



**IMDRF** International Medical Device  
Regulators Forum

# Update on EU regulatory developments

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# The EU single market for medical devices

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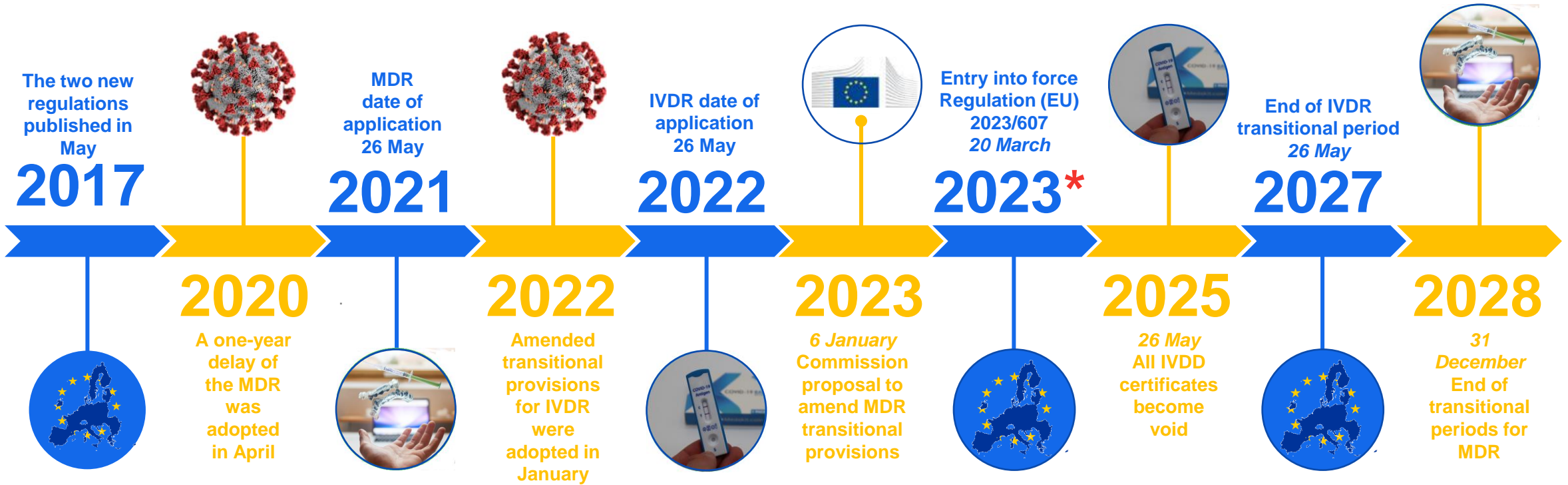
*Norway, Liechtenstein, Iceland*



Turkey



# Timelines



# MDR transitional period per Regulation (EU) 2023/607



\* For devices that did not require involvement of a NB under MDD (e.g. Ir)

# Supportive actions

## Financial support actions under EU4Health Programme

- Monitoring implementation progress and availability of medical devices on the EU market
- Grant for capacity-building of notified bodies, better access of SMEs to notified bodies and increased preparedness of manufacturers
- Study on innovation and governance
- Orphan devices support programme, focussed on devices for children
- Joint Action on market surveillance, including on inspections, supported by EU Medical Device Inspectors Task Force (MDITF), coordinated by DK
- Support for stronger coordination of the Notified Bodies Coordination Group

## Financial support actions under EU Horizon 2020 / Horizon Europe Programme

- [CORE-MD project](#) - methodology for clinical data generation for high-risk devices (04/2021-03/2024)

# Supportive actions

Q&A on practical aspects  
of implementation of Reg.  
2023/607

Factsheet for  
authorities in non-  
EU/EEA states on  
medical devices and in  
vitro diagnostic  
medical devices

Targeted support for SMEs  
through Enterprise Europe  
Network

‘COMBINE’ project on  
combined studies involving  
MP/IVD/MD

Expert panel scientific  
advice on clinical  
development strategies for  
certain high-risk devices

# Priorities for 2023

## Chairing IMDRF

- Increase and promote **relations with other regulatory authorities** through new type of membership
- Reinforce **cooperation with harmonisation initiatives** via collaboration agreements
- Encourage **engagement with healthcare professionals/clinicians**
- Develop and agree **on strategic principles for IMDRF trainings between MC members**
- Deliver on the **first IMDRF training** in the form of a pilot



