

Programme

29 November 2018

Thursday



09:00 Opening Session

Francisco Ramos
Secretary of State Assistant and of Health
Ministry of Health
Portugal

Maria do Céu Machado
President of the Executive Board
INFARMED – National Authority of Medicines and
Health Products, I.P.
Portugal

Hanne Bak Pedersen
Manager of Health Technologies and Pharmaceuticals
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Europe

KEY POLICY CHALLENGES

Moderator: Sofia Oliveira Martins | Member of the Executive Board
INFARMED – National Authority of Medicines and Health Products, I.P.
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09:30 WHO Vision and Guidance on HTA and Access to Medicines

Sarah Garner
Coordinator Innovation, Access and Use Team
Essential Medicines and Health Products Department
WHO - World Health Organization

10:00 WHO Initiatives on Access to Medicines in the European Region

Hanne Bak Pedersen
Manager of Health Technologies and Pharmaceuticals
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Division of Health Systems and Public Health
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Europe

10:30 Portuguese Medicines Policy and Developments

Rui Santos Ivo
Vice-President of the Executive Board
INFARMED – National Authority of Medicines and
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Portugal

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE-BREAK

HEALTH OUTCOMES/HEALTH DATA

Moderator: Rogério Gaspar | Professor of Pharmacy, Pharmacy Faculty
of Lisbon University | Portugal

11:30 Real World Data and Decision-Making Procedures

Chantal Bélorgey
Director of Medical, Economic and Public Health
Assessment
HAS - French Health Authority
France

12:00 Generation of Evidence: Data Monitoring and Registries

Ana Miranda
Coordinator
National Cancer Registry
Portugal

12:30 Horizon Scanning

Aldo Golja
Senior Policy Advisor on Drug Pricing and
Reimbursement
Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports
The Netherlands

Cláudia Furtado
Director of HTA, Prices and Reimbursement
INFARMED – National Authority of Medicines and
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13:00 – 14:15 LUNCH BREAK

BENEFITS OF COUNTRY COLLABORATION

Moderator: Patricia Vella Bonanno | Secretary, Valletta Technical
Committee Valletta Declaration

14:15 Research Study on Impact and Benefits of Cross Border Collaboration

Sabine Vogler
WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Pricing
and Reimbursement Policies
GÖG - Austrian Public Health Institute
Austria

Fatima Suleman
WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical Policy
and Regulation
Utrecht University
The Netherlands

Discussion on findings

15:00 EUnetHTA: Ongoing and Future Developments

Marcus Guardian
Chief Operating Officer
EUnetHTA

15:30 – 16:00 COFFEE-BREAK

CROSSBORDER COLLABORATION INITIATIVES

Moderator: Yannis Natsis | Policy Manager, Universal Access and
Affordable Medicines | EPHA - European Public Health Alliance

16:00 Panel With Regional Initiatives

Paola Testori Coggi
Valetta Declaration

Aldo Golja
BeNeLuxA

Flemming Sonne
Nordic Pharmaceuticals Forum

Anna Strömgren
FINOSE

Dominik Dziurda
Visegrád Group

17:30 Close of the Day

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Friday

SUSTAINABLE ACCESS PRACTICES

Moderator: Hanne Bak Pedersen | Manager of Health Technologies and Pharmaceuticals Programme | Division of Health Systems and Public Health
WHO - World Health Organization/Regional Office for Europe

09:30 Sustainability and Access: The Portuguese Case
Julian Perelman
Coordinator
Mission Framework for the Sustainability of the Health Budget Program
Portugal

09:45 Innovative Payment Models for High-Cost Innovative Medicines - Expert Panel Opinion on Effective Ways of Investing in Health (EXPH)
Pedro Pita Barros
Professor of Economics
Nova School of Business and Economics
Portugal

10:15 Positional and Collaborative Negotiations - The Key to Healthy Competition
Panos Kanavos
Associate Professor of International Health Policy
London School of Economics and Political Science
United Kingdom

10:45 Q&A

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE-BREAK

PROSPECTIVES

Moderator: Rui Santos Ivo | Vice-President of the Executive Board
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11:30 Bridging the Gap: Regulatory & HTA
Michael Berntgen
Head of Product Development
Scientific Support Department
EMA - European Medicines Agency

12:00 European Commission Proposal on HTA
Flora Giorgio
Head of Sector Health Systems, Medical Products and Innovation
DG for Health and Food Safety
European Commission

12:30 Pharmaceutical Innovation and Access to Medicines
Valérie Paris
Senior Health Policy Analyst
Health Division
OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Q&A

13:00 Closing Remarks

Access to medicines is a central pillar of universal health coverage and the sustainable development goals, in particular Goal 3.8 and 3.b. However, large gaps in access to needed medicines remain in low- and middle-income countries and increasingly, high-income country governments are also challenged to provide sustainable access, in particular to high-priced medicines for diseases such as cancer, hepatitis C and rare conditions etc.

To improve access to medicines and increase efficiency in introduction of new medicines, country governments in Europe have started cross border collaboration in a variety of areas using different mechanisms. Collaboration includes topics such as horizon scanning, health technology assessment, price negotiations and joint procurement.

Collaboration on high priced medicines access has increased in recent years due to political interest, uncertainties on the cost-effectiveness on some of the new medicines coming to the market, increased demand for these medicines and limited financial resources among other factors.

This conference aims to share experiences between partners and countries on new ways of collaboration including cross-border collaboration to increase access to medicines.

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