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# Foreword from the President



*The second year of the COVID-19 pandemic was undoubtedly another busy year for both hospital pharmacists and the European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP). Since the approval of the first vaccine by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) in December 2020, the emphasis had been put on the vaccine roll-out. Hospital pharmacists across Europe were part of the COVID-19 treatment and vaccinations team and raised awareness about prudent, evidence-based therapeutic decision-making and vaccine safety. They have played a key role in providing information to their fellow healthcare professional colleagues on COVID-specific and supportive therapies, vaccines, their development, differences and administration patterns and through that influenced the perception of vaccines and their importance for combating diseases.*

*While the pandemic heavily influenced the work of EAHP in 2021, it did not completely overshadow the array of activities carried out by the Association. In March, EAHP successfully organised its first virtual congress which fittingly explored the digital future of the profession. Two Synergy Certification Courses were held by our members in France and Greece and a webinar was organised with students for the Student Science Award. EAHP's policy and advocacy work progressed in the field of securing EU-level action on the pan-European health threat of medicines shortages, leveraging the role of hospital pharmacists in combating infections and participating in vaccination programmes, providing equal access for all patients to medicines and ensuring the safe and appropriate use of medicinal therapies. Also, the fruits of new collaborations came to life with the publication of the Oath to Society that was created together with the European Society of Clinical Pharmacy (ESCP). The Oath*

*functions as a compass for pharmacists to adhere to the highest standards of ethics, integrity and professionalism, as they provide service to the community over the course of their careers. EAHP's projects continued to progress. In particular, the European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy reached another milestone with the publication of a commented version that seeks to further clarify the meaning of some statements. Also, EAHP's Special Interest Groups continued to grow.*

*The biggest change for EAHP in 2021 was the change in leadership with Petr Horák concluding his term as President of the Association and me taking over in June 2021. Our Immediate Past President steered EAHP expertly through very stormy times. I have large shoes to fill, but I hope that I can steer EAHP towards the future that will encompass fostering the shift of professional focus from products to patients by further investing in the changing roles of hospital pharmacists. The foundation for this was laid in 2021 and I hope that I can continue to take the partnership between EAHP and its member associations to new levels by heightening EAHP's visibility nationally and amplifying the voices of members internationally and the development of EAHP's hospital pharmacy workforce planning policy agenda, in cooperation with European faculties of pharmacy and fellow pharmacy organisations*

*Sincerely yours,*

*Andras Süle, President of EAHP*



## EAHP in numbers

23.000

hospitals pharmacists

36

countries

31

consultations responses in 2021

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2 position papers and 1 opinion were adopted in 2021

401

hospitals have completed the EAHP self-assessment tool (23 hospitals in 2021)

1.239

tweets

264

new Facebook page likes

59

new Instagram followers

6

issues of the European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy

## Who we are?

The European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) is a working community of national associations of hospital pharmacists that represents and develops the hospital pharmacy profession within Europe in order to ensure the continuous improvement of care and outcomes for patients in the hospital setting. This is achieved through science, research, education, practice, as well as sharing best-practice and responsibility with other healthcare professionals.

## EAHP's goals

- In the interest of patients and public health, to promote and further develop hospital pharmacy and to obtain and maintain general joint pharmaceutical principles and a joint pharmaceutical policy
- To foster research and education activities on behalf of hospital pharmacy, in order to allow hospital pharmacists in all countries which are members of the Council of Europe from time to time (hereinafter "Countries in the European Region") to contribute optimally to public health and furthermore anything directly or indirectly related or beneficial thereto, all in the broadest sense of the word
- To promote co-operation with other organisations in the domain of public health
- To promote the position and function of hospital pharmacists
- To support and uphold the interests of hospital pharmacists at the European Union authorities; to support and uphold the interests of hospital pharmacists at the Council of Europe authorities
- To support and undergo everything related to the above that may be conducive to carrying out the Association's purpose.

# EAHP Member Countries

EAHP is composed of Members, covering countries located within the European Region, and Associate Members. Associate Members are national or regional organisations located outside the European Region, representing the interests of hospital pharmacists and the hospital pharmacy profession within their countries with the ultimate goal of improving patients' care and outcomes.



