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In 1965 the first European measure in the area of pharmaceutical law was adopted: Council Directive 65/65/EEC. Over the past 50 years, EU pharmaceutical legislation has developed to a comprehensive set of instruments aiming to ensure the continuous development of high-quality products and innovative medicines, the protection of health and rights of patients and the maintenance of a favourable environment to R&D and pharmaceutical companies.

The Commission presented its initial views on how to mark the event of the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in the previous meeting of the Pharmaceutical Committee. The October meeting will be used to provide an update regarding activities.

**Action to be taken:**

For information