



# Register of Expert Groups and Other Similar Entities

## Commission Expert Group

**Name:** Expert group on Corporate Responsibility in the field of Pharmaceuticals (E02558)  
(Active - Group which operates on a permanent basis)

<b>Policy Area:</b>	Enterprise
	Public Health
<b>Lead DG:</b>	GROW - DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
<b>Associated DG:</b>	EMPL - DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
	CNECT - DG Communications Networks, Content and Technology
	FISMA - DG Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union
	RTD - DG Research and Innovation
	SANTE - DG Health and Food Safety
	TRADE - DG Trade
	DEVCO - DG International Cooperation and Development

**Type:** Informal, Temporary

**Scope:** Limited

**Mission:** Considering the contribution that medicines provide to the health of individuals, it is necessary to ensure that the pharmaceutical industry strategies are in line with the public health and societal needs and that all partners exercise their responsibilities. The Process on Corporate Responsibility in the field of Pharmaceuticals was set up to initiate a momentum among the Member States, industry and other relevant stakeholders by considering in a balanced approach societal and industrial challenges.

**Task:** Coordinates with Member States, exchange of views

<b>Composition:</b>	Association (Consumer affairs, Insurance, Public health, Industry)
	NGO (Public health)
	International organization (Research, Public health, Development, Humanitarian aid)
	National Administrations
	Third Country (Public health)
	Candidate country (Public health)

**Publication in RegExp:** 11 Jan 2011

**Link to Website:** [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/healthcare/process\\_on\\_corporate\\_responsibility/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/healthcare/process_on_corporate_responsibility/index_en.htm)

**Last updated:** 19 Jan 2015

## **Additional Information**

### **Activity Report**

The process on corporate responsibility in the field of pharmaceuticals developed further in 2012. A significant number of experts from different organisations such as NGOs, companies mainly from the pharmaceutical industry, professional associations in healthcare sector, patient organisations and competent national/regional authorities, were very interested and participated actively in all the activities of the process on corporate responsibility in the field of pharmaceuticals. Many participants came from SMEs. The Platform on Access to Medicines in Europe continued their discussions, and was further elaborated with the launch of an additional working group, bringing them to a total number of six, overseen by a steering group. The working groups attracted a wide range of participants, and they made a good progress in identifying and investigating measures that would help increase the accessibility to medicinal products in the context of pricing and reimbursement. All groups are expected to deliver final reports in 2013 putting forward recommendations. The Platform on Ethics and Transparency saw an active involvement of industry that set ambitious goals and timelines, which were efficiently met by all involved stakeholders. This platform concluded their work with the agreement on a major deliverable: a "List of Guiding Principles promoting Good Governance in the pharmaceutical sector" (see enclosed below), which proposes measures that can increase ethical and transparent behaviour in the pharmaceutical sector. Under the Platform on Access to Medicines in Developing Countries with a focus on Africa, two working groups were set up: (1) Working group on patent information system in order to facilitate access to the patent information needed for medicines that are of particular interest to developing countries. (2) Working group on local capacity building to explore the possibilities to support capacity building for the distribution channels, local production, clinical trials, etc.

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/healthcare/competitiveness/process\\_on\\_corporate\\_responsibility/platform\\_access/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/healthcare/competitiveness/process_on_corporate_responsibility/platform_access/index_en.htm)

#### [Document 1](#)

(approx. 33 kb)

### **Activity Report**

The work of the Process on Corporate Responsibility in the field of Pharmaceuticals gained momentum in 2011. For the agendas and minutes of the Steering Group coordinating the work of the process divided into three platforms please follow the link below. As for the work of the three platforms, the Platform on Access to Medicines in Europe was further elaborated with the launch of additional working groups, bringing the total number of them to five. All of these working groups attracted a wide range of participants including the private sector and especially the pharmaceutical industry, and they made a good progress in identifying and investigating measures that would help increase the accessibility to medicinal products in the context of pricing and reimbursement. The Platform on Transparency and Ethics was launched as well. There were two meetings under this work stream, which brought together all involved stakeholders –industry representatives, professional associations in healthcare sector and national/regional authorities– in order to achieve a minimum consensus on relative measures that can increase ethical and transparent behaviour in the pharmaceutical sector. The industry participated in an active way setting ambitious goals and timelines. Under the Platform on Access to Medicines in Developing Countries with a focus on Africa, an initial informal workshop with representatives from African and EU countries, NGOs, industry and Commission services took place.