## Full members

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**AUSTRIA** – Arbeitsgemeinschaft Österreichischer Krankenhausapotheker

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**BELGIUM** – Belgian Association of Hospital Pharmacists (Association Francophone des Pharmaciens Hospitaliers de Belgique & Belgische Vereniging van Ziekenhuisapothekers)

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**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA** – Farmaceutsko Društvo Republike Srpske

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**BULGARIA** – Bulgarian Association of Hospital Pharmacists

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**CROATIA** – Hrvatsko Farmaceutsko Društvo

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**CZECH REPUBLIC** – Sekce Nemocničních Lékárníků

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**DENMARK** – Pharmadanmark

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**ESTONIA** – Eesti Haiglaapteekrite Selts

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**FINLAND** – Suomen Farmasialiitto

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**FRANCE** – French Collective for Hospital Pharmacy in Europe  
(European Fellowship for Pharmacists - Syndicat national des pharmaciens des établissements publics de santé - Fédération Nationale des Syndicats d'internes en Pharmacie et en Biologie Médicale - EURO-PHARMAT: Base de données sur les Dispositifs Médicaux - Syndicat National des Pharmaciens Praticiens Hospitaliers et Praticiens Hospitaliers-Universitaires - Société Française de Pharmacie Clinique)

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**GERMANY** – Bundesverband Deutscher Krankenhausapotheker e.V.

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**GREECE** – Πανελληνίας Ένωση Φαρμακοποιών Νοσηλευτικών Ιδρυμάτων

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HUNGARY – Kórházi Gyógyszerészeti Szervezete

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ICELAND – Lyfjafræðingafélag Íslands

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IRELAND – Hospital Pharmacists Association of Ireland

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ITALY – Società Italiana di Farmacia Ospedaliera e dei Servizi Farmaceutici

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LAT VIA – Latvijas Farmaceitu Biedrības Oficiālais

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LITHUANIA – Lietuvos farmacijos sąjunga

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LUXEMBOURG – Association des Pharmaciens Hospitaliers du Luxembourg

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MALTA – Malta Association of Hospital Pharmacists

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MONTENEGRO – Farmaceutska komora Crne Gore, Sekcija bolničkih farmaceuta

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NORTH MACEDONIA – Фармацевтска Комора на Македонија

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NORWAY – Norske Sykehusfarmasøytters Forening

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POLAND – Naczelna Izba Aptekarska

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PORTUGAL – Associação Portuguesa de Farmacêuticos Hospitalares

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ROMANIA – Asociația Națională a Farmacivilor de Spital din România

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SERBIA – Savez Farmaceutskih Udruženja Srbije

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SLOVAKIA – Slovenská Lekárnická komora

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SLOVENIA – Slovensko Farmacevtsko Društvo

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SPAIN – Sociedad Española de Farmacia Hospitalaria

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SWEDEN – Apotekarsocieten

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SWITZERLAND – Schweizerischer Verein der Amts- und Spitalapotheker

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THE NETHERLANDS – Nederlandse Vereniging van Ziekenhuisapothekers

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TURKEY – Türk Eczacıları Birliği

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UNITED KINGDOM – Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists

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### **Associate members**

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EGYPT – Egyptian Foundation of Clinical Pharmacy

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# Key achievements & activities in 2021



## January

- Participation in EMA's Public Stakeholder Meeting on the approval and roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines in the EU
- Engagement in the stakeholder consultation for the European Commission "Study on the profession of pharmacist".

## February

- Kick-off meeting of EAHP's Special Interest Group on Hazardous Medicinal Products
- Participation in the high-level launch event of the Structured Dialogue
- Involvement in EU JAMRAI's final dissemination conference as a speaker on antibiotic stewardship
- EAHP joins EMA's Policy Officers Group.

## March

- French Synergy Certification Course "Medical Devices: added value for hospital pharmacists?"
- EAHP Opinion focusing on the application of the Medical Device Regulations
- Launch of EAHP's survey on the future potential of electronic product information (ePI)
- Organisation of EAHP's 25th Congress as a virtual event
- Publication of the results of EAHP's survey on the future crisis preparedness of hospital pharmacies.

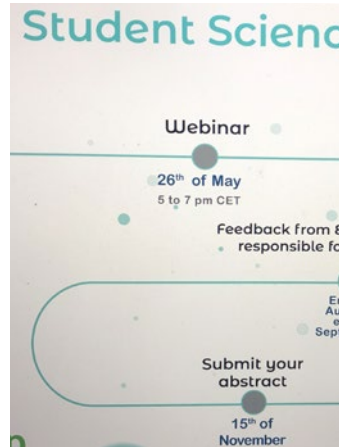


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## April

- Involvement in the European Immunisation Week
- EAHP joins FIP's regional meeting for Europe.

