

Committed to animal well-being in Europe

2021 Activity report

> Striving to increase the ACCESS - availability, compliance, convenience, efficacy, safety, and savings - of veterinary medicines to veterinarians, and farm and companion animal owners in Europe.

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FROM THE CHAIR



DOLORES CAINZOS

R&D, Regulatory Affairs Director, Maymó In the autumn, our rebranding project was ready. We said goodbye to the European Group for Generic Veterinary Products and began a new era as Access VetMed. Even though the core business of our members is dealing with generic veterinary medicines, we had to acknowledge their increasing activity in added value medicines. We continue working for better access of veterinary medicines to veterinarians, and farm and companion animal owners in Europe.

Our second market survey published in September showed that the generics industry is very active in the market supplying over half of the new product registrations. The generic companies also continue investing in R&D to bring products that are specifically fit-for-purpose. The increased interest in health and well-being of companion animals will give our industry new opportunities to provide high quality medicines that are efficient, convenient, safe and affordable to all animal owners.



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I thank our members and stakeholders for the valuable collaboration and support. We hope to continue the important joint efforts for animal health and well-being in the European level.

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FROM THE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR



ELSA VECINO

During the second year of the pandemic, I am pleased that we were able to keep, and even increase, the level of the member services.

In terms of technical and regulatory activities, year 2021 was exceptionally busy. We focused on facilitating the industry's smooth transition to the new legislative environment by solving challenging issues with EU regulators and keeping our members fully informed through a growing number of online trainings and learning tools.

We thank the representatives of our member companies for their dedication and their expertise that they shared for the benefit of all in our working groups and EMA committees.





WORKING GROUPS

Achievements and efforts in 2021

The working groups participated intensively in preparing the industry for the new veterinary medicines legislation. Thanks to the efforts and expertise of our members, we were able to bring the generic and added value medicines producers' and small and medium-sized enterprises' views to the regulators and into the legislation.



JAKA PETRIČ

Informatics in Projects and Regulatory Affairs, Krka

// Telematics – user acceptance UPD

"We focused on the union product database by reviewing the implementation guide and participating in user acceptance testing on 'variations not requiring assessment' and 'volume of sales'. We were, and we still continue to be in EMA's product owners' group aiming for a database that best serves all involved, the agency, national authorities and the pharmaceutical companies."



MARGA VAN LIESHOUT

Senior RA Scientist -Regulatory Affairs, Dechra





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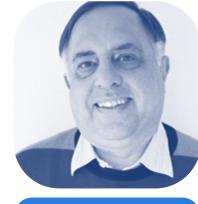
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"Although the union product database is not fully there yet, the biggest achievement were the relationships built with EMA, national authorities and the other industry representatives in the variations group. Working closely and openly together, we were able to bring our ideas and raise concerns towards one goal a perfectly working database we can all benefit from!"

WORKING GROUPS

Pharmacovigilance system and guidelines

"The pharmacovigilance reporting on the safety of medicines was changed from every three years to constant signal detection, prioritisation and assessment. The reporting on the results will now be required at least once a year. We revised the guidelines and made proposals for improved formulations, many of which were adopted."



ANDREAS WERNER

Senior Regulatory Affairs and QPPV, Bela-Pharm



SONJA SCHWAB

Product Development and Deputy QPPV, Richter Pharma



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"We were invited to be part of the EVVET3 product owners' group. Even though we could not influence the overall design of the pharmacovigilance database, we were able to tell the development team about the processes in smaller companies, and by doing that improve the system for Access VetMed members."



WORKING GROUPS



INMACULADA ZORRILLA

Director, Regulatory Affairs, Livisto



Regulatory procedures

"We reviewed 18 best practices guides that were updated to incorporate the interaction with the union product database that will simplify several regulatory procedures. They are destined to national authorities and marketing authorisation applicants to ensure the process is consistent, timely and efficient. The majority of our comments were taken into consideration. Also new procedures were introduced to reinforce the coordination between licenses of one company and the harmonisation of product leaflets of generics/hybrids and reference products."



ANNA BALBÉ

R&D, Regulatory Affairs, Maymó



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"We revised, among others, the new template for quality review of documents with dozens of comments. We are happy to see that many of them were taken into consideration and are part of the new legislation."



