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## **3rd Meeting of the Member State Coordination Group on HTA (HTACG)**

**20 March 2023, Brussels**

### **Flash report**

The third meeting of the Member State Coordination Group on Health Technology Assessment (HTACG) set up by Regulation (EU) 2021/2282 was held on 20 March 2023 in Brussels.

The meeting was chaired by Roisín Adams (National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics, Ireland), and co-chaired by Niklas Hedberg (Dental and Pharmaceuticals Benefits Agency, Sweden) and Marco Marchetti (National Agency for Regional Healthcare Services, Italy).

The meeting covered the following points:

- 1) Terms of reference for four sub-groups: the subgroup for joint clinical assessments; the subgroup for joint scientific consultations; the subgroup for the identification of emerging health technologies; and the subgroup for the development of methodological and procedural guidance.**

The importance of holding regular exchanges between the chairs of the different sub-groups and the chairs of the HTA coordination group to ensure coherence was raised. Consensus was reached on the terms of reference for all subgroups. It was also agreed that the subgroups will meet in joint configuration and hold their first meetings on 24 and 25 April and will elect their chairs and co-chairs during these meetings.

- 2) Implementing acts to be adopted by the European Commission under the Regulation.**

The Commission explained the process for the adoption of implementing acts and announced that calls for nominations of the Comitology committee would be sent shortly via the Permanent Representations. The Commission announced that the first implementing act would be procedures for joint clinical assessment of medicinal products. Members reflected on how to ensure coherence between the implementing act and the other documents that the HTACG plans to adopt such as guidance and operating procedures. The importance of consistency between the implementing act on joint clinical assessment of medicinal products and the implementing act on conflict of interest was highlighted.

- 3) Work Programme 2023-2024 of the Coordination Group and its subgroups.**

The HTACG discussed the strategic direction for the work of the Coordination Group and its subgroups for 2023-2024. Members agreed that the work programme covering the next two years will include details and priorities for the preparatory period before the application of the HTA Regulation. The subgroups will discuss their tasks at their first meetings in April and the work programme will aim to be adopted at the next HTACG meeting.

The Commission informed the Coordination group about the latest updates on the HTA IT platform, the Stakeholder Network and EU funding projects for HTA.

The importance of engaging with stakeholders was acknowledged.

EUnetHTA21 Consortium gave an update about the state of play and the Heads of HTA Agencies Group informed the meeting about their latest activities.

The next meeting of the HTACG is planned for 13 June 2023 in Brussels.