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## **8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Member State Subgroup for Identification of Emerging Health Technologies (EHT)**

**21 March 2024, online meeting, Webex**

### **Summary Minutes**

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The eighth meeting of the Member State Subgroup for Identification of Emerging Health Technologies was held on 21 March 2024 online. 21 EU Member States participated as well as representatives from Norway as observers.

The seventh meeting was chaired by Jelena Ivanovic (Italy).

The agenda of the meeting was approved with no changes.

The summary minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Subgroup were approved.

The Commission had not identified any relevant Conflict-of-Interest for the purpose of this meeting. Two persons were excluded from the meeting due to Declarations of Interest missing or incorrectly filled in.

The meeting covered the following points:

#### **1) Debriefs by the Chair/Co-Chair from meetings and contacts**

The Chair debriefed about the last HTA Coordination Group meeting on 8 March, about contacts with the European Medicines Agency (EMA), an exchange of views with colleagues in the JCA and JSC Subgroups, and contacts with MedTech Europe. At this stage the EHT SG's priority is to obtain a comprehensive view on the medicinal products in scope under the HTAR expected to be submitted for marketing authorisation in 2025 and to continue cooperation with the EMA.

#### **2) Scope of the EHT reports**

An update was provided on the specific data needs for medicinal products and medical devices based on discussions with the JCA and JSC Subgroups. The EHT SG has established preliminary lists of data needs which will be subject to further refinement. This process will be linked to the results of the planned contacts with selected horizon scanning systems, to HTAR requirements, and to the conclusions from

discussion on the purpose and content of EHT reports. There might be some differences in data needs for medicinal products versus medical devices that should be considered.

### **3) Update on progress from work stream on impact criteria definition**

The Chair informed about progress of work on impact criteria definition. Identification of filtration and prioritisation criteria from existing horizon scanning systems identified in mapping exercise and focusing on medical devices was done. Those criteria were included in a common file together with these used for prioritisation of medicinal products. The available list could give a broad idea of some relevant parameters that lead to the selection of the technologies of potential interest at national/international level.

### **4) Update on progress from work stream on mapping**

From the around 20 horizon scanning systems (HSS) investigated, a selection was made and 7 HSS were identified as potentially interesting to meet the scope and timeline of EHT information needs. As a next step the Chairs will send out requests to these selected HSS for information of medicinal products in scope for 2025. A smaller number of HSS cover medical devices which will be addressed at a later stage.

### **5) Second EHT report (qualitative, preliminary information)**

According to the current work programme of the EHT SG, more comprehensive, qualitative EHT information is required in Q3 of 2024. However, the scope and timing of this second report may have to be adjusted. The reason being that the HTACG has put high priority to retrieve more detailed information on medicinal products in scope of JCAs for 2025 (oncology and ATMP) and to focus on contacts with selected HSS for obtaining more information concerning these products.

### **6) Funding work on emerging health technologies**

The EHT Subgroup discussed the potential sources to provide EHT reports. These may not only include the sources mentioned in Art 22 HTAR but also other potential sources available at MS level and third parties. Linked to this discussion is the question of Members States' resources and funding needs for the preparation of the reports on emerging health technologies. The Chair concluded that this will be discussed further.

### **7) Annual Stakeholders Workshop**

The Chair reminded that according to Art 22 HTAR the members of the HTA stakeholder network are a source of information for the EHT reports. The group discussed the potential contents, setup and timing of a HTA stakeholders workshop to be organised. The Co-Chair concluded that further discussion will follow.

### **8) Closing of the meeting**

The Chair closed the meeting by thanking the EHT SG members for their continued commitment.