

Public consultation on EMA Regulatory Science to 2025

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Introduction

The purpose of this public consultation is to seek views from EMA's stakeholders, partners and the general public on EMA's proposed strategy on Regulatory Science to 2025 and whether it meets stakeholders' needs. By highlighting where stakeholders see the need as greatest, you have the opportunity to jointly shape a vision for regulatory science that will in turn feed into the wider EU network strategy in the period 2020-25.

The views being sought on the proposed strategy refer both to the extent and nature of the broader strategic goals and core recommendations. We also seek your views on whether the specific underlying actions proposed are the most appropriate to achieve these goals.

The questionnaire will remain open until June 30, 2019. In case of any queries, please contact: RegulatoryScience2025@ema.europa.eu.

Completing the questionnaire

This questionnaire should be completed once you have read the draft strategy document. The survey is divided into two areas: proposals for human regulatory science and proposals for veterinary regulatory science. You are invited to complete the section which is most relevant to your area of interest or both areas as you prefer.

We thank you for taking the time to provide your input; your responses will help to shape and prioritise our future actions in the field of regulatory science.

Data Protection

By participating in this survey, your submission will be assessed by EMA. EMA collects and stores your personal data for the purpose of this survey and, in the interest of transparency, your submission will be made publicly available.

For more information about the processing of personal data by EMA, please read the [privacy statement](#).

Questionnaire

Question 1: What stakeholder, partner or group do you represent:

- ☐ Individual member of the public
- ☐ Patient or Consumer Organisation
- ☐ Healthcare professional organisation
- ☐ Learned society
- ☐ Farming and animal owner organisation
- ☐ Academic researcher
- ☐ Healthcare professional
- ☐ Veterinarian
- ☐ European research infrastructure
- ☐ Research funder
- ☐ Other scientific organisation
- ☐ EU Regulatory partner / EU Institution
- ☐ Health technology assessment body
- ☐ Payer
- ☒ Pharmaceutical industry
- ☐ Non-EU regulator / Non-EU regulatory body
- ☐ Other

*** Please specify:**

between 1 and 1 choices

- ☒ Individual company
- ☐ Trade association
- ☐ SME

Name of organisation (if applicable):

GlaxoSmithKline R&D

Question 2: Which part of the proposed strategy document are you commenting upon:

- ☒ Human
- ☐ Veterinary
- ☐ Both

Question 3 (human): What are your overall views about the strategy proposed in EMA's Regulatory Science to 2025?

Please note you will be asked to comment on the core recommendations and underlying actions in the subsequent questions.

GSK welcomes the opportunity to comment on the EMA Regulatory Science to 2025 strategy. Overall, GSK feels that the strategy is comprehensive with no major gaps and overall support EFPIA's position. Additionally, GSK would like to emphasise two points: firstly, that opportunities for improvements in the near-term are possible within the current legislative framework; secondly, many of the core recommendations are interrelated and interdependent; some recommendations are clearly enablers of others and therefore the order in which these recommendations are progressed is likely to be critical to their success.

Question 4 (human): Do you consider the strategic goals appropriate?

Strategic goal 1: Catalysing the integration of science and technology in medicines development (h)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Strategic goal 2: Driving collaborative evidence generation – improving the scientific quality of evaluations (h)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Strategic goal 3: Advancing patient-centred access to medicines in partnership with healthcare systems (h)

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Strategic goal 4: Addressing emerging health threats and availability/therapeutic challenges (h)

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Strategic goal 5: Enabling and leveraging research and innovation in regulatory science (h)

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Question 5 (human): Please identify the top three core recommendations (in order of importance) that you believe will deliver the most significant change in the regulatory system over the next five years and why.

First choice(h)

9. Foster innovation in clinical trials

1st choice (h): please comment on your choice, the underlying actions proposed and identify any additional actions you think might be needed to effect these changes.

GSK supports EFPIA's key proposed actions:

- Implement a new complex clinical trials strategic initiative
- Organisation of dedicated multi-stakeholder collaborations (e.g., workshops, demonstration projects and pilot schemes) to raise awareness, share case studies and learnings, and identify best practices
- Facilitate better alignment between EU regulators and stakeholders in the clinical trial pathway
- Advance global coordination on the topic

Second choice (h)

7. Diversify and integrate the provision of regulatory advice along the development continuum

2nd choice (h): please comment on your choice, the underlying actions proposed and identify any additional actions you think might be needed to effect these changes.

GSK supports EFPIA's key proposed actions:

- Redesign of a more flexible and integrated R&D product support mechanism
- Integrate the opportunity for iterative CMC data submission during review
- Enhance the coordination of advice across EMA Committees, National Competent Authorities and other pertinent stakeholders, i.e. ensure closer alignment of understanding between EMA and national regulators to minimise any conflict in views between centralised scientific advice and CTA assessment.
- Provide preliminary feedback ahead of scientific advice discussion meeting so that the sponsor can also suggest additional topics for discussion based on this feedback
- Ensure wider stakeholder involvement in specific aspects of advice (e.g., CTFG for clinical trials, Notified Bodies for device/drug products)
- Within advice continuum, consider special perspectives for different types of products (e.g., paediatrics, drug-device combination products)
- Optimise usage of CT information System
- Advance acceptance of digital endpoints

Third choice (h)

18. Promote use of high-quality real world data (RWD) in decision-making

3rd choice (h): please comment on your choice, the underlying actions proposed and identify any additional actions you think might be needed to effect these changes.