## May

- Student Science Award webinar on "How to write an abstract?"

## June

- EAHP welcomes its first associate member from Egypt "Egyptian Society of Clinical Pharmacy"
- EAHP's new President András Süle starts his three-year term together with eight newly elected Board members
- General Assembly updates the position paper on access to medicines
- General Assembly adopts position paper on the hospital pharmacy specialisation
- Greek Synergy Certification Course "Innovative support tools for patient safety in hospital pharmacy and management"
- Participation in the workshop on "EU minimum harmonised training for pharmacists - time for an update?"



## July

- Participation in the workshop "Future-proofing pharmaceutical legislation – study on medicine shortages"
- Participation in the HTA network meeting.

## August

- Registration and abstract submission for EAHP's 26th Congress opens
- Participation in FIPs webinar on "Advanced and Specialist Pharmacist Development for Hospital Pharmacists".

## September

- Kick-off meeting EAHP's Special Interest Group for the Investigation of Medication Errors in Intensive Care Units
- EAHP celebrates World Pharmacist Day
- Launch of EAHP's Survey on Hazardous Medicinal Products.



Photo: NVZA

## October

- EAHP and ESCP launch the Oath to Society
- Kick-off meeting of EAHP's Special Interest Group on Automated Medication Management
- Virtual exchange with national procurement authorities organised by EAHP.

## November

- Publication of the commented version of the European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy
- Kick-off meeting of EAHP's Special Interest Group focused on the Use of Prefilled Syringes in Intensive Care Units and Operating Theatres
- Hospital pharmacists show how they keep antibiotics working during the 2021 edition of the European Antibiotic Awareness Day (EAAD).

## December

- Medical device resources for hospital pharmacists added to EAHP's website
- Submission of EAHP's feedback to the general pharmaceutical legislation consultation.

# Educational activities



## 25<sup>th</sup> Congress of EAHP

### *Hospital Pharmacy 5.0 – The future of patient care?*

The 2021 edition of EAHP's Congress was not only special due to being an anniversary edition, but it was also the first congress that was held virtually. The 25th Anniversary Congress explored the digital future of the profession. Not only was it hosted virtually but it also provided participants with a glimpse of what is to come in the not so far away future. Pharmacy prescribing and the transfer of care were a few of the topics discussed in relation to the changing roles of the profession.

Over 2200 hospital pharmacists from more than 60 countries joined EAHP over the last 6-days. Although the surroundings of the congress were different than usual the interest in the sessions was as always very high. In particular, the three Synergy Satellite events looking at oncology biosimilars, antithrombotic stewardship and biosimilars in colorectal cancers as well as the interactive workshops triggered lively discussions among the participants. Also, those that joined one or all of the three keynotes touching on artificial intelligence, pharmacist prescribing and the role of computers in the future of healthcare appreciated the outlooks provided by the different lecturers.

Centring around the theme "Hospital Pharmacy 5.0 - the future of patient care" the scientific programme developed by EAHP's Scientific Committee did not only provide participants with a look forward but also looked back at the impact that the

COVID-19 pandemic has had and still has on the profession. Besides being reflected among the different poster submissions the topic also was the focus of two sessions looking at multi-disciplinary care for COVID-19 patients and the repurposing of treatment options.

This year's poster presentations combined the submissions from 2020 and 2021. The Scientific Committee awarded two first prizes. The winner of the 2020 poster submission is Ulrika Gillespie. She received the award for the abstract "Facilitators and barriers to performing comprehensive medication reviews and follow-up in older hospitalised patients by multi-professional ward teams including a clinical pharmacist". The 1st prize for poster submissions in 2021 went to Tessa Jaspers for her abstract "Effect of a multifaceted clinical decision support intervention on adherence to thromboprophylaxis guidelines in non-surgical patients". Like every year, EAHP also awards a prize to the best Good Practice Initiative (GPI). Matts Balgård's GPI "Inclusion of pharmacy students in an interprofessional training ward placement for health care students in Sweden" was recognised with the first prize for 2020, while Lotte Deschepper received the first prize for 2021 for her GPI "Role of pharmacists during COVID-19 pandemic in a Belgian general hospital".

For the first time, EAHP handed out a Statement Implementation Award to acknowledge contributions with a specific emphasis on implementing the European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy which express commonly agreed objectives that every European health system should aim for in the delivery of hospital pharmacy services. Vito Ladisa won the Statement Implementation Award for his GPI titled "Multidisciplinary CAR-T team". Also, research in hospital pharmacy conducted by a student was recognised with Teodora Bulog winning this year's EAHP-EPSA Student Science Award for her abstract "Identification of drug-related problems in elderly patients during hospital care".