### **Selection Procedure (members)**

For an overview of the membership selection process please consult the document attached here.

#### [Document 1](#)

(approx. 18 kb)

### **Internal Rules of Procedure**

Expert groups usually operate in an informal setting without any formal rules of procedure. This is the case for this group.

## Members

### Organisation

Name of Organisation	Category	Countries/Areas represented	Membership Status
Administration Liechtenstein	Third Country	Liechtenstein	Member
Association Internationale de la Mutualité – AIM	Association	European	Member
Bureau Européen des Unions de Consommateurs - BEUC	Association	European	Member
European Association for Bioindustries - EuropaBio	Association	European	Member
European Association of Full-Line Wholesalers – GIRP	Association	European	Member
European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries & Associations - EFPIA	Association	European	Member
European Generic medicines Association - EGA	Association	European	Member
European Hospital and Healthcare Federation – HOPE	Association	European	Member
European Patients Forum – EPF	Association	European	Member
European Self-Medication Industry - AESGP	Association	European	Member
European Social Insurance Platform – ESIP	Association	European	Member
Ministry of Health	Candidate country	Iceland	Member
Ministry of Health	Third Country	Norway	Member
Ministry of Health	Third Country	Switzerland	Member
Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union – PGEU	Association	European	Member
Standing Committee of European Doctors - CPME	Association	European	Member
Action for Global Health - AFGH	NGO	International	Not a member
International alliance of patients' organizations - IAPO	Association	International	Not a member
Médecins sans frontières – MSF	NGO	International	Not a member
UNITAID	International organization	International	Not a member
World Health Organisation - WHO	International organization	International	Not a member

### National administrations

Country		Membership Status
Austria	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Belgium	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Bulgaria	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Croatia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Cyprus	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member

Czech Republic	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Denmark	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Estonia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Finland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
France	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Germany	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Greece	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Hungary	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Ireland	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
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Latvia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
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Slovenia	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Spain	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
Sweden	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member
United Kingdom	1 Public Authorit(y-ies)	Member

## Subgroups

Name	Duration	Composition	
<b>Platform on Access to Medicines in Developing Countries</b>			
<b>Organisation</b>			
Organisation Name	Organisation Type	Countries/Areas represented	Membership Status
Action for Global Health - AfGH	NGO	International	Member
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Country	Public Authority	Membership Status
United Kingdom	Department of Health	Member
Sweden	Dental and Pharmaceutical Benefits Agency	Member
Spain	Ministry of Health and Social Policy	Member
Slovenia	Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices	Member
Slovakia	Ministry of Health	Member
Romania	Ministry of Health	Member
Portugal	National Authority of Medicines and Health Products	Member
Poland	Ministry of Health	Member
Netherlands	Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport	Member
Malta	Ministry for Health, the Elderly and Community Care	Member
Luxembourg	Ministry of Commerce and Economy	Member
Lithuania	Ministry of Health	Member
Latvia	The Centre of Health Economics	Member
Italy	Italian Pharmaceutical Agency	Member
Ireland	Department of Health and Children	Member
Hungary	National Health Insurance Fund	Member
Greece	Ministry of Commerce, Competiveness and Shipping, General Secretariat of Commerce	Member
Germany	Ministry of Health	Member
France	Ministry of Health	Member
Finland	Ministry of Social Affairs and Health	Member
Estonia	Ministry of Social Affairs	Member
Denmark	Ministry of Health and Prevention	Member
Czech Republic	State Institute for Drug Control	Member
Cyprus	Ministry of Health	Member
Croatia	Ministry of Health	Member
Bulgaria	Ministry of Health	Member
Belgium	National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance	Member
Austria	Federal Ministry of Health	Member

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#### Platform on Transparency and Ethics

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<http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetail&groupID=2558>

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#### Platform on Access to Medicines in Europe

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## Statistics

### Number of Members: 44

Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Individual expert appointed as representative of an interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Organisation:	16		
National administrations:	28		

### Number of Alternate Members: 0

Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Individual expert appointed as representative of an interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Organisation:	0		
National administrations:	0		

### Number of Observers: 0

Individual expert appointed in his/her personal capacity:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Individual expert appointed as representative of an interest:	0	female: 0	male: 0
Organisation:	0		
National administrations:	0		