

# Joint EDQM - Infarmed symposium on healthcare and medicines:

Meeting patient's needs through Council of Europe/EDQM and national programmes

5-6 May 2026 - Infarmed, Parque de Saúde de Lisboa - Avenida do Brasil, 53  
Lisbon, Portugal



## Draft programme *(subject to change)* 5 May 2026

8:30 - 9:30 Registration

### Opening session

**9:30 - 9:45:** Welcome address

*Dr Rui SANTOS IVO, President of the Executive Board - Infarmed (Portugal)*

*Dr Laurent MALLET, Head of the Intergovernmental Committees and Networks Department (ICND) - EDQM, Council of Europe*

**9:45 - 10:00:** Setting the scene - Objectives of the event

*Ms Eva MENDES, CD-P-PH/PC Chair (Portugal) and Mr Chris McGUIRE, CD-P-PH/CMED Chair (Ireland)*

### Session I: Protecting public health: EDQM and Infarmed

**Moderators:** *Ms Eva MENDES, CD-P-PH/PC Chair (Portugal) and Mr Chris McGUIRE, CD-P-PH/CMED Chair (Ireland)*

**10:00 - 10:15:** EDQM activities to protect public health

*Dr Laurent MALLET, Head of the Intergovernmental Committees and Networks Department (ICND) - EDQM, Council of Europe*

**10:15 - 10:30:** Infarmed's involvement in EDQM's work

*Dr Érica VIEGAS, Advisor to the Infarmed Executive Board - Infarmed (Portugal)*

**10:30 - 11:00: Coffee break**

### Session II: Infarmed: Innovative programmes

**Moderators:** *Ms Eva MENDES, CD-P-PH/PC Chair (Portugal) and Ms Verica TRBIC, Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina*

**11:00 - 11:15:** *Incluir* (patient engagement) project

*Mr Pedro FALEIRO, Incluir Project Manager - Infarmed (Portugal)*



**11:15 - 11:30:** *Dispensa em Proximidade* (the Proximity Dispensing System) project  
*Ms Margarida OLIVEIRA, Pharmacotherapeutic Assessor – Infarmed (Portugal)*

**11:30 - 11:45:** Patients' views on the *Incluir* and *Dispensa em Proximidade* projects  
*Mr Paulo GONÇALVES, President - União das Associações das Doenças Raras de Portugal (Union of Rare Disease Associations of Portugal)*

**11:45 - 12:00:** Question & Answer session

**12:00 - 13:30: Lunch break**

## Session III: Medication Review

Moderators: *Dr Filipa ALVES DA COSTA, University of Lisbon (Portugal) and Mr Tjalling VAN DER SCHORS, European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP)*

**13:30 - 13:50:** EDQM Medication Review Guidelines  
*Prof Martin HENMAN, Project Rapporteur - Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)*

**13:50 - 14:10:** From guidelines to practice – Experiences at national level  
*Dr Anna Bryndís BLÖNDAL, Associate Professor and Chief Pharmacist - University of Iceland and The Primary Health Care of the Capital Area (Iceland)*  
*Ms Ema PAULINO, President - Portuguese National Association of Pharmacies (ANF) (Portugal)*

**14:10 - 14:40:** Open discussion

**14:40 - 15:15: Coffee break**

## Session IV: Safe use of herbal food supplements

Moderators: *Ms Eva MENDES, CD-P-PH/PC Chair (Portugal) and Dr Silvia RAVERA, EDQM, Council of Europe*

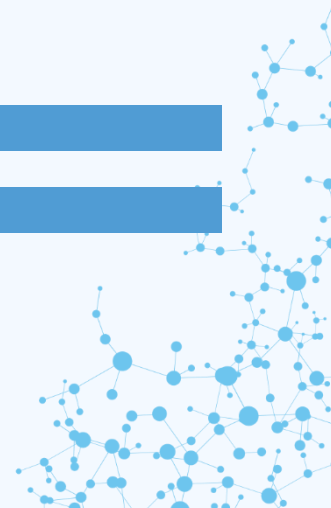
**15:15 - 15:35:** EDQM's contribution to the safe use of herbal food supplements  
*Ms Eva MENDES, Project Rapporteur and CD-P-PH/PC Chair (Portugal)*

**15:35 - 15:55:** Consumers' and academia's perspectives  
*Speaker TBC*  
*Dr Maria João CAMPOS, Professor - University of Coimbra (Portugal)*

**15:55 - 16:30:** Open discussion

**16:30 Close of Day 1**

**16:30 - 18:30 Reception**





## Session VII: EDQM's activities to promote best practices in healthcare and medicines: the way forward

Moderators: *Mr Rui VILAR, Infarmed (Portugal) and Ms Lynda SCAMMELL, MHRA (UK)*

### 13:45 - 14:45: Interactive discussion and Question & Answer session

Members of the discussion panel:

*Ms Eva MENDES, CD-P-PH/PC Chair (Portugal)*

*Mr Chris McGUIRE, CD-P-PH/CMED Chair (Ireland)*

*Dr Laurent MALLET, Head of ICND - EDQM, Council of Europe*

*Mr Gwenaël CIREFICE, Head of the Pharmaceutical & Consumer Care Section - EDQM, Council of Europe*

## Closing session

### 14:45 - 15:00

Reflections on the symposium

*Ms Eva MENDES, CD-P-PH/PC Chair (Portugal) and Mr Chris McGUIRE, CD-P-PH/CMED Chair (Ireland)*

Closing addresses

*Dr Érica VIEGAS, Advisor to the Infarmed Executive Board - Infarmed (Portugal)*

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