2nd Meeting of the Member State Coordination Group on HTA 28 November 2022, Brussels

Flash report

The second meeting of the Member State Coordination Group on Health Technology Assessment (HTACG) set up by Regulation (EU) 2021/2282 on Health Technology Assessment was held on 28 November 2022 in Brussels. The representatives of the Member States holding the current and upcoming Council Presidencies served as Interim Chair (*Milan Vocelka, State Institute for Drug Control, Czech Republic*) and Interim Co-Chair (*Niklas Hedberg, Dental and Pharmaceuticals Benefits Agency, Sweden*).

The meeting covered the following points for decision:

- 1) Rules of procedure of the HTACG.
- 2) Elections of Chair(s) and Co-Chair(s) of the HTACG
- 3) Set up of the subgroup(s) of the HTACG

Consensus was reached on the Rules of procedure of the HTACG, including a provision on a transitional arrangement to operate in a joint configuration (medicinal products and medical devices) until the date of application of the Regulation. It was agreed to elect one Chair and two Co-Chairs (one with expertise in *medicinal products* and one with expertise in *medical devices*). This provision will be reviewed and revised by the HTACG six months before the date of application of the Regulation.

The HTACG elected Roisin Adams (National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics, Ireland) as Chair, Niklas Hedberg (Dental and Pharmaceuticals Benefits Agency, Sweden) as Co-Chair with expertise on medicinal products and Marco Marchetti (National Agency for Regional Healthcare Services, Italy) as Co-Chair with expertise on medical devices.

The HTACG agreed to start the process of establishing the subgroup on the development of methodological and procedural guidance, the subgroup on joint clinical assessments, the subgroup on joint scientific consultations, and the subgroup on the identification of emerging health technologies. During the transitional phase, all subgroups will be established in one configuration, covering both medicinal products and medical devices.

The Commission presented information points on the development of the HTA IT Platform and on the upcoming call for applications for the HTA Stakeholder Network.

The next meeting of the HTACG is planned in March 2023 in Brussels.