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# Communication on regulatory tools for early access

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# EU legislation provisions to promote early access

## • Recital 33 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004



*In order to meet, in particular, the legitimate expectations of patients and to take account of the increasingly rapid progress of science and therapies, **accelerated assessment procedures** should be set up, reserved for medicinal products of major therapeutic interest, and **procedures for obtaining temporary authorisations subject to certain annually reviewable conditions**. In the field of medicinal products for human use, a common approach should also be followed, whenever possible, regarding the criteria and conditions for the **compassionate use** of new medicinal products under Member States' legislation.*



## • Early access tools

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Reinforcing **understanding** of existing tools.



### **Legislative tools**

- Conditional marketing authorisation
- Accelerated assessment
- CHMP opinion on compassionate use



### **Development support tools** *to optimise use of existing legislative tools*

- Adaptive Pathways
- PRIME



# Early access tools: Overview

## PRIME

- Major public health interest, unmet medical need.
- Dedicated and reinforced scientific and regulatory support.
- Enable accelerated assessment.
- Better use of existing tools.

## Adaptive Pathways

- Scientific concept of development and data generation.
- Iterative development with use of real-life data.
- Multi-stakeholder engagement.

## Accelerated Assessment

- Major public health interest, unmet medical need.
- Reduce assessment time to 150 days.



## Conditional MA

- Unmet medical need, seriously debilitating or life-threatening disease, a rare disease or use in emergency situations.
- Early approval of a medicine on the basis of less complete clinical data.

## Compassionate Use

- Unauthorised medicinal products in seriously debilitating or life threatening disease with no satisfactory treatment
- CHMP opinion on conditions of use, distribution & target population



# Early access tools: Ongoing activities

## PRIME

Reflection paper on new scheme to be adopted

Relevant Q&A, scientific guidance and templates under development for launch

## Accelerated Assessment

Ongoing revision of the guideline.

More detailed guidance on justification.

Optimisation of the assessment timetable.

Emphasis on the importance of early dialogue.

4 Possible combination with CMA acknowledged



## Adaptive Pathways

Pilot ongoing.  
ADAPT-SMART

## Conditional MA

Ongoing revision of the guideline.  
Emphasis on importance of prospective planning and early dialogue.

## Compassionate Use

Review of CHMP experience with CU on-going  
Discussion at future STAMP

## High level overview document



- Summary table to help applicants identify  
*When, how and for which medicines to use them,*  
*Benefits of each tool*  
*Possible combination of tools*
- Links for easy access to relevant information
- To be published at time of PRIME launch

*Future development of wider interface for easy access to other development guidances  
(eg scientific advice, ITF, orphan)*



# Thank you for your attention

## Further information

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