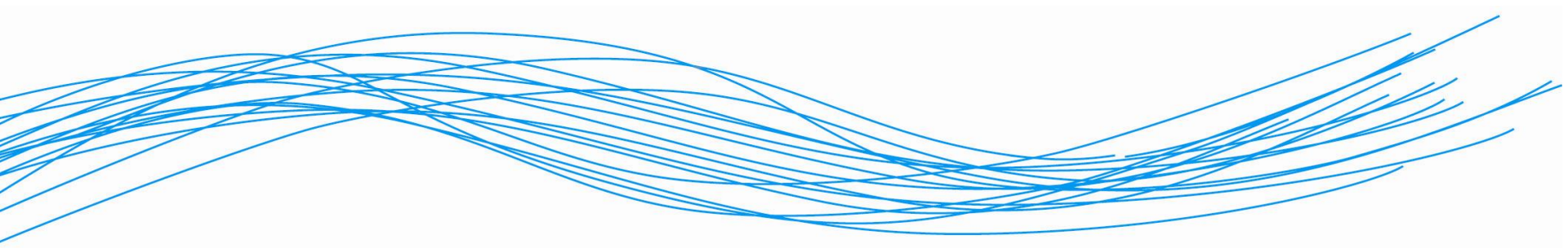


# Learning from each other Member of the PDCO at the EMA



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- Market forces alone had proven to be insufficient incentive for adequate research, development and authorisation of medicinal products for both ,
- **Patients with rare disease**
- **Children**

# From protecting children against clinical research to protecting children through research

## Real life experience:

- paediatric disclaimers , 'therapeutic orphans', off-label use in children considered a given
- 50-90% of paediatric medicines have not been tested and evaluated

## New regulatory environment:

- Regulation on paediatric Medicines (Regulation - EC- No 1901/2006 + 1902/2006) came into force on the 26th January 2007 :

no drug development without considering children  
**earlier** inclusion of children into the drug development process

# Paediatric Regulation(PR)

## Objectives

- **Improve the health of children**
  - Increase high quality, ethical **research** into medicines for children
  - Increase **availability** of authorised medicines for children
  - Increase **information** on medicines
- **Achieve the above**
  - Without unnecessary studies in children
  - Without delaying authorisation for adults

# Tools of the Paediatric Regulation I.

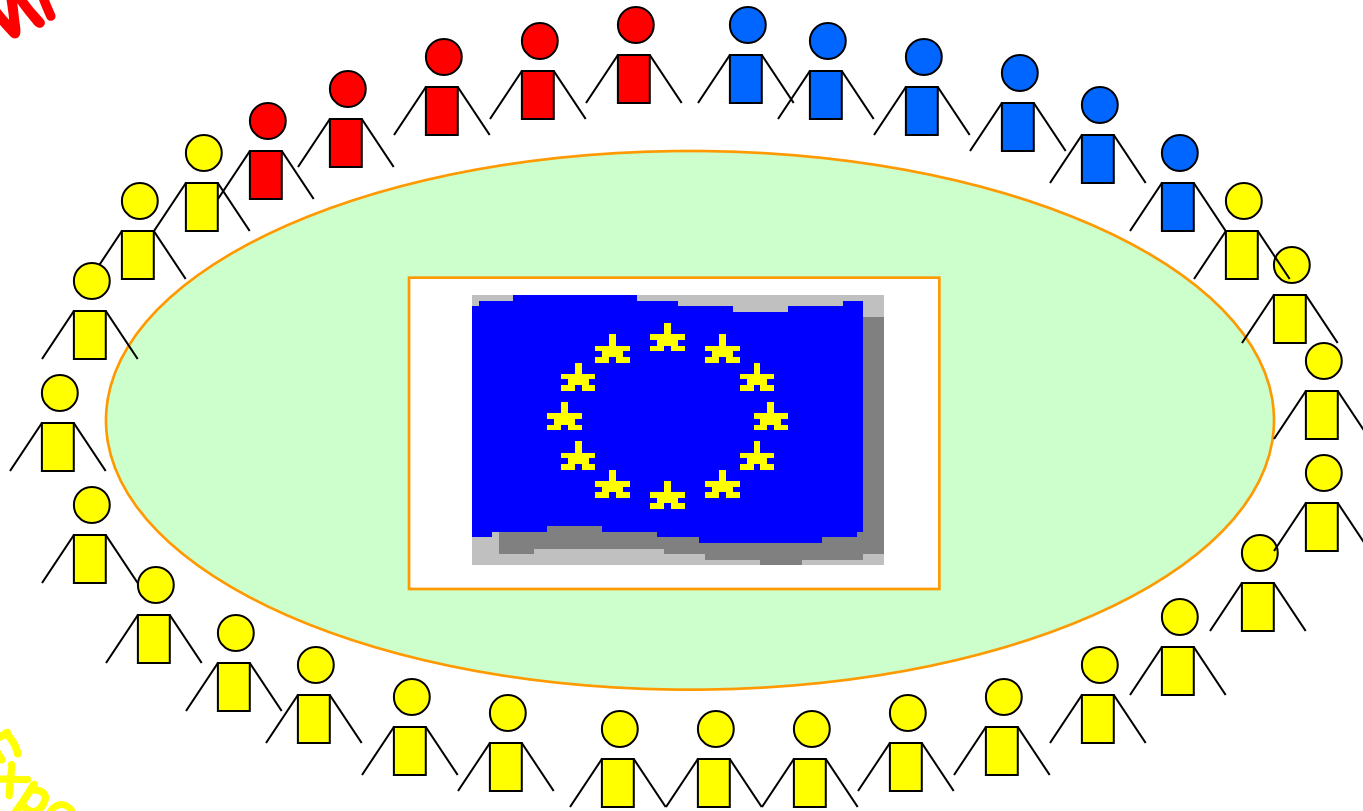
- An expert committee:  
the Paediatric Committee (PDCO)
- An agreed (evolving) paediatric development: the Paediatric Investigation Plan (PIP)  
*Compulsory for all new drugs  
unless a waiver granted by PDCO*



