The role of the Coordination Centre is to develop and manage a network of real-world evidence across the EU and to conduct scientific studies requested by medicines regulators requested by other stakeholders.

The vision of DARWIN EU® is to give EMA and national competent authorities in EU access to valid and trustworthy real-world evidence, for example on diseases, patient population, safety and effectiveness of medicines, including vaccines, throughout the lifecycle of a medicine.



2. Data quality & Representativeness

- EMA-TEHDAS multi-stakeholder workshop
- Consultation on data quality framework for medicines regulation



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Data Quality Framework for EU medicines regulation

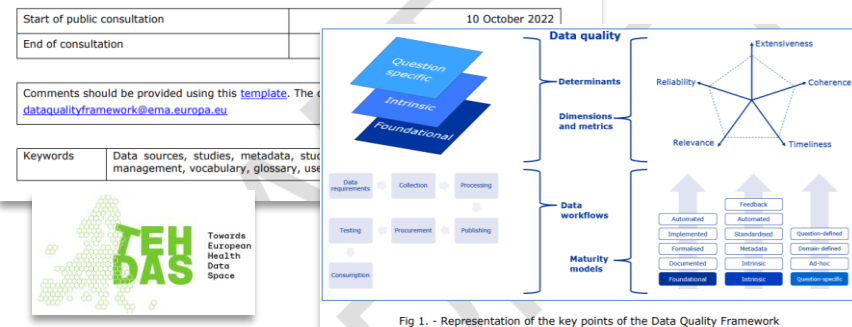


Fig 1. - Representation of the key points of the Data Quality Framework

Key achievements in 2022

3. Data discoverability

- Publication of EU metadata list for RWD data sources
- Consultation on Good Practice Guide for the use of real-world metadata
- Work started on catalogues of RWD sources and studies

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Good Practice Guide for the use of the Metadata Catalogue of Real-World Data Sources
V 1.0

Start of public consultation	27 September 2022
End of consultation	16 November 2022

Comments should be provided using this [template](#). The completed comments form should be sent to metadata@ema.europa.eu

Keywords	Data sources, studies, metadata, study protocol, study report, data flows, data management, vocabulary, glossary, use cases, population
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List of metadata for Real World Data catalogues

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4. EU Network skills

- Selection of training provider for Data Science curriculum
- Selection of training provider for real world evidence

 **Ted·eTendering**
Calls for tenders from the European institutions

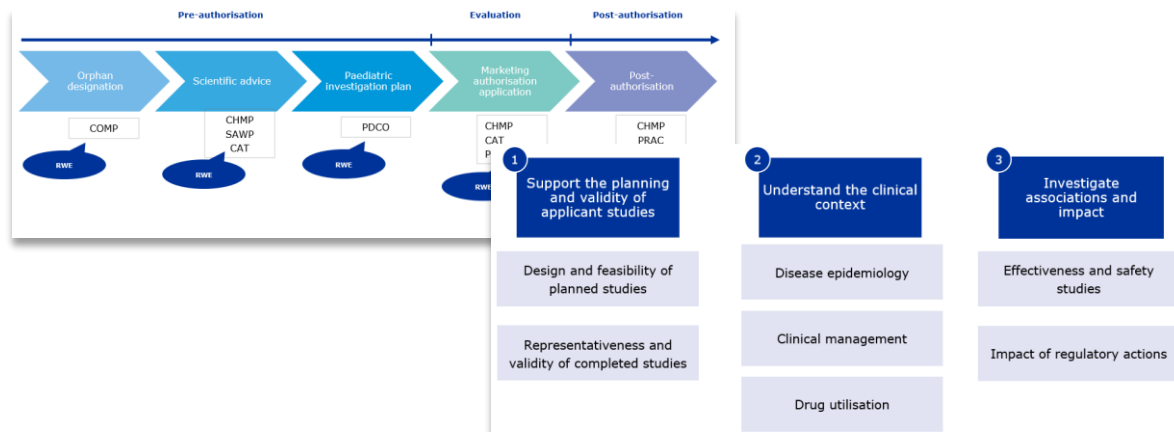
Call for tenders' details

Title:	Big Data Curriculum
Contracting authority:	European Medicines Agency (EMA)
TED publication date:	13/04/2022
Time limit for receipt of tenders:	31/05/2022
Status:	Closed

