

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



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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 ICND - EDQM, Council of Europe

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

Ms 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*

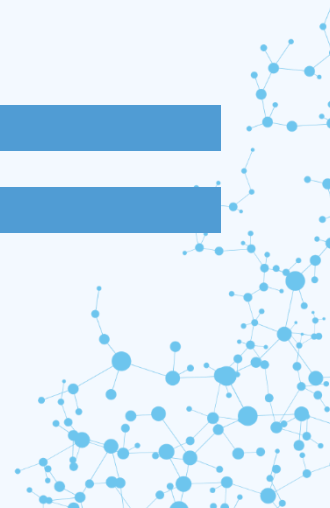
15:15 - 15:35: EDQM's contribution to the safe use of herbal food supplements
Ms Eva MENDES, Project Rapporteur and CD-P-PH/PC Chair (Portugal)

15:35 - 15:55: Consumers' and academia's perspectives
Ms Špela NOVAK, President - Društvo Atopijski Dermatitisi (Atopic Dermatitis Association) (Slovenia)
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



6 May 2026

9:00 - 9:05 Introduction

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

Session V: Traceability of medicines in hospital settings

Moderators: *Dr François-Xavier LERY, EDQM, Council of Europe and Mr Tjalling VAN DER SCHORS, EAHP*

9:05 - 9:25: EDQM guidelines on in-hospital medication traceability

Ms Els VAN DER WILDEN, Project Rapporteur

9:25 - 9:45: Experiences at national level

Ms Ana Sofia VALONGO, Hospital pharmacist - Hospital de Cascais (Portugal)

Ms Francine DE STOPPELAAR, Former chief pharmacist - Cleveland Clinic London (UK)

9:45 - 10:05: Industry's, national competent authorities' and patients' perspectives on traceability of medicines in hospitals

Dr Pius WALDMEIER, Head of Compliance, Safety & Security - Roche (Switzerland)

Ms Joana VIEIRA, Inspector – Infarmed (Portugal)

Prof Manuel ABECASIS, President - Portuguese Association Against Leukaemia (APCL) (Portugal)

10:05 - 10:35: Open discussion - The way forward

10:35 - 11:00: Coffee break

Session VI: Remote and online provision of medicines

Moderators: *Ms Lynda SCAMMELL, MHRA (UK) and Ms Verica TRBIC, Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies of Bosnia and Herzegovina*

11:00 - 11:20: Recommendation of the Committee of Ministers on best practices for the remote and online provision of medicines

Prof Martin HENMAN, Project Rapporteur - Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)

11:20 - 11:50: Developments concerning remote and online provision of medicines

Ms Lynda SCAMMELL, Head of Borderline Products - Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) (UK)

Mr Radoslav RUITCHEV, Inspector - Bulgarian Drug Agency (Bulgaria)

Mr Jorge BATISTA, Senior Professional Affairs Advisor - Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU)

11:50 - 12:20: Open discussion

12:20 - 13:45: Lunch break



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

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

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