



# PHARMACEUTICAL STRATEGY FOR EUROPE

Update on public consultation on review  
pharmaceutical legislation

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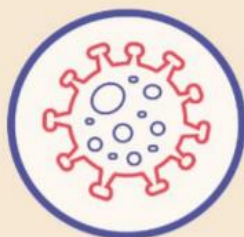
## In the next hour or so

- Where are we coming from – a quick reminder
- The 'Pharmaceutical Package' – what & when
- Public consultation – your input needed



# What's in the pharmaceutical strategy

## PHARMACEUTICAL STRATEGY FOR EUROPE



Learning from COVID-19, towards a crisis-resistant system



Ensuring accessibility and affordability of medicines



Supporting sustainable innovation, emerging science and digitalisation



Reducing medicines shortages and securing strategic autonomy

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# What is the European Commission aiming to do?



## 2021 Legislative measures

Adoption of Regulation on **Health Technology Assessment**

Legislative proposal on **European Health Data Space**

**Review of variation framework for medicines** – to be completed by 2023

Full implementation of **regulatory framework for clinical trials**

Legislative proposal for **EU Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA)**

Review of the **EMA fee legislation**

Public consultation on **OMP / Paediatric Medicines (CLOSED)**

Public consultation on **Cross Border Healthcare (CLOSED)**

Public consultation on **European Health Data Space (CLOSED)**

Public consultation on **Pharmaceutical legislation (OPEN 28/09)**

## 2021 Non-legislative measures

Develop **cooperation** among regulatory authorities on **pricing, payment and procurement policies** – to be completed in 2024

Launch pilot with industry and academia to **test framework for repurposing off-patent medicines** and inform **possible regulatory action**

Initiate **pilot** with EMA, Member States and MAHs to **explore causes of deferred market launches**

Consider **voluntary process** to increase transparency on the supply chains

Launch a dialogue with actors in the **pharmaceutical manufacturing value chain** and **public authorities** to identify **vulnerabilities in the global supply** of critical medicines, raw materials and APIs

Dialogue with MS on **guidelines on principles and costing methods for establishing the R&D costs** of medicines – to be completed in 2024

Enhance dialogue among authorities to increase **cooperation on evidence generation**

Pilot approaches to EU **R&D and public procurement** for antimicrobials and alternatives to provide **pull incentives for novel antimicrobials**

Upgrade register of centrally authorised products to include a statistical dashboard and **make data fully available for secondary use**

Initiate pilot with EMA and Member States on **cross-border data analysis of health data** – to be completed in 2025

Support public-private partnerships through **Innovative Health Initiative**

# Strong support from the European Parliament

European Parliament

## EU Health: MEPs call for a future-proof EU pharmaceutical policy

Press Releases **ENVI** 12-10-2021 - 11:10



- EU health policies should be patient-centred, including accessible and affordable medicines



- Support for a competitive, innovative, climate-neutral pharmaceutical industry



- Predict and prevent medicine shortages following lessons learned from the pandemic



MEPs call for national and EU measures to guarantee all patients have safe and timely access to essential and innovative medicines.

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) adopted on Tuesday, with 62 votes in favour, 8 against and 8 abstentions, its recommendations on the

### Further information

> Draft report

> Procedure file

> Profile of the rapporteur: Dolors Montserrat (EPP, ES)

> Legislative train

## ESTRATEGIA FARMACÉUTICA EUROPEA

1. Pone al paciente en el **centro de todas las políticas sanitarias**.
2. Garantiza que **todos** los pacientes tengan acceso a los más **avanzados tratamientos** en el menor tiempo posible.
3. Promueve una mayor investigación para dar soluciones a los pacientes con **enfermedades raras, cánceres pediátricos y resistencia a los antibióticos**.
4. Apuesta por una industria farmacéutica europea **competitiva**, que no dependa de terceros países, potenciando la innovación **"Made in Europe"**.
5. Vela por la **sostenibilidad de nuestros sistemas nacionales de salud**, una de las grandes fortalezas de Europa.
6. Refuerza a la Unión Europea como **líder mundial en salud** para que sea resistente a futuras crisis sanitarias.





# PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PHARMACEUTICAL LEGISLATION

'Pharmaceutical Package'

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# Contained in the EC work programme 2022

- Revision of the pharmaceutical legislation
- Revision of the legislation on supplementary protection certificates
- Revision of the EU legislation on medicines for children and rare diseases



'Pharmaceutical package'



Expected end for 2022



## 2022 Legislative measures

**Review of basic pharmaceutical legislation** (Directive 2001/83/EC and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004) to:

- **Simplify and streamline approval procedures**
- **Review system of incentives and obligations** taking into account the relationship with IPRs and innovation
- **Adapt to cutting-edge products and scientific developments**
- **Enhance security of supplies and address shortages**
- Give authorities more power to **adapt terms of marketing authorisations based on scientific evidence**
- Revise **manufacturing and supply provisions**
- Address barriers to **competition** and **market effects on affordability**
- Improve **access to generics and biosimilars**
- Strengthen **environmental requirements** and conditions of use for medicines
- Introduce **measures and incentives to optimise antimicrobials use**

**Simplify and upscale SPC framework**

Review of **OMPs and Paediatrics Regulations**

Incorporate **EMA PRIME scheme** in regulatory framework

Adapt **regulatory requirements for medicines that contain GMOs**

Review **framework on good manufacturing practice** and encourage inspections to improve compliance

## 2022 Non-legislative measures

Launch of EMA & EU Commission pilots to **test fitness of pharma framework to cutting-edge products development**

Develop and implement **Electronic Product Information for all EU medicines**

Initiate regulatory pilots of EMA & EU Commission to test **adaptability of pharma framework for new cutting-edge product developments**

# What's in the public consultation



Unmet medical needs and market failures for medicines other than medicines for rare diseases and children;



Unequal access to available and affordable medicines for patients across the EU;



The current legislative framework may not be fully equipped to respond quickly to innovation;



Inefficiency and administrative burden of regulatory procedures;



Vulnerability of supply of medicines, shortages of medicines;



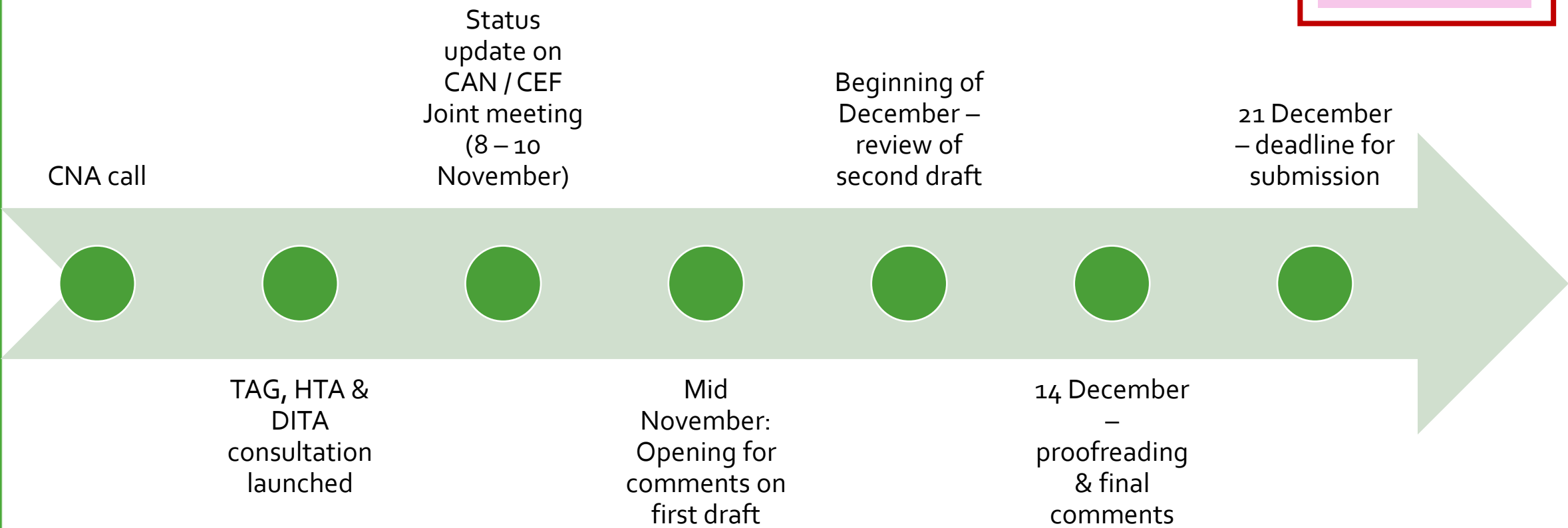
Environmental challenges and sustainability;

# Key sections

Unmet medical needs	Building on current discussion on OMPs / PMs
Incentives for innovation	Data and market protection
Future proofing	Adapted, Agile, and Predictable Regulatory Framework for Novel Products
Access to medicines	Rewards and obligations
Internal market	Enhance the competitiveness of the market to ensure affordable medicines
Repurposing	Building on existing initiatives
Security of supply	Building on structured dialogue results
Quality & manufacturing	GMPs
Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)	Specific regulatory incentives

# Process moving forward

Treatments  
Develop. &  
Access



# Time for your input

- Is there anything you would like to specifically underline?
- Are there any unclear point?
- Are you planning to respond to the public consultation?