Key achievements in 2022

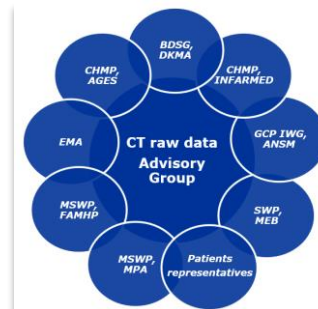
5. EU Network processes

- RWE studies for COVID-19
- RWE studies: routine support to PRAC
- RWE Pilots with EMA Scientific committees: PDCO, COMP, SAWP, CAT, CHMP, CMDh



6. EU capability to analyse

- CHMP clinical trial raw data pilot launched:
 - Advisory group + industry focus group established
 - Processes established
 - [Q&A for industry](#)
 - 1st product submitted for analysis
- Initiation of AI reflection paper
- Principles agreed on Clusters of Excellence



The building blocks for CoE



- Data access
- Legal aspects
- Capabilities
- Infrastructure
- Method development
- AI
- Use cases: Securing medical supply

7. Delivery of expert advice

- Methodology Working Party (MWP) established
- MWP: 1st work plan near final

Methodology Working Party [← Share](#)

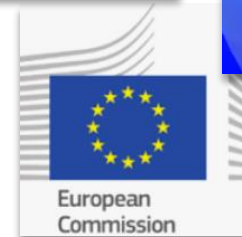
The Methodology Working Party (MWP) was established by the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) in order to pool and use expertise in key areas such as biostatistics, modelling and simulation, pharmacokinetics, pharmacogenomics, and real-world evidence.

The MWP's tasks include:

- providing product-related support when requested by [EMA Committees](#) and the [Scientific Advice Working Party](#);
- engaging with stakeholders including international regulators, associations of pharmaceutical companies, and patient and healthcare professional organisations;
- preparing, reviewing and updating [guidelines](#) and [concept papers](#);
- providing training and workshops to assessors.

8. Governance framework

- Review of Network data governance – initiated
- Participation into EHDS2 pilot
- Contribution to Pharma Strategy



A European Health Union:

Pharmaceutical strategy for Europe

Key achievements in 2022

9. International initiatives

- [ICMRA statement on international collaboration on RWE](#)
- Consultation on ICH M11 clinical electronic structured harmonised protocol (CeSHarP)



ICMRA statement on international collaboration to enable real-world evidence (RWE) for regulatory decision-making

10. Stakeholder engagement

- Workshop on Patient experience data
- Two Bi-annual BDSG and industry meetings
- Big data newsletters
- Big Data multistakeholder forum



21 September 2022, 10:00 – 16:30 (CEST), EMA, Amsterdam

Background and objectives

Patients have valuable insights and perspectives from living with a condition and its treatment. This includes symptoms, adverse effects, quality of life, unmet needs, which outcomes are important and preferences for future treatments. Input from patients, as users of medicines, can inform medicine development, enhance regulatory decision making and result in more patient-relevant outcomes.

EMA's Regulatory Science Strategy to 2025 recognises the need to identify optimal approaches for engaging patients in medicines development and benefit-risk assessments, including the development of standards for designing, conducting, analysing and reporting relevant studies incorporating patient experience data for regulatory submissions, and to evaluate how such data can best inform regulatory decisions.

This multistakeholder workshop will bring together patients, healthcare professionals, academia, regulators, and industry to discuss ways to improve the collection and use of patient experience data to achieve patient-centred medicine design and regulation.



