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Press release

European Medicines Agency welcomes new Head of Information and Communications Technology

Guido Rasi, the Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency, today welcomed Mr Luc Verhelst into his new position as Head of the Agency's Information and Communications Technology Unit.

Mr Verhelst joins the Agency from a position as Chief Operations Officer at a leading Belgian payment and e-invoicing services provider where he was responsible for IT and business operations. He has over 20 years of senior management experience in both private and public sector organisations with a focus on developing corporate IT strategy and delivery of large client-focused systems and projects. A Belgian national, he has qualifications in mechanical engineering and information technology, and a Master's degree in public administration.

In addition to providing operational and project IT support to staff in the Agency's London offices, the Information and Communications Technology Unit is responsible for implementing the European Union telematics programme. This is a multi-stakeholder programme encompassing the design, development, hosting and maintenance of multiple pan-European systems and databases used by European Member States to comply with legislation related to the safety and efficacy of medicines.

Notes

1. This press release, together with all related documents, is available on the Agency's website.
2. The term European Member States used in this press release refers to the European Economic Area (EEA). In addition to the 27 Member States of the European Union, the EEA also includes Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.
3. See more information on the Agency website for Mr Luc Verhelst.
4. More information on the work of the European Medicines Agency can be found on its website: www.ema.europa.eu

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