# FOCUS ON UNMET NEEDS, ACCESS TO TREATMENT, TABLE OF NEGOTIATION AND EU FUND

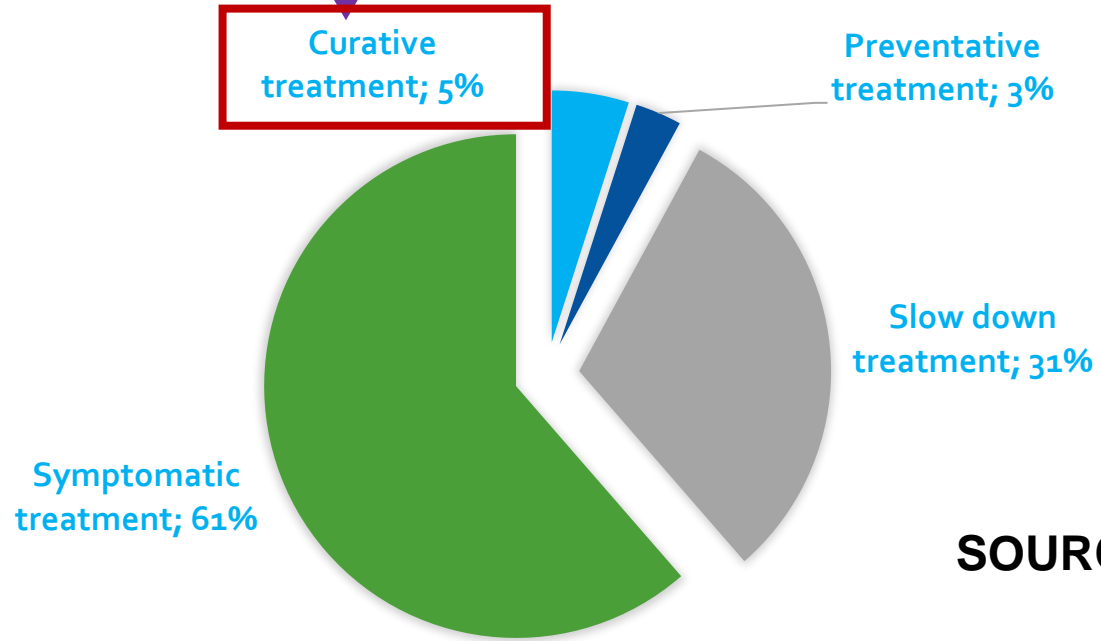


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# Needs of the rare diseases community