11. Veterinary recommendations

- EU Veterinary Big Data strategy 2022-2027
- 2nd Veterinary Big Data stakeholder forum
- Cooperation with International Regulators



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European Veterinary Big Data strategy 2022- 2027

A strategic vision towards implementation of new digital solutions in the Veterinary regulatory domain

The EU Veterinary Big Data Strategy is defined based on the following pillars:



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DRAFT Agenda - 2nd Veterinary Big Data Stakeholder Forum

23 November 2022, 09:30-17:00 CET
Virtual event

Time	Title
09:20	Connection to virtual room and technical checks
09:30	Welcome remarks
09:45	Session 1: Advancements in the area of Big Data and digitalisation in the veterinary domain This session will focus on the EU policy framework and initiatives of the EMA/HMA Big Data Steering Group
10:35	Coffee break
11:00	Session 2: Stakeholders' insights on key business areas This session will focus on the survey results and prioritised veterinary use cases. It will provide views and recommendations from Regulators, Pharmaceutical Industry, Veterinarians, Academia and other animal healthcare professionals
12:30	Lunch break
13:40	Session 2: Stakeholders' insights on key business areas (CONT)
15:15	Coffee break
15:45	Session 3: Big Picture on Big Data This session will provide insight of the application of digital technologies in cross-domain fields such as food, environment, and animal welfare
16:30	Round table and open discussion
16:50	Closing remarks
17:00	End of session

BDSG workplan 2022-2025 - Future highlights

DARWIN EU @ 	Gradual increase of studies and data partners RWE pilots in health crisis, HTA and Payers EMA committees phased routine access to RWE	Implement use of CT Raw & explore CMC data Enhance EudraVigilance safety data analysis Develop AI guidance Knowledge sharing on advance analytics Assess Network computing capability to analyse data	EU CAPABILITY TO ANALYSE
DATA QUALITY AND REPRESENTATIVENESS	Data quality framework roll-out & RWD considerations Good practices on regulatory data science Review data qualification Collaboration with EHDS	Further strengthen Methodology Working Party Data and methods guidance roadmaps EU Specialist Expert Communities: in methodology Launch Cluster of Excellence for CT analytics	DELIVERY OF EXPERT ADVICE
DATA DISCOVERABILITY	Launch real-world data and studies catalogues Explore patient experience data analysis Review utility of eHealth data and social media	Review Network Data Governance Strengthen engagement of ethics expertise Roll out of data protection training Support TEHDAS & EHDS Support Pharma Strategy	GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK
EU NETWORK SKILLS	Deliver training to regulators on biostatistics, pharmacoepidemiology and data science Adopt genomics curriculum Targeted training for patients, HCPs & academics	Build on ICMRA RWE recommendations Implement data standardisation strategy Clinical trial protocol - ICH M11	INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES
EU NETWORK PROCESSES	Publish portfolio of RWE use cases and terminology EU network RWE processes overview Report on RWE in regulatory decision-making	Annual multi-stakeholder platform Biannual industry meetings Workshops on DARWIN EU and RWE benefits Network change management	STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
		Implement vet data strategy and antimicrobials sale & use database Develop data sources catalogue & Progress metadata analysis Continue stakeholder engagement	VETERINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

- **The use of RWE will have been enabled and its value will have been established** across the spectrum of regulatory use cases.
- **Clinical trial raw data analysis** will support regulatory decision-making.
- **DARWIN EU network as part of the EU Health data space** will support better decision-making.
- **Through public searchable catalogues data will be discoverable** and of known quality and representativeness allowing choice of optimal data source, enabling regulators to guide development and expertly assess study results.
- **EU Network will have knowledge and experience** in data science, methods and analytics to advise companies developing products and to expertly assess application dossiers.
- **Suite of EU and international guidelines and standards available** will help industry and regulators develop and supervise medicines
- Continued full **compliance with data protection and ethics** of data sharing
- **Guided by patients and working with stakeholders** to deliver data transformation to support the development and use of better medicines for patients.

“At the core of a successful MA dossier is excellent clinical evidence”

More information



Big Data

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Clinical Trials Highlights



EMA events



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