GSK supports EFPIA's key proposed actions:

- Launch a strategic initiative to integrate RWE in drug development, including the use of demonstrator projects to engender familiarity
- Build on ongoing efforts (in EU and internationally) to provide clarity on scope and quality of sources of RWE
- Seek to align and contribute to extend the standards and methodologies for collecting, analysing and validating RWE use internationally
- Coordinate workshops to progress dialogue and publish workshop conclusions

Question 6 (human): Are there any significant elements missing in this strategy. Please elaborate which ones (h)

Question 7 (human): The following is to allow more detailed feedback on prioritisation, which will also help shape the future application of resources. Your further input is therefore highly appreciated. Please choose for each row the option which most closely reflects your opinion. For areas outside your interest or experience, please leave blank.

Should you wish to comment on any of the core recommendations (and their underlying actions) there is an option to do so.

Strategic goal 1: Catalysing the integration of science and technology in medicines development (h)

	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Less important	Not important
1. Support developments in precision medicine, biomarkers and 'omics'	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. Support translation of Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products cell, genes and tissue-based products into patient treatments					
3. Promote and invest in the Priority Medicines scheme (PRIME)					
4. Facilitate the implementation of novel manufacturing technologies					
5. Create an integrated evaluation pathway for the assessment of medical devices, in vitro diagnostics and borderline products					
6. Develop understanding of and regulatory response to nanotechnology and new materials' utilisation in pharmaceuticals					
7. Diversify and integrate the provision of regulatory advice along the development continuum					

Please feel free to comment on any of the above core recommendations or their underlying actions. **Kindly indicate the number of the recommendation** you are commenting on:

GSK supports EFPIA's prioritisation with one amendment. GSK have marked recommendation # 2 as "important", as it is important for the EMA to continue to maintain their extensive ongoing actions in this space.

Strategic goal 2: Driving collaborative evidence generation – improving the scientific quality of evaluations (h)

	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Less important	Not important
8. Leverage novel non-clinical models and 3Rs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. Foster innovation in clinical trials	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. Develop the regulatory framework for emerging digital clinical data generation	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. Expand benefit-risk assessment and communication	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. Invest in special populations initiatives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13. Optimise capabilities in modelling and simulation and extrapolation	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14. Exploit digital technology and artificial intelligence in decision-making	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please feel free to comment on any of the above core recommendations or their underlying actions. **Kindly indicate the number of the recommendation you are commenting on:**

GSK supports EFPIA’s prioritisation

Strategic goal 3: Advancing patient-centred access to medicines in partnership with healthcare systems (h)

	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Less important	Not important
15. Contribute to HTAs’ preparedness and downstream decision-making for innovative medicines	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16. Bridge from evaluation to access through collaboration with Payers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. Reinforce patient relevance in evidence generation					
18. Promote use of high-quality real world data (RWD) in decision-making					
19. Develop network competence and specialist collaborations to engage with big data					
20. Deliver real-time electronic Product Information (ePI)					
21. Promote the availability and uptake of biosimilars in healthcare systems					
22. Further develop external communications to promote trust and confidence in the EU regulatory system					

Please feel free to comment on any of the above core recommendations or their underlying actions. **Kindly indicate the number of the recommendation you are commenting on:**

GSK support EFPIA's prioritisation with an additional comment

22: It is important to maintain trust in the regulatory system. However, communication activities should be incorporated into the key recommendations, rather than as a separate specific activity.

Strategic goal 4: Addressing emerging health threats and availability/therapeutic challenges (h)

	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Less important	Not important
23. Implement EMA’s health threats plan, ring-fence resources and refine preparedness approaches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
24. Continue to support development of new antimicrobials and their alternatives	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
25. Promote global cooperation to anticipate and address supply challenges	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
26. Support innovative approaches to the development and post-authorisation monitoring of vaccines	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
27. Support the development and implementation of a repurposing framework	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please feel free to comment on any of the above core recommendations or their underlying actions. **Kindly indicate the number of the recommendation you are commenting on:**

GSK supports EFPIA’s and Vaccine Europe’s prioritisation
 27: Activities on repurposing should not distract or detract from EMA’s efforts to develop and provide access to innovative new medicines that address unmet medical needs.

Strategic goal 5: Enabling and leveraging research and innovation in regulatory science (h)

	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Less important	Not important
28. Develop network-led partnerships with academia to undertake fundamental research in strategic areas of regulatory science	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
29. Leverage collaborations between academia and network scientists to address rapidly emerging regulatory science research questions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
30. Identify and enable access to the best expertise across Europe and internationally	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

31. Disseminate and share knowledge, expertise and innovation across the regulatory network and to its stakeholders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Please feel free to comment on any of the above core recommendations or their underlying actions. **Kindly indicate the number of the recommendation you are commenting on:**

GSK supports EFPIA's prioritisation

Thank you very much for completing the survey. We value your opinion and encourage you to inform others who you know would be interested.

Useful links

EMA website: Public consultation page (<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/regulatory-science-strategy-2025>)

Background Documents

[EMA Regulatory Science to 2025.pdf](#)

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