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Webinar on orphan medical devices

Agenda – 23 September 2024 (14:00 – 16:30 CEST), [registration page](#)

Chair: Silvy da Rocha Dias – EMA, Head of Expert Panels and Groups Office

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1.	Welcome - Alberto Ganan (EMA); Flora Giorgio (EC)	5'
PART I Guidance on the clinical evaluation of orphan medical devices (MDCG 2024-10): General considerations		
2.	General overview: Orphan device criteria and clinical evaluation considerations Donal O'Connor; Gearóid McGauran (HPRA)	20'
3.	The involvement of the expert panels Peter Bischoff-Everding (EC)	5'
4.	Manufacturers' views on the challenges addressed by the new guidance Jana Russo (MedTech Europe); Ralf Klein (EUROM VI)	10'
5.	Healthcare professionals' views on the application of the new guidance Elena Arbelo (ESC)	10'
6.	Q&A	15'
	Break	5'
PART II Guidance on the clinical evaluation of orphan medical devices (MDCG 2024-10): Procedural considerations		
7.	Notified body activities and responsibilities Rene Bombien (TÜV SÜD); Richard Holborow (BSI)	15'
8.	Involvement of expert panels: advice on orphan device status and clinical evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early advice pursuant to MDR Article 61(2) Iordanis Sidiropoulos (EMA) 10'• Advice to manufacturers and notified bodies in cases where the clinical evaluation is in an advanced stage or completed Miguel Antunes (EMA) 10'• Perspectives from the experts Tom Melvin (Expert Panels) 15'• Submission portal: how to submit a request Michael Vogl (EMA) 5'	
9.	Q&A	15'
10.	Conclusions - Alberto Ganan (EMA); Flora Giorgio (EC)	10'

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List of speakers

Guest speakers

Donal O'Connor - Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA), Clinical Manager Medical Devices

Elena Arbelo – European Society of Cardiology (ESC), Chair of the Advocacy and Quality Improvement Committee – European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA); Associate Professor Hospital Clínic

Gearóid McGauran - Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA), Medical Officer Medical Devices Department

Jana Russo - MedTech Europe, Manager Medical Devices

Ralf Klein – EUROM VI - Medical Technology Committee, Vice-chair; Chair of the RA Forum medical technology SPECTARIS Association; Owner and Managing Director of Radimed GmbH Bochum

Rene Bombien - TÜV SÜD, Chief Medical Officer

Richard Holborow – British Standards Institution (BSI), Global Head of Clinical Compliance

Tom Melvin – Medical Device Expert Panels, Advisor; Associate Professor of Medical Device Regulatory Affairs, School of Medicine, Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin

European Commission speakers

Flora Giorgio – European Commission, Head of Unit Medical Devices, SANTE D3

Peter Bischoff-Everding – European Commission, Legal Officer Medical Devices, SANTE D3

European Medicines Agency speakers

Alberto Ganan – European Medicines Agency, Head of Committees and Quality Assurance Department

Iordanis Sidiropoulos – European Medicines Agency, Scientific Officer Expert Panels and Groups Office

Michael Vogl – European Medicines Agency, Scientific Officer Expert Panels and Groups Office

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