## Synergy Certification Courses in France & Greece

The Synergy Certification Courses are proposed by EAHP as another educational event allowing hospital pharmacists and other healthcare professionals that don't have the opportunity to attend the Congress or other EAHP events to receive training and attend sessions on topics linked with the European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy. In 2021, two virtual Synergy Certification Courses were organized in France and Greece.

Euro-Pharmat, one of the organisations included in the French Collective for Hospital Pharmacy in Europe, hosted in March 2021 the event titled **“Medical device: added value for the hospital pharmacist?”**. It focused on the European Regulations for medical devices, the pharmacists' role, dispensing medical devices and training on this topic. The virtual Synergy Certification Course was offered in French and English. The Panhellenic Association of Hospital Pharmacists (PEFNI) organised its Synergy Certification Course in June 2021 centring around the topic **“Innovative support tools for patient safety in hospital pharmacy and management”**. Participants learned more about reactive and proactive identification of medication risk, risk-reducing strategies for minimizing system errors and the pharmacist's role in the management of patient safety. The event was held in both English and Greek.



## Open Learning Courses

The Open Learning Courses remained popular in 2021. They were developed from some of the past educational sessions and are accredited by ACPE. The Open Learning Courses are available on both the EAHP website and the BMJ Learning website and are free to use by any healthcare professional.

The following courses were offered in 2021:

- Management and leadership (sponsored by an educational grant from Amgen)

- Medicines shortages – causation and approaches to improvements
- Therapeutic Drug Monitoring as a Tool for Therapy Optimisation
- Facing Brexit and FMD is Europe ready for the double “storm”?
- Biosimilars, available yet sometimes missing – the challenge of procurement (sponsored by an educational grant from Amgen)
- Biosimilars in breast cancer – the next challenge (sponsored by an educational grant from Amgen).



## Special Interest Groups

In 2020, EAHP opened a new chapter of hospital pharmacy engagement by setting up Special Interest Groups (SIGs). EAHP's SIGs gather and evaluate the evidence in specific, innovative and novel fields of hospital pharmacy practice with the aim to address patient needs and to advance the profession. Comprised of professionals that focus on specific topics related to pharmaceutical care, medical devices and many other related areas, SIGs bring together experts from different fields, including but not limited to hospital pharmacists, other speciality pharmacists, doctors, nurses, patients and pharmaceutical industry leaders.

The preparations for the first SIG started in the last quarter of 2020, three others followed in 2021 and the last two SIGs that are operating today commenced their work in the first quarter of 2022. The deliverables that each SIG is working on are slightly different, but all share common goals, namely evaluating established procedures in hospital pharmacies to ensure optimal patient care, identifying and exchanging best practices, developing educational content and supporting the preparation of advocacy work.

The **SIG on Hazardous Medicinal Products** (financially supported by Amgen) carried out an investigation, examining national strategies and requirements across Europe for the management of hazardous medicines, identifying best practices, promoting better sharing and implementation of these practices between countries and stimulating heightened awareness by governments and EU regulators of the critical impacts that hazardous medicinal products may have in relation to healthcare workers' and individuals' health and safety, and the accompanying need for urgent action on the topic.

The **SIG for the Investigation of Medication Errors in Intensive Care Units** (financially supported by BD) seeks to determine the prevalence of medication errors in intensive care units, their causes or contributing factors, and strategies to improve medication safety and prevent medication errors. The findings of this group will be published in form of a report and policy recommendations towards the end of this year. Currently, this SIG is collecting information on medication safety and medication error prevention strategies in ICUs across Europe. If you are a healthcare professional working in an ICU or within medication safety your participation in the survey that is running until the 24th of April would be greatly appreciated.

EAHP's third **SIG on Automated Medication Management** (financially supported by Omnicell) is tasked with investigating the potential benefits of automation in the hospital setting in terms of patient safety, length of stay and staff efficiency for patient care and medication inventory management. Particular focus is put on addressing how automation in dispensing can help achieve one of the key objectives of the World Health Organisation, reducing medication errors.

The last SIG that started its work in 2021, is the **SIG focused on the Use of Pre-filled Syringes in Intensive Care Units and Operating Theatres** (financially supported by BD). The main aim of this SIG is the development of a value framework using

multiple criteria decision analysis to support evidence-based implementation and purchasing. The SIG's discussions are focusing on both pharmacy-prepared and industry-manufactured prefilled syringes that are filled before they reach the end user.



