



**STAKEHOLDER EVENT ON BIOSIMILAR MEDICINAL PRODUCTS**  
**BRUSSELS, 13 DECEMBER 2022**  
**9H30 - 16H15 CET\***

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**DRAFT AGENDA**

- 09.00 – 09.30**      **Registration and welcome**
- 09.30 – 09.40**      **Introductory note**
- John Ryan, Acting Deputy Director General for Health, DG SANTE, European Commission
- 09.40 – 09.50**      **How biosimilars impact my access to affordable medicines**
- Patient speaker (tbc)
- 09.50 – 10.20**      **The impact of biosimilar competition in Europe**
- Per Troein, VP, Strategic partners, IQVIA
  - Max Newton, Global supplier & association relations, IQVIA
- Interactive Q&A discussion with the audience
- 10.20 – 10.45**      **Coffee & networking break**
- 10.45 – 12.30**      **Interchangeability, switching and substitution of biosimilars:**  
scientific evidence, regulatory guidance and national policies
- Chair: Harald Mische, Deputy Head of Unit for Medical Products, DG SANTE, European Commission
- 1) Interchangeability of biosimilars
- Available evidence on interchangeability of biosimilars*
- Liese Barbier, Postdoctoral Researcher Pharmaceutical Sciences, KU Leuven, Belgium
- Joint EMA-HMA statement on interchangeability*
- Steffen Thirstrup MD, Affiliate Professor and Chief Medical Officer at the European Medicines Agency (EMA)
- Interactive Q&A discussion with the audience
- 2) National biosimilar policies: switching and substitution
- Sabine Vogler, Head of the Pharmacoeconomics Department at the Austrian National Public Health Institute, GÖG
  - Olga Pitsillidou, Officer Health Insurance Organization (CY)

- Helga Festoy, Head of Unit Norwegian Medicines Agency (NO)
- Nadia Amer, Project Officer Health Products Department National Health Insurance Fund CNAM (FR)

Interactive Q&A discussion with the audience

**12.30 – 13.30**

**Networking lunch**

**13.30 – 14.40**

**Building trust in oncology biosimilars: clinical practice**

Chair: Peter Schneider, Health Expert at the Austrian National Public Health Institute, GÖG (AT)

*Improving biosimilar access to the benefit of patients*

- Ward Rommel, Chair of ECL Access to Medicines Task Force, Expert in Cancer Care at Kom op tegen kanker

*Perspective from an oncology clinician*

- Dr. Rosa Giuliani, Director of Public Policy at the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO)

*The role of pharmacists in oncology biosimilar treatment*

- Dr. Tilman Schöning, Deputy Head of Pharmacy Heidelberg University Hospital, Member of the European Society of Oncology Pharmacy (ESOP)

*The role of nurses in switch management between similar biological medicines*

- Dr. Adriano Friganovic, President of the European Specialist Nurses Organisation (ESNO) and World Federation of Critical Care Nurses (WFCCN)

Interactive Q&A discussion with the audience

**14.40 – 15.00**

**Coffee & networking break**

**15.00 – 16.00**

**Untapping the full potential of biosimilars**

Chair: Sanja Matic, Head of Department for utilisation and prices of medicines, HALMED (HR)

Interactive panel discussion

- Simone Boselli, Public Affairs Director, EURORDIS-Rare Diseases Europe
- Yannis Natsis, Director of the European Social Insurance Platform (ESIP)
- Julie Maréchal-Jamil, Director Biosimilar Policy & Science, Medicines for Europe
- Dr. Rosa Giuliani, Director of Public Policy at the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO)
- Despoina Makridaki, Director of Pharmaceutical Services at the Sismanoglio-Amalia Fleming General Hospital of Attica, Member

of the Board and Scientific Committee of the European Association  
of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP)

- Ber Oomen, Executive Director of the European Specialist Nurses  
Organisation (ESNO)

**16.00 - 16.15**

**Closing words**

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