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Ensuring equitable and sustainable access to medicines through a secure and resilient supply

10 November 2022 - from 10:00 to 13:00

At the premises of the Permanent Representation
of the Czech Republic to the European Union,
Rue Caroly 15, 1050 Ixelles



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09:15-10:00

Registration and welcome coffee

10:00 -10:15

Introductory remarks

- [Jakub Dvořáček](#) – Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic
- [Elisabeth Stampa](#) – Medicines for Europe President and CEO Medichem
- [European Commission representative](#) - (*invited*)

10:15-11:20

Session 1: Sustainable and equitable access to medicines in Central and Eastern Europe

Equitable access to medicines and the sustainability of healthcare systems remains a challenge for many European governments. In this context, off-patent medicines play an essential role in promoting pharmaceutical innovation and, through competition contribute massively to the affordability, sustainability, and accessibility of healthcare systems. The greater use of generic and biosimilar medicines in the CEE region could be a catalyst to dramatically improve access to medicines and to improve health outcomes, as found in the recent Medicines for Europe report “Removing access barriers in Central and Eastern Europe: How can we ensure equitable access to medicines for all European patients?”

MODERATOR:

[Dave Keating](#) - Brussels Correspondent, France 24

PANELLISTS:

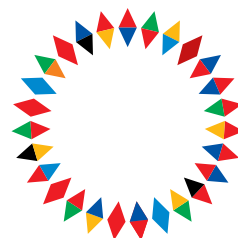
- [Jakub Dvořáček](#) - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic
- [Vera Pataki](#) - Head of International Market Access, EGIS and Chair of the CEE Network, Medicines for Europe
- [Zoltán Kaló](#) - Professor of Health Economics at Center for Health Technology Assessment, Semmelweis University
- [Gergely Németh](#) - Project Manager, EURIPID at the National Institute of Health Insurance Fund Management (NEAK)
- [European Patients' Forum Representative](#) - (*invited*)

11:20-11:40



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Coffee Break

11:40-12:45

Session 2: Increasing Manufacturing Resilience for security of supply and equitable access

Cost-containment and the Industrial consolidation of the sector run counter to the EU's commitment to increase manufacturing resilience and diversity and reduce reliance on third countries. To reverse industrial consolidation and promote open strategic autonomy in medicines manufacturing, the Czech Presidency can stimulate progress on a policy environment that solidifies security of supply for equitable access to medicines.

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PANELLISTS:

- [Giacomo Mattinò](#) - Head of Unit, Food, Retail, Health, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission
- [Marian Piecha](#) - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic
- [Elisabeth Stampa](#) - Medicines for Europe President and CEO Medichem
- [Steffen Denzinger](#) - President European Fine Chemicals Group (EFCG) and Director Business Development Actives & Formulation Merck KGaA
- [Soňa Porubská](#) - Head of Corporate Affairs Zentiva Global and ČAFF Board member

12:45-13:00

Concluding remarks

- [Marian Piecha](#) - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic
- [Philippe Drechsle](#) - Vice President EU Portfolio, TEVA and Medicines for Europe Executive Committee member

13:00

Buffet lunch