**69%** have already experienced a treatment

**31%** have never experienced any treatment

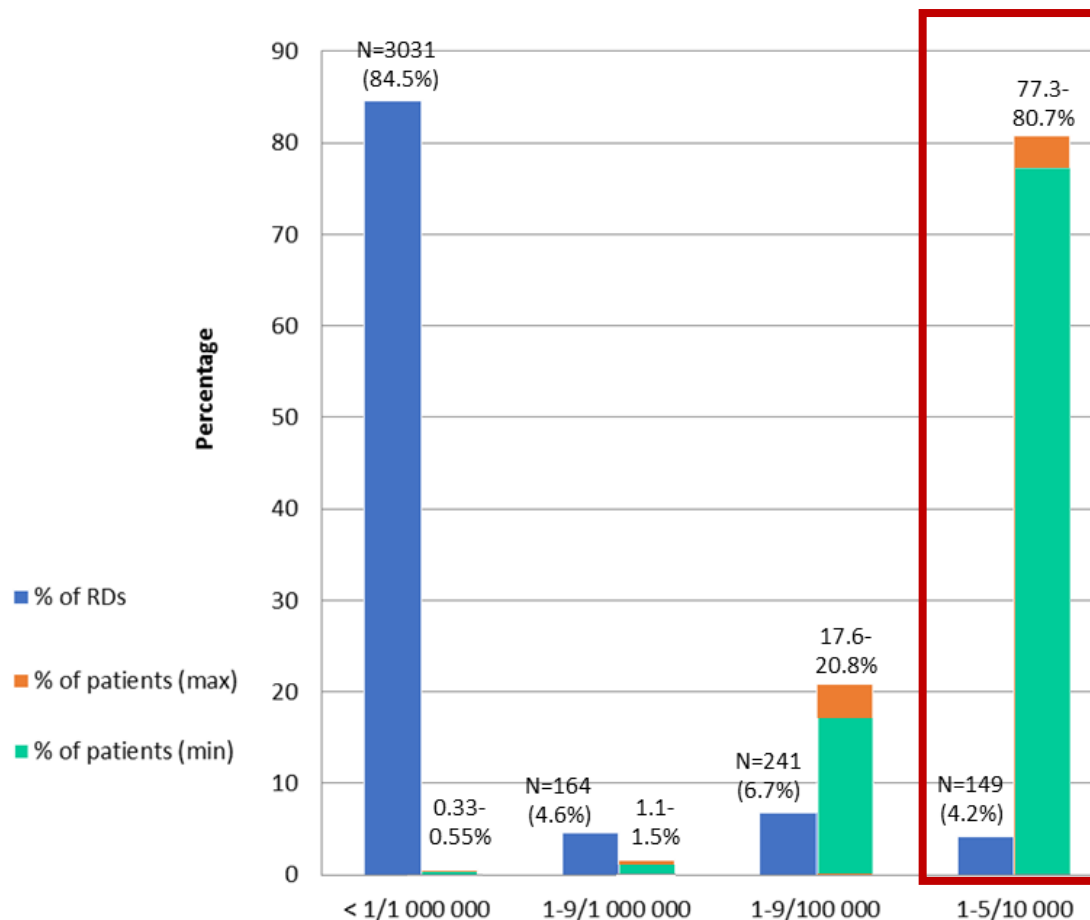


**SOURCE:EURORDIS**  
(2019)

# Where should we focus?

Most (89.1%) of rare diseases are very rare (prevalence less than 1 per 100,000)

45% of all MAs, 60% of all ODs (up until 2020)

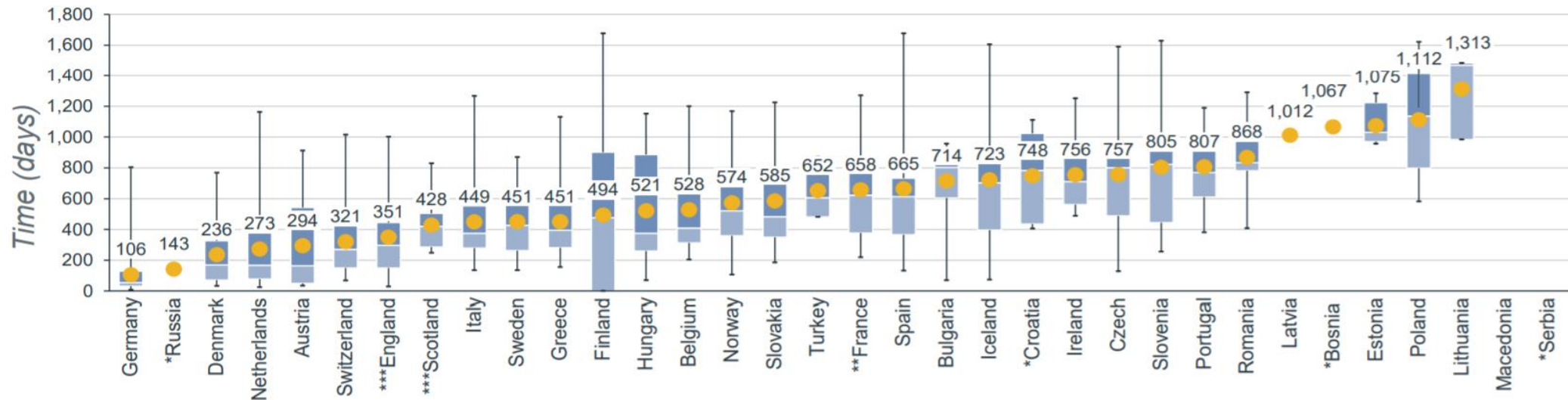


Almost all of the people with rare disease (>98%) have one of the 390 most prevalent diseases (more common than 1 per 10,000)

55% of all MAs, 40% of all ODs (up until 2020)