## Students

The Collaboration with the **European Pharmaceutical Students' Association (EPSA)** continued throughout 2021. Piera Polidori joined EPSA's summer forum and spoke about communication skills. Ana Lozano joined the 43rd EPSA Annual Congress in France in October 2021. She engaged in the 'Symposium on Pharmacy Revolution'. The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the **EAHP-EPSA Internship Programme**. However, some students still were able to carry out internships in Germany and Spain. The 2022 edition of the **Student Science Award** kicked off in May 2021 with the webinar on 'How to write an abstract'. Students made use of the feedback opportunity and submitted draft abstract ideas that were reviewed by EAHP's student Board leads ahead of the final abstract submission deadline in November.

# Policy & Project milestones



## The commented version of the European Statements


Adopted in 2014 following a Delphi process involving more than 100 stakeholders, the European Statements of Hospital Pharmacy represent the future of the profession. In 2019, EAHP decided to conduct a review of the European Statements to check their continued relevance and whether they effectively covered emerging issues. The EAHP Board with the support of all EAHP Members determined that the European Statements are still remarkably resilient. However, the working group in charge of reviewing the Statements concluded that some of them could benefit from the addition of comments to further clarify their meaning. The EAHP Board and all EAHP national associations agreed with this approach. Thus, after a process that involved a working group of highly qualified hospital pharmacists and all 35 national member associations, EAHP adopted this commented version of the European Statements. The commented version of the European Statements is available on the [EAHP's website](#).



## Oath to Society

Ensuring the safe use of medication is one of the key activities of clinical and hospital pharmacists. However, many people don't know that both professions carry out many more activities to ensure optimal treatment outcomes for patients.

EAHP and the European Society of Clinical Pharmacy (ESCP) have collaboratively



developed the “Oath to Society” that acts as a contract for excellence in providing compassionate patient care, working as part of the healthcare team and advancing the pharmacy profession, and showcasing how clinical and hospital pharmacists work every day.

The Oath to Society is the promise that the members of EAHP and ESCP make to patients and the public they serve, the healthcare professionals they interact with and the health systems they work in. The Oath functions as a compass for pharmacists to adhere to the highest standards of ethics, integrity and professionalism, as they provide service to the community over the course of their careers. Touching on trust and respect, different aspects of the patient care pathway, the multidisciplinary care team, disease prevention and health promotion, education and the future development of pharmacy practice, the Oath to Society is all-encompassing.

The launch event in October 2021 brought together key stakeholders that are engaging closely with clinical and hospital pharmacists. Member of the European Parliament, István Ujhelyi, highlighted in his keynote speech the challenges faced by healthcare systems across Europe and the important role that pharmacists and their teams are playing. The panellists Sibylle Reichert (AIM - International Association of Mutual Benefit Societies), Juan José Fernández Romero (EPF - European Patients’ Forum), Ber Oomen (ESNO - European Specialist Nurses Organisation), Pascal Garel (HOPE - European Hospital and Healthcare Federation) and Marc Hermans (UEMS - European Union of Medical Specialists) shared their positive experiences in working collaboratively with clinical and hospital pharmacists and showed why the Oath to Society is important to their individual organisations and patients. Equal and affordable access to medicines, patient-centred care and cooperation were amongst the themes that the panellists noted during their debate.



## Structured dialogue

The European Commission launched the structured dialogue initiative in February 2021. This high-level event gathered Vice-President Margaritis Schinas, Commissioner Stella Kyriakides and Commissioner Thierry Breton. Petr Horák participated on behalf of EAHP. The purpose of this event was to discuss the participants' commitment to the objective of increasing the EU's resilience and also to discuss their contribution to the process of the structured dialogue. In March 2021, the first phase of the structured dialogue commenced. The main objective of phase 1 was to close the knowledge gaps, by gaining a better understanding of the functioning of global pharmaceutical supply chains and identifying the precise causes and drivers of different potential vulnerabilities. Work in phase 1 was carried out in four different workstreams:

1. robust supply chain
2. critical medicinal products
3. vulnerabilities
4. innovation.

Aida Batista, Nenad Miljković and Piera Polidori joined two of the four workstreams.