# Priorities for 2023

## Facilitating a smooth transition to MDR and IVDR

- Increasing number and capacity of notified bodies: **50 (39 MDR+11 IVDR)** notified bodies designated under MDR and IVDR\*
- MDCG 2022-14 position paper on notified body capacity and availability of medical devices and IVDs\*

## Scientific Structures

- Expert panels designated (2019) and running since (Q2 2021) with opinions issued
- Designated experts re-appointed (Q3 2023) (Q2 2023)\*
- Selection of EU reference laboratories completed (IVDR) (Q2 2023)\*



# Priorities for 2023-2024

## EUDAMED

- Modules released: actor registration (Q4 2020), UDI, notified bodies & certificates (Q3 2021)
- Modules in functional testing with users: Vigilance & PMS, Clinical Investigations & Performance Studies, Market Surveillance (continuous)\*

## UDI

- 4 issuing entities designated, 15 guidance and factsheets published, UDI helpdesk and platform available
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) xx/xx UDI assignment for highly individualised devices (specifically contact lenses) adopted
- Preparatory work on other medical devices requiring specific considerations (2024)

## Nomenclature

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- Published for public consultation (Q2 2021)
  - Final version launched available in EN, IT, FR, HU. Validations of remaining EU languages (ongoing)
  - Work program for 2023-2025 to be announced Q3 2023
  - lenses)
  - Preparatory work on other medical devices requiring specific considerations (2024)

# Priorities for 2023-2024

## Tertiary legislation: Common Specifications/ Implementing Acts

### Commission Implementing Regulations:

- 2022/2346 – Common specifications for Annex XVI products **(EOF Q2 2023)\***
- 2022/2347 – Re-classification of groups of certain active products without an intended medical purpose **(EOF Q4 2022)**
- 2022/945 designating EURLs and designation of 5 EURLs expected **(Q4 2023)\***
- for Class D devices **(Q4 2023)\***

## Standards

- Lists of harmonised standards published (Q3 2021), (Q1 2022), (Q2 2022)
- First amendment to the Standardisation request was adopted on 31 January 2023, second amendment under development to adapt deadlines for adoption of new standards\*
- New publication under preparation (Q4 2023) \*

# Implementation of MDCG Position Paper MDCG 2022-14

**1. Make use of hybrid audits**

**2. Leveraging evidence from previous assessments conducted under the Directives**

**8. Gaining momentum - speed-up the assessment, designation and notification process**

**12. Make standard fees publicly available and take into account interest of SMEs**

**13. Allocate notified bodies capacity for SME manufacturers**

**14. Call on manufacturers to ensure timely compliance to MDR/IVDR**

**15. Structured dialogue before and during the conformity assessment process**

**16. Increase preparedness of manufacturers**

**18. Orphan devices**



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# Updates from IMDRF WGs co-chaired by the EU



# Adverse Event Terminology and Coding Working Group

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Andrea Hanson – Health Products Regulatory Authority, Ireland.

# Adverse Event Terminology WG

## About the WG:

- The Adverse Event Terminology and Coding working group was established in 2015.
- The group is composed of members from 11 regions.
- The group has two Co-Chairs (FDA & HPRA) and a AEWG Maintenance Chair (MHRA).
- The group convenes every 3 weeks via teleconference. A face-to-face meeting will be held in October 2023.



## Publications:

- IMDRF terminologies for categorized Adverse Event Reporting (AER): terms, terminology structure and codes IMDRF/AE WG/[N43FINAL: 2020 \(Edition 4\)](#), **including 7 annexes**
- Maintenance of IMDRF AE Terminologies IMDRF/AE WG/[N44FINAL:2020 \(Edition3\)](#)

# Ongoing work

## 1. Leverage post-market monitoring and surveillance

- a) The development of a Common Data Set for Adverse Event Data Exchange between IMDRF Regulators
- b) The continued development and improvement of the Adverse Event Terminology and coding system to ensure that it is accurate, agile and moving with innovation, through the management of queries and the **annual maintenance cycle**.

## 2. Managing regulatory challenges for medical devices and innovative technologies by providing timely and appropriate guidance

- a) The development of a **training presentation / video** to reinforce the key principles of the system ( N43 document).
- b) The development of a **guidance document** to support the exchange of the Common Data Set.
- c