Meeting of the HERA Joint Industrial Cooperation Forum (JICF)

26 April 2023, 12:00 to 17:00, hybrid

Participants:

Members of the forum, HERA and DG GROW representatives, EMA, other Commission services.

Summary:

DG COMP gave a presentation on compliance with EU competition rules within the JICF. McKinsey presented its study on flexible manufacturing followed by a lively discussion with members. HERA and EMA gave an overview of their joint work on monitoring the supply and demand of a set of antibiotics and on the JICF Working Group on data collection, which was created on JICF members' request. In addition, HERA updated members on its work on prioritisation of medical countermeasures and on stockpiling. DG GROW presented its activities on the priority skills of the health sector. Lastly, EFPIA described its proposed framework for threat assessment.

Based on the discussion, it was agreed to continue discussing flexible manufacturing and threat assessment frameworks at the next JICF meeting.

Agenda:

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Exchange with DG COMP on collaboration within competition rules in JICF
- 3. Flexible manufacturing study
- 4. EMA/HERA monitoring of supply and demand of a set of antibiotics in preparation for next autumn/winter
- 5. Update on JICF Working Group on data collection
- 6. MCM prioritisation
- 7. Stockpiling update
- 8. Addressing the future skills needs of health industries
- 9. Tour de table
- 10. Conclusions