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Parallel Session 5: Advancing accessibility and affordability of medical devices and in vitro diagnostics by bridging the information gap and complexity

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What is the PPRI network? (https://ppri.goeg.at/)

PPRI = Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information

PPRI network

- A **collaboration** of pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement authorities
- **50** mostly European countries and European/international institutions
- **Aim:** to facilitate information exchange between public officials (including personal networking meetings), supported by scientific evidence and a common understanding of pharmaceutical policy issues

PPRI MD network

- In 2018, a **subgroup on medical devices** was established including public authorities dealing with medical devices
- **30** countries and European and international institutions
- **Aim:** to exchange information on pricing and reimbursement policies of medical devices and to increase transparency in the field

PPRI tools to increase transparency on accessibility and affordability of medical devices (including diagnostics)

Aim: Exchange information and knowledge on pricing and reimbursement of medical devices and diagnostics

Connect and meet
Network meetings/webinars

→ Annual network meetings
Webinars (e.g., on the German Digital Health Care Act (DVG) and apps on prescription – *information not publicly available*)

Understand each other
Definitions, glossary

→ Link: Medical Devices Glossary (German/English)
217 abbreviations, 751 technical terms, 140 symbols

Exchange of information
PPRI website/intranet
(country briefs, network queries)

→ Link: PPRI MD Country Briefs (France, Sweden)
Network queries (e.g., pricing and reimbursement of insulin pumps, hearing aids, pacemaker, remote patient monitoring systems – *information not publicly available*)

→ increase transparency

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Pricing and reimbursement of medical devices

Key points

- **Different policies** for pricing and reimbursement are applied for different types of medical devices and across countries → diverse picture

- **Price regulations**
  - Few price regulations in the outpatient sector (only few public price lists are available)
  - Bilateral price control policies are in place (public procurement, price negotiations etc.) → often confidential

- **Different price components:** product (e.g. instrument, implant, software, reagent for in vitro use) and service (e.g. conducting a test) and maintenance of equipment (e.g. calibration)

Conclusions

- **Further research is needed** to understand specific pricing and reimbursement policies for specific groups of medical devices → measures to improve accessibility and affordability of medical devices

- Price comparisons of medical devices are currently difficult to conduct due to the different product names and nomenclatures used → European Medical Devices Nomenclature (EMDN)

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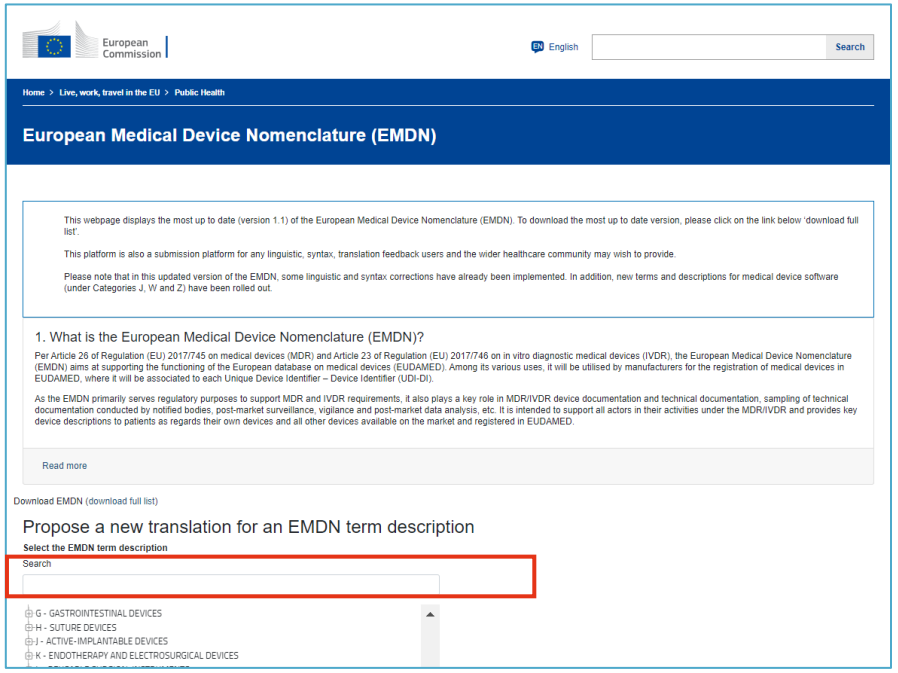
Website: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/dyna2/emdn/

Download of full list (Excel file) is possible!



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Annex: Selected studies

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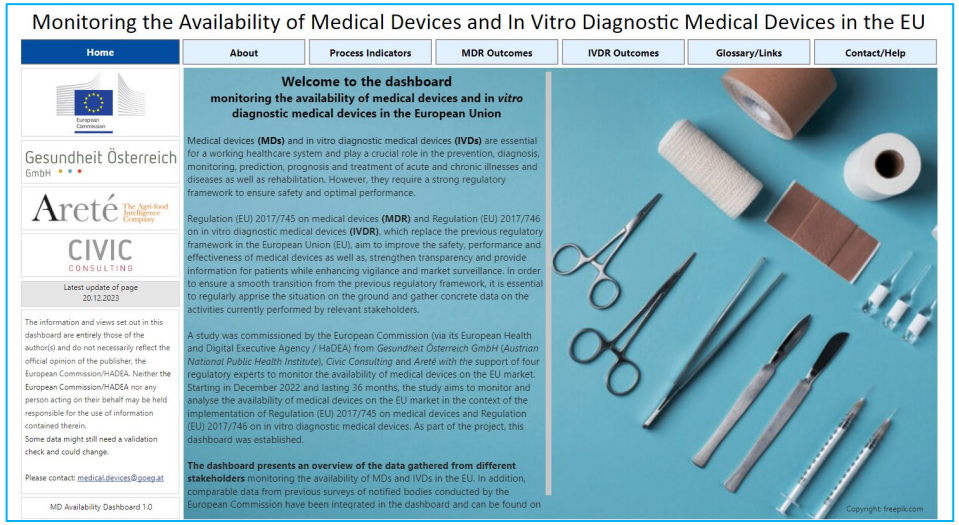
Study supporting the monitoring of availability of medical devices on the EU market (EU4Health programme)

- **Duration**: 2 December 2022 – 1 December 2025 (36 months)
- **Aim**: To support monitoring and analyzing the availability of medical devices on the EU market in the context of the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 on medical devices and Regulation (EU) 2017/746 on in vitro diagnostic medical devices from the perspective of key stakeholders (e.g. notified bodies, manufacturers and authorized representatives of medical devices and in vitro diagnostic medical devices, health services providers, medical doctors and societies, patient representatives, competent authorities)
- **Study team**: Austrian National Public Health Institute, Areté, Civic Consulting (contact: medical.devices@goeg.at)
- **Dashboard**: Results are presented in aggregated form in a publicly available and regularly updated dashboard
  Available at: https://health.ec.europa.eu/study-supporting-monitoring-availability-medical-devices-eu-market_en



EURIPID - Feasibility study for the integration of medical devices into EURIPID

- EURIPID (The European Integrated Price Information Database) is a voluntary non-profit collaboration of the European pricing and reimbursement authorities for the mutual sharing of pricing information of medicinal products.
- The EURIPID Collaboration has considered including **medical devices** into the database. The feasibility study analysed whether or not **reimbursement and price lists for medical devices** exist in the EURIPID member countries and for which **price types**.
- Available at: https://euripid.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Feasibility-study-for-the-integration-of-MD-into-EURIPID_pricing-models_Publikation_bf.pdf
- Contact: euripid@goeg.at