# Important time to availability differences between EU countries



Available medicines / 47	45	2	40	23	37	30	34	22	35	17	30	22	10	18	22	10	8	34	19	12	14	7	8	20	20	25	13	1	2	6	6	3	0	0
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■ Upper Quartile ■ Lower Quartile | Maximum / minimum — Median ● Mean (mean days)

Measure	EU average for all products	Oncology	Orphan	Non-oncology orphan	Combination therapy
Rate of availability	49%	58% ↑	41% ↓	34% ↓	64% ↑
Average time to availability	504 days	561 days ↑	653 days ↑	667 days ↑	411 days ↓

Arrows indicate direction from the EU average for all products

↑ Higher availability    ↓ Lower availability  
 ↓ Shorter    ↑ Longer

# What happens if we don't act now



Rare2030  
Foresight in Rare Disease Policy

Between **675**  
**and 807 orphan designated products**, and between 2485 and  
3088 non-orphan products, can be  
expected to be launched between 2020 and 2030.

**We will actually fall 200 to 400 therapies short of the  
IRDiRC goal of 1000 therapies by 2030 without policy  
changes (or other changes)**

# EURORDIS' key proposals on a more equitable and efficient patient access across Europe



*The ambition of EURORDIS is to have 3 to 5 times more new rare disease therapies approved per year, 3 to 5 times cheaper than today by 2025*



A structured approach to market access in Europe

Structured voluntary cooperation between healthcare systems in the European Union

## PILLAR 1

A new blueprint to cut costs and fast-track R&D

## PILLAR 2

Early dialogue and European cooperation on the determination of value

## PILLAR 3

A European cooperation framework for fair prices and sustainable healthcare budgets

## PILLAR 4

A continuum of evidence generation linked to healthcare budget spending

SOURCE: EURORDIS, 'BREAKING THE ACCESS DEADLOCK' (2018)

# Key changes needed



## PILLAR 3

A European cooperation framework for fair prices and sustainable healthcare budgets



### European Table of Negotiation

- **Who:** CAPRs from EU Member States
- **What:** pooling based on population (and GDP)
- **Why:** (1) to increase collaboration between MS; (2) to provide a space for well-informed dialogue; (3) to enact the commitment to approach P&R based on the balance of value, volume and evidence generation
- **How:** by consolidating existing initiatives (MoCA)



### European Transactional Price and Differential Pricing

1. Establish a European Transactional Price: 'fair' price negotiated at the EU Table of Negotiations, serving as a **benchmark**
2. Adjust the transactional price to match MS' **ability to pay (equity tiered based pricing)**
3. Exempt OMPs from **external reference pricing** and **parallel trade**



### Establishing a 'fair' price

**Option 1:** based on "*justification of the price*"

**Option 2:** based on "*a dynamic, mutually constructed approach to incentivize value and healthcare priorities*"



### New approaches to funding

- Use **outcome-based payments and other types of financing arrangements** for specific RDs with established RWE collection
- Manufacturers to grant a temporary **discount on uncertainty** proportional to the level of uncertainty
- Explore widespread used of **joint purchasing**

# What are we asking for in a 'European Fund'?

To finance the *generation of evidence for high uncertainty orphan medicines* from the time point of marketing authorisation up to the first reassessment of their value.



**Member States** (which would be subject to less financial pressure in the early days of the commercialisation of a new orphan medicine);



**Pharmaceutical manufacturers** (lesser short-term unpredictability about access, plus better chances of generating valuable real-world evidence);



**and above all of rare disease patients**, who would be able to receive rapid and full access to the medicines they need.

