



## Meeting DG SANTE B4 and HOPE

**Date:** 16/12/2016

**Location:** European Commission, DG SANTE

### Participants

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Pascal Garel, Valentina Lisi (HOPE – the European Hospital and Healthcare Federation)

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### Purpose of the meeting

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The objective of the meeting was to discuss the involvement of HOPE in two EU health policy areas: Health Technology Assessment (HTA) and falsified medicines.

### Discussion

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P. Garel presented the organisation and explained that HOPE represents national hospital organisations (public or private), local and regional authorities as well as Ministries of Health (Austria, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Malta, Spain). The membership depends on the hospital organisation within the country.

**HTA:** HOPE was invited by the Commission to reply to the public consultation on HTA and to the call of expression of interest setting up the HTA Network stakeholder pool.

HOPE explained that the interest and expertise in HTA varies between its members. HTA, as part of the innovative medicines' policy, is on the agenda of HOPE together with other 30 topics.

Commission informed about the data gathering survey on HTA and HOPE advised to contact the hospital purchasers (RESAH) to collect these data.

HOPE confirmed that HTA is a good tool to increase quality and bring savings to the hospital sector.

**Falsified medicines:** Commission reminded the introduction of the safety features by 2019. The safety features will have to be decommissioned by the people entitled to dispense medicinal products to the public namely hospitals and community pharmacies. Consequently, Commission explained that the participation of the hospitals is crucial for the success of the implementation. Unfortunately HOPE does not have the budget to participate in the EMVO due to the costs of the membership fee. In addition, HOPE was not available to participate in the recent workshop with such a short notice. Commission clarified that the people authorised to dispense to the public are allowed to participate at no costs and EMVO is keen to enrol jointly HOPE and the European Association for hospital Pharmacists (EAHP). HOPE committed to be involved.