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XAVIER MOLINS

Head of Regulatory Affairs, Bimeda

Environmental risk assessment

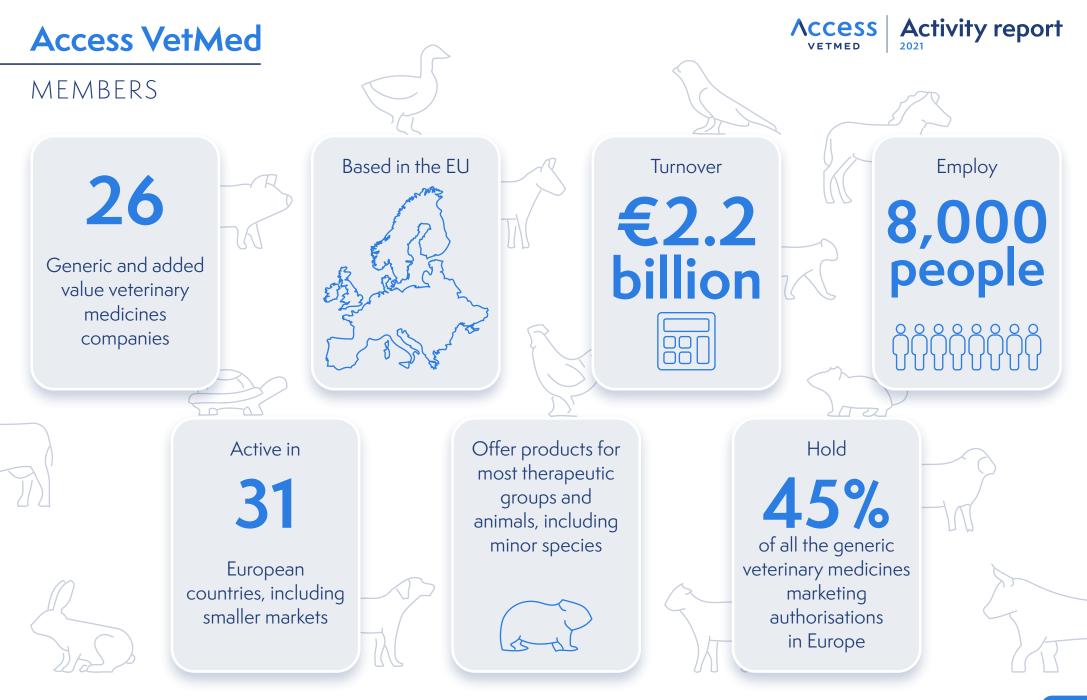
"We can be proud of our efforts to ease the administrative burden: generic applications with a reference product authorised before 1 October 2005 will not require a full environmental risk assessment (ERA) if another essentially similar product has already been authorised after that date.

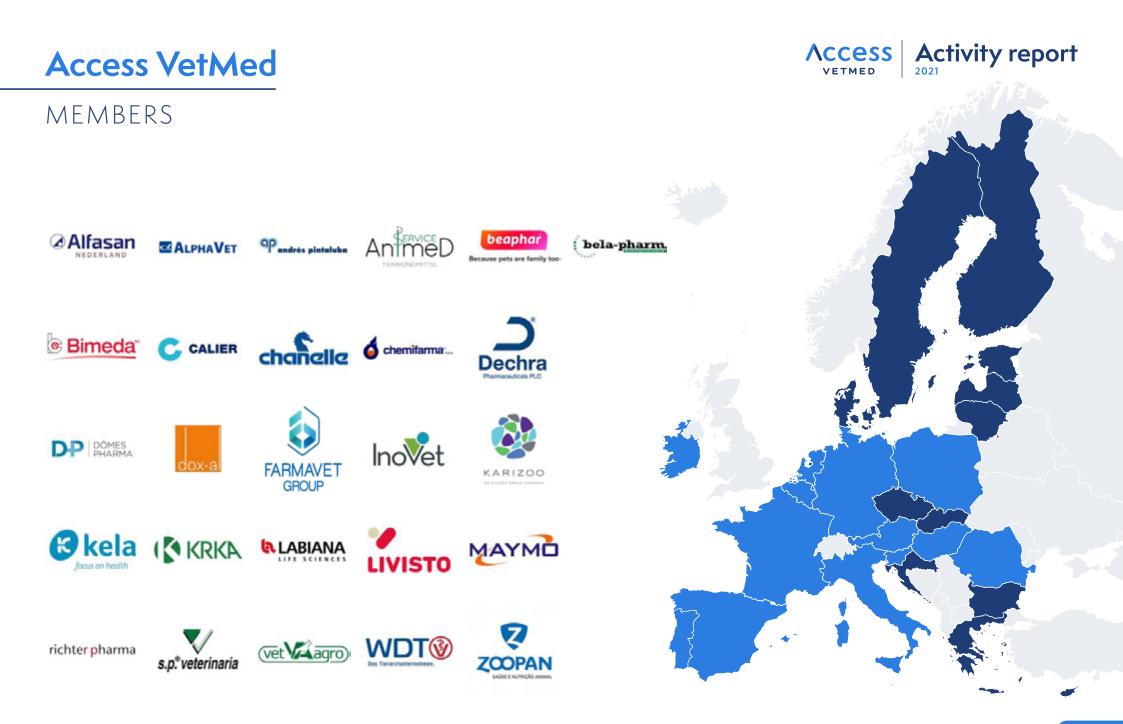
We also dedicated time to propose a reasonable and scientifically sound way of operating the future ERA monograph system or alternative. We look forward to the European Commission and the other relevant stakeholders taking it into consideration."











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Our vision is to achieve a transparent and competitive regulatory and business environment where all stakeholders have equal share of voice and play an active role in protecting animal health and welfare, human safety, and the environment.

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