## COVID-19

### *Hospital Pharmacists fighting at the frontline for patients during the pandemic*

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact EAHP's policy and advocacy work in 2021. In particular, the vaccination campaigns and the COVID-19-specific vaccines were a key engagement areas for EAHP. The Coalition for Vaccination that EAHP engages in, published a manifesto to encourage healthcare professionals to get vaccinated



against COVID-19. The manifesto highlights three key reasons why all healthcare professionals should get vaccinated against COVID-19 when they have the opportunity to do so and why they should help promote the vaccination against COVID-19 among the general public.

As a member of EMA's Healthcare Professional Working Party, EAHP engaged in the public meetings that were organised by the Agency in relation to the COVID-19 vaccines in January and March 2021. In the second half of 2021, EAHP gathered further input from its members on the roles that hospital pharmacists played and are still playing during the pandemic.



## Results of EAHP's Survey on the future crisis preparedness of hospital pharmacies

To better understand the impact that the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the profession, EAHP collected input from its members via the Survey on the future crisis preparedness of hospital pharmacies. Between 16 September and 23 December 2020, the survey gathered on the one hand details on the medicines for which shortages were experienced. On the other hand, it took into account the experiences made in hospital pharmacies and the approaches for crisis management and preparedness. 1664 hospital pharmacists from all across Europe participated and shared their lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Compared to other survey activities of EAHP linked to the topic of medicines shortages the feedback received for the [survey](#) on the future crisis preparedness was a bit more diverse with 59% of respondents experiencing problems, compared to 38% that did not. This might be attributed to the fact that not only hospital pharmacists working at hospitals that exclusively catered to COVID-19 patients partic-




ipated but also those that continued to provide care to other patients. The most common types of medicines in shortage included those used in intensive care units, such as anaesthetics (46%) and muscle relaxants (29%). But also antibiotics (37%) ranked among the top three like in EAHP's previous shortage surveys.

Cooperation, including collaboration with other healthcare professionals, was one of the reoccurring themes of the feedback received from this survey. Hospital pharmacists supported their colleagues through the production of disinfectants and sourcing medicines that were in shortage. Besides, they valued discussions with other healthcare professionals supporting the quest for treatment options and finding solutions to other problems that occurred during the pandemic. Room for improvement was found in relation to preparedness. More work in the field of risk assessments is needed but also communication with others could be further enhanced.

## EAHP Opinion focusing on the application of the Medical Device Regulations

EAHPs [Opinion focusing on the application of the Medical Device Regulations](#) touches on the reporting of serious incidents, the European Database on Medical Devices (EUDAMED), the unique device identification (UDI) system as well as on the role of hospital pharmacists in the procurement of devices and the importance of collaboration between healthcare professionals and with authorities. In relation to serious incident reports, EAHP underlines the value of healthcare professional and patient reporting, while for EUDAMED the Association addresses the European Medical Device Nomenclature which should be mapped to the Global Medical Device Nomenclature prior to the application of the Medical Device Regulation in May this year to facilitate the work of hospital pharmacists. As for UDI systems, it is mentioned in



the Opinion that confusion between other UDI systems used in the hospital should be avoided and that hospitals should be encouraged to facilitate the integration of the UDI system into their existing information systems and working processes. The section on procurement and collaboration emphasises the importance of multi-disciplinary cooperation and the use of specialist knowledge for procuring medical devices which both contribute to improving patient outcomes.



### Revision of the EU general pharmaceuticals legislation



In April 2021 as part of the EU Pharmaceuticals Strategy and drawing lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic, the European Commission started the process for the evaluation and revision of the EU's general legislation on medicines for human use to ensure a future-proof and crisis-resistant medicines regulatory system. EAHP commented on the combined evaluation roadmap/inception impact assessment, contributed to the public consultation that closed in December 2021 and engaged as a stakeholder in the study carried out by the Technopolis Group in relation to the revision.



### The future potential of electronic product information (ePI)



A survey targeting hospital pharmacists was launched in March 2021 to analyse the use of (electronic) patient leaflets and the future potential of ePI. Until the end of April 2021, EAHP's ePI survey collected information on both the use of printed package leaflets and the prevalence of the application of product information in a digital format. Also, the future use of ePI in European hospitals was looked at. The results were analysed in the second half of 2021 and published in February 2022.

# Outlook to 2022

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of EAHP

Meeting face-to-face in Vienna, Austria for EAHP's 26th Congress

Exploring the future potential of electronic product information

Sharing the work of our first Special Interest Group on Hazardous Medicinal Products

Learning how hospital pharmacists contributed to the pandemic response thanks to EAHP's COVID-19 report

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