# THE HEADS OF MEDICINES AGENCIES (HMA)

The Heads Of Medicines Agencies (HMA) is a network of the heads of the National Competent Authorities whose organisations are responsible for the regulation of medicinal products for human and veterinary use in the European economic area.

## MISSION AND ORGANISATION

The HMA works to foster an effective and efficient European medicines regulatory system.

The HMA is coordinated and supervised by a Management Group.

It is also supported by several Working Groups, covering specific areas of responsibility, and by a Permanent Secretariat.

The HMA co-operates with the EMA (European Medicines Agency) and the European Commission in the operation of the European medicines regulatory network.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Addressing key strategic issues for the network, such as the exchange of information and sharing of best practices.
- Responsibility for all areas of medicines regulation, including the mutual recognition (MRP) and decentralised procedures (DCP).
- Focusing on the development, co-ordination and consistency of the European medicines regulatory system.
- Supporting the network by providing high-quality professional and scientific resources.
- Focusing on the most effective use of resources across the network, such as developing and overseeing arrangements for work-sharing.

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**Annual Report 2012 - 2013 on the HMA Strategy**

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