# Towards a 'Table of Negotiations'

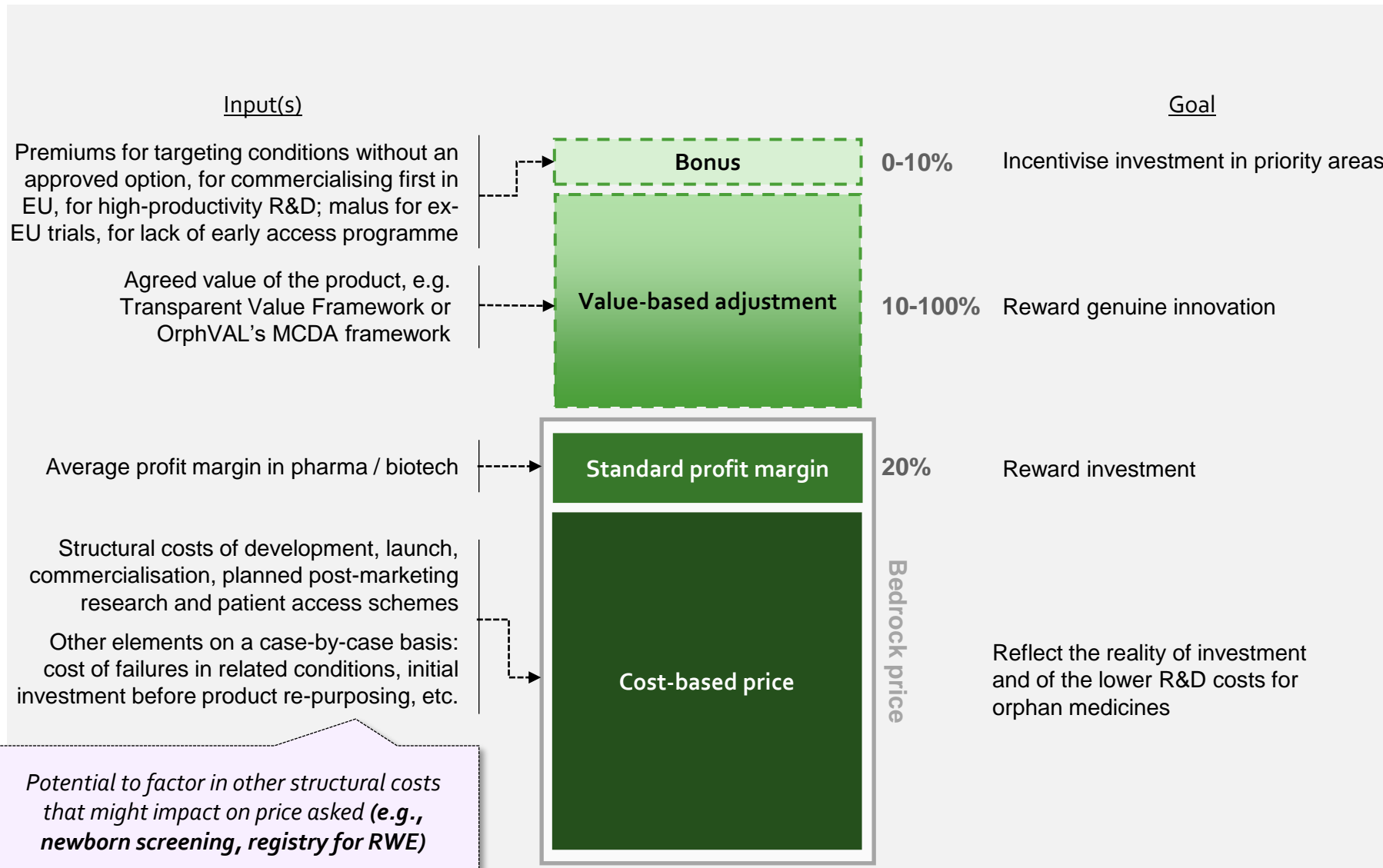
1. A **stronger European collaboration** between the national competent authorities of several EU Member States (MS),
2. A **trusted space for a well-informed dialogue**, helping participating authorities to engage with the industry
3. A commitment to approaching P&R decisions based a **balance of three factors: value, volume, and evidence generation**

- Grouping of voluntary MS based on demographic and/or economic aspects
- Joint negotiations to be conducted within an EU comprehensive framework
- Achieved by consolidating existing initiatives, e.g., MoCA and regional initiatives (BENELUXAI, FINOSA, etc.)
- Contributing to allowing for earlier patient access (e.g. initiation of price negotiations around time of CHMP decision)

*New models can be explored and start being implemented, for example:*

- *Apply **consistent approach** on value principles, value determinants for assessment and European HTA clinical assessment*
- ***Flexible agreements** based on outcomes or other financial aspects*
- ***Discounts on uncertainties**, and allowing price to fluctuate over time based on additional generated evidence*
- *Registries and post-marketing authorisations activities coordinated cross-border (ERN) co-funded by a **European fund to reduce uncertainties***
- ***Joint purchasing** based on European legislation (and examples from COVID19, not only vaccine-related)*
- ***Focus on smaller population** first then progressively expands negotiations to more prevalent diseases*
- *Transactional Price + **Differential pricing (or equity tier based pricing)** + control over parallel trade*

# A conceptual proposal for pricing products based on costs and value



*Potential to factor in other structural costs that might impact on price asked (e.g., newborn screening, registry for RWE)*

# A new life cycle perspective on access to rare disease therapies

