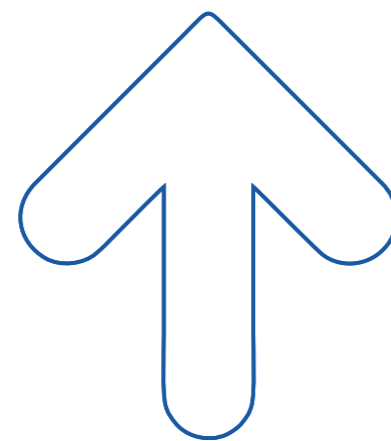# #Levelling up
the European Health Union

EU health policy has advanced in strides due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Access, affordability, availability should be more than buzzwords and the EU should capitalise on the solidarity, the efficiency, and the collaboration between industry and the EU to improve population-level health outcomes and minimise health inequalities across the whole EU.

	LEAVE NO PATIENT BEHIND	BUILD A MODERN REGULATORY NETWORK FOR THE 21st CENTURY	SECURE EUROPE'S MEDICINE MANUFACTURING	EMPOWER PROGRESS IN HEALTHCARE
OUR PRIORITY	**Reform EU pharmaceutical laws for equitable access by fostering timely competition and sustainable uptake of generic, biosimilar and value added medicines**	**Digitalise, harmonise and automate the medicines regulatory framework**	**Invest in a competitive off-patent medicines manufacturing industry to make it greener, digital and strategically autonomous**	**Create a policy for affordable innovation on off-patent medicines**
OUR COMMITMENT	→ Drive competition in pharma markets to increase access and sustain healthcare budgets. → Invest in affordable off-patent innovation to solve healthcare and patient challenges. → Improve supply chain security and reduce shortage risks. → Provide transparency on temporary disruption of supply.	→ Invest in the digitalisation of regulatory and supply chain activities to align with future EU IT systems. → Find ways to reduce regulatory burdens for regulators and industry while maintaining science based high standards. → Find a balance regarding important investments in sustainability and access to affordable essential medicines.	→ Invest in EU manufacturing and in more secure supply chains. → Train a highly skilled workforce for R&D and high technology manufacturing in Europe. → Develop and manufacture more complex medicines for future healthcare needs. → Export medicines for global access and a strong economy.	→ Co-create off-patent R&D with the healthcare community to improve existing therapies with the latest technologies. → Provide solutions to improve population level health outcomes and address major healthcare challenges through investment in better access to generic, biosimilar and value added medicines. → Take advantage of digital opportunities to improve healthcare delivery and outcomes.
WE CALL ON THE EU TO	→ Support pro-competitive measures in the pharma and intellectual property legislations, especially to stop delays to generic and biosimilar entry. → Facilitate earlier entry of generics and biosimilars to increase competition and availability in all Member States. → Create a framework for Value added medicines development. → Tackle the economic root causes of medicine shortages and facilitate a solidarity-based allocation of medicines across the EU to solve shortages. → Reform tender policies with EU guidance on medicine procurement.	→ Fast-track the digital and regulatory efficiency chapters of the new EU pharmaceutical legislation. → Enable more regulatory flexibility to prevent shortages, notably by accelerating the introduction of EPIL → Introduce a clear shortage prevention and mitigation policy (instead of over-reporting) by investing in a single digital, interoperable and automated shortage management platform. → Align approval regulation with the latest science, experience, and global single development to improve access and reduce unethical duplication. → Align biosimilar medicines with learnings from experience and science. → Address environmental challenges without undermining access or the risk/benefit of affordable essential medicines.	→ Adopt a Critical Medicines Act to foster open strategic autonomy in healthcare by restoring Europe's manufacturing competitiveness and reducing dependency risks for essential medicines. → Support investments in new greener and automated technologies for manufacturing and upskilling the workforce. → Agree on a harmonised list of critical and essential medicines for EU public health. → Reform off-patent markets by including security of supply, the environment and multi-source competition as critical components of purchasing. → Secure the EU's role as a strong global health actor.	→ Recognise and reward off-patent innovation in EU legislation while avoiding evergreening abuses. → Give the healthcare community a voice to improve their essential and critical off-patent medicines and tackle well-known adherence or access to care problems. → Allow the industry to invest in digital combinations to address major healthcare challenges for patients with coherent regulation and market policies. → Reform markets for antibiotic medicines to address antimicrobial resistance.

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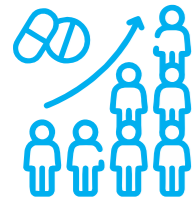
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190,000
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Over **400** manufacturing sites

The use of off-patent medicines has liberated over **€100 billion** to reinvest in health systems

Over 10 years **100%** increase in patient access to treatments for illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension and epilepsy

5.8 billion patient treatment days to European patients using biosimilar medicines

€50 billion saved using biosimilar medicines between 2006-2023

which amounts to **€10 billion** in 2023 alone

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