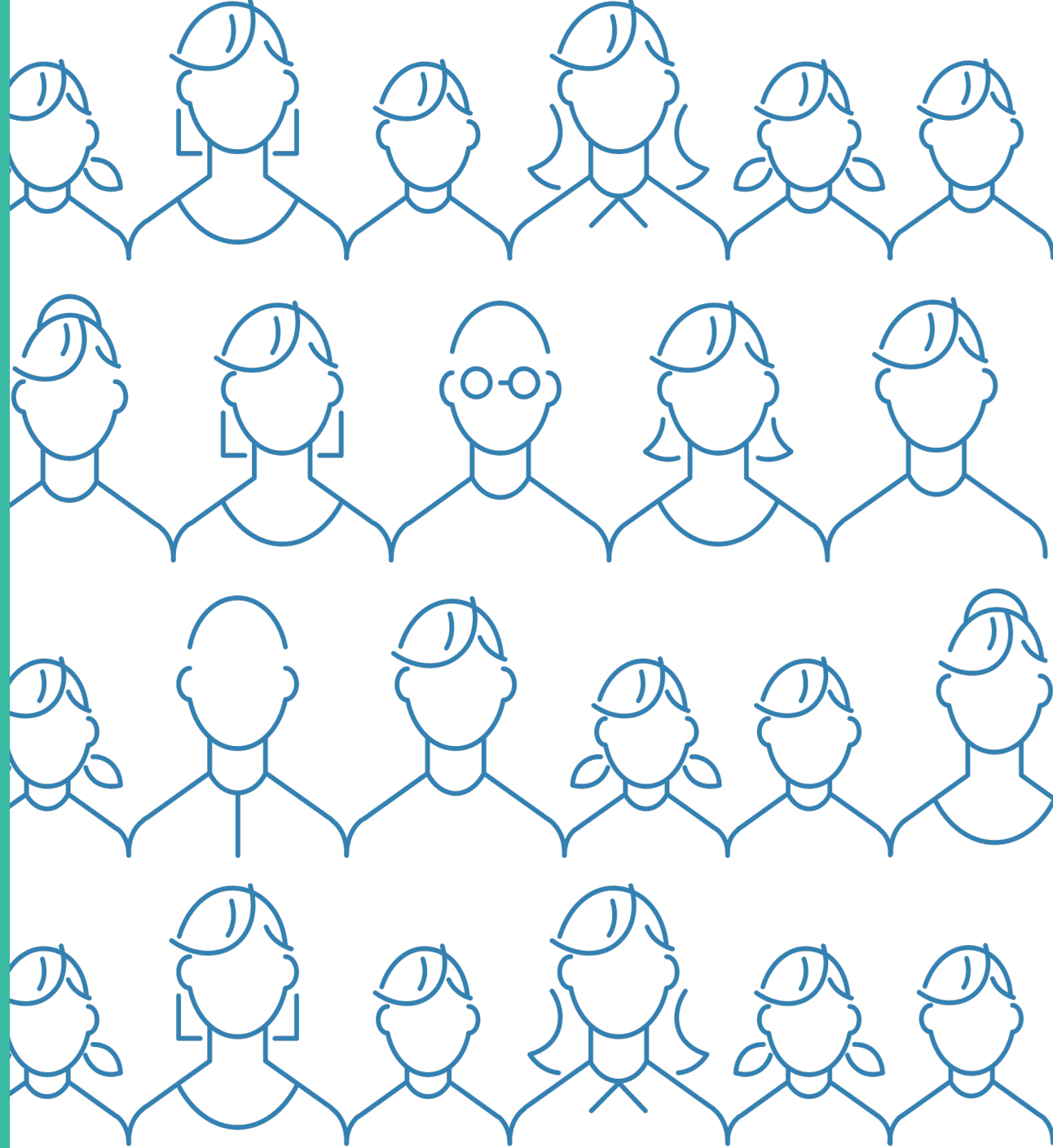


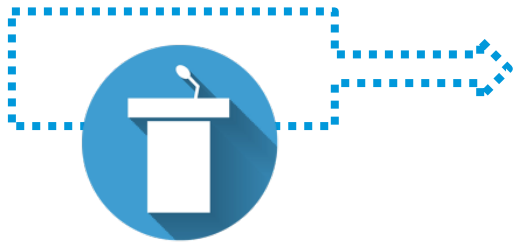
# Annual training 2026

Presented by Kaisa Immonen  
Patient and consumer liaison  
18 November 2025



# Annual training for patients, consumers and healthcare professionals

- First session
- Overview of EMA activities



2007

- Progressive adaptation of content according to needs



2008-2014

- Break-out sessions
- Use of short videos
- Inclusion of HCPs



2015-2017

- Adaptation to virtual and hybrid formats



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# Learning objectives

- Understanding the role of EMA and the process of medicines evaluation in Europe
- Understanding how EMA involves patients and HCPs as experts
- Understanding what is expected of patient and HCP experts
- Using a hands-on approach, guided by EMA trainers, learning about key activities, such as scientific advice and review of documents
- Understanding how to get involved as an expert and/or support EMA in identifying experts from within an organisation's membership

**Training is NOT a precondition – but can help experts feel more confident in participating in activities such as:**

- **Scientific advice**
- **Scientific advisory groups**
- **Reviews of documents**
- **Written consultations**

# 2026 annual training

2026 training will comprise **virtual and in-person sessions**:

- Virtual training
  - Introduction to EMA
  - How to get involved in EMA activities
- In-person training on **23 September**
  - Scientific advice
  - Review of documents
  - Introduction to EMA Paediatric Committee (PDCO) and paediatric investigation plans (PIP)
- Interactive sessions with EMA staff using real examples

- Participants identified via call for interest to all eligible organisations (1 person per organisation)
- Remaining places filled through Stakeholder Database (individuals) and through “pool” of patient and HCP experts
- Participants should commit to attending both virtual and in-person sessions
- Travel and accommodation to Amsterdam is arranged by EMA

# Call for interest to eligible organisations

- To identify individuals in your membership who are interested in acting as individual expert in medicine-specific activities
  - nominate one person for the training
- Able to interact in English
- Willing to commit to the training and future EMA activities
- No competing interests that would block acting as EMA expert

**Call for interest will be sent out to all eligible organisations in Q1 2026**





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