# The paediatric Committee (PDCO)

Patient/family and health professionals (3 + 3)

CHMP members (5)



Experts from National Competent Authorities (22) + 2 EEA

# PDCO

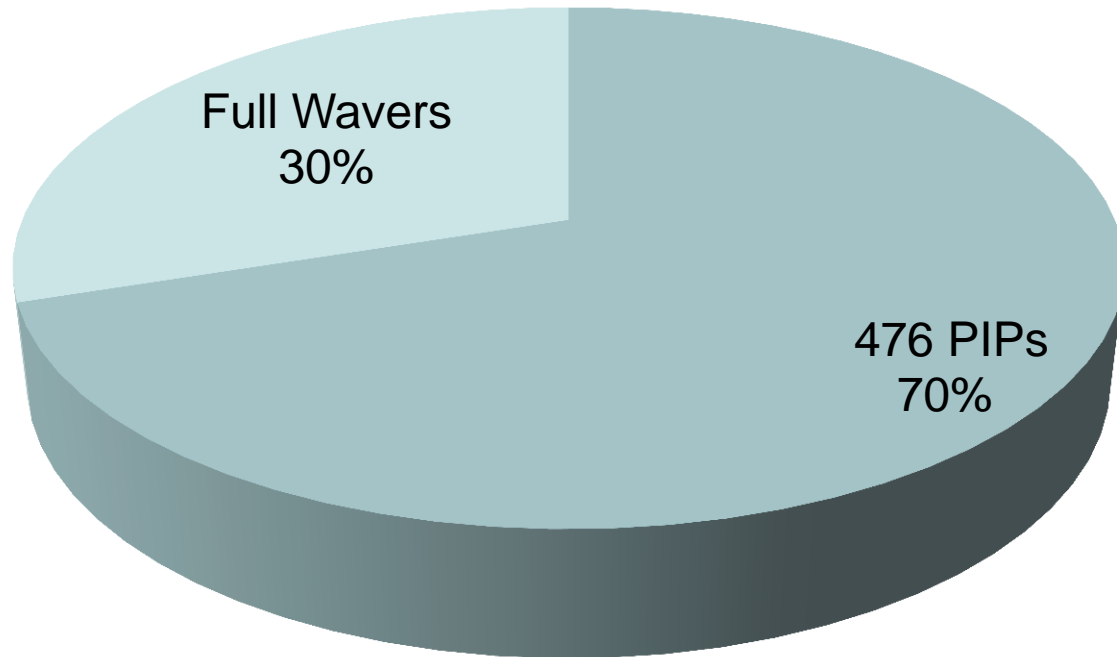
- First meeting : July 2007
- Patient and Health Professionals representatives: call 2007 appointments august 2008
- 3 years renewable appointment
- Second call: 2011
- Complimentary but also specific expertise to the PDCO

# Paediatric Investigation Plan

- ✓ the basis for the development and authorisation of a medicinal product for the paediatric population subsets :General strategy for paediatric studies
  - ✓ includes details of the timing and the measures proposed to demonstrate:
    - Quality
    - Safety
    - Efficacy
  - ✓ to be agreed upon and/or amended by the Paediatric Committee (PDCO)
  - ✓ It is binding to the company
- Marketing Authorisation criteria

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# Tools of the Paediatric Regulation

## II

- A set of rewards and incentives
  - For new and on-patent products – 6-month extension of the patent protection (Supplementary Protection Certificate)
  - For off-patent products – Paediatric Use Marketing Authorisation (PUMA)-10 years data protection
- A series of other tools for information, transparency, and stimulation of research

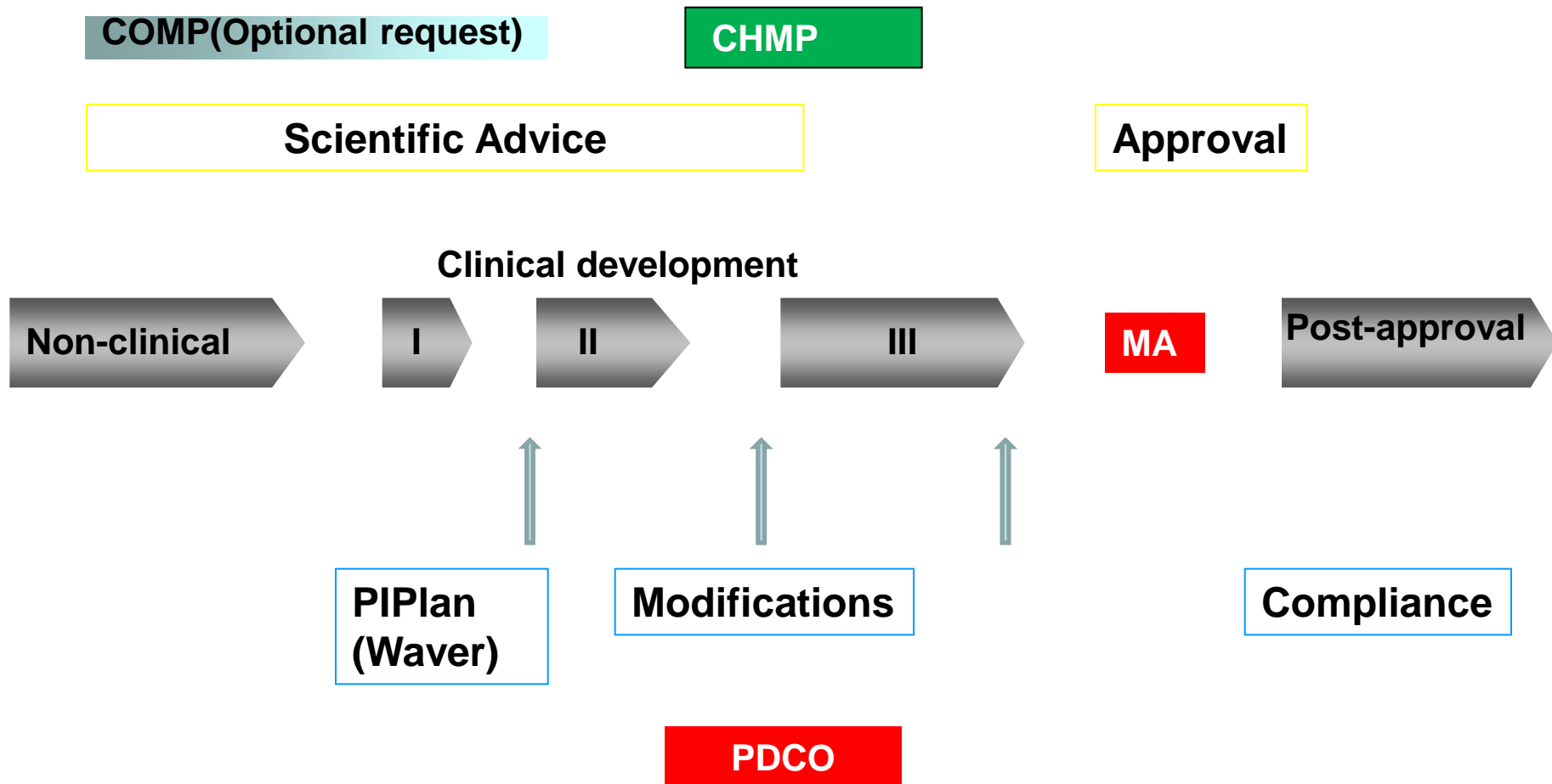
# EU Paediatric Regulation: Obligations and Incentives

Type of MP	Obligation	Incentive	Comments
New MP	Paediatric Investigation Plan or Waiver	6 months extension of SPC (patent)	Necessary for validation of application
On Patent and authorized Medicine	Paediatric Investigation Plan or Waiver	6 months extension of SPC (patent)*	When new indication or new route or new pharmaceutical form: necessary for validation
<b>Orphan Medicine</b>	Paediatric Investigation Plan or Waiver	2 additional years of market exclusivity	<b>10+2</b> years of market exclusivity
Off patent Medicine	None (voluntary PIP possible for PUMA)	10 years of data protection	Research funds Paed. Use MA (PUMA)

# The main tools to achieve them III

- A series of other tools for information, transparency, and stimulation of research:
  - ✓ Database of Paediatric Trials (EudraCT)
    - Protocols, Results and Studies previously performed (+/- published)
    - Open in 2010
  - ✓ Database of authorised Products in EU (EudraPharm)
  - ✓ Medicinal Product information (including results)
  - ✓ Report on the 5 Years experience with the PR

# Role of the PDCO in the regulatory Process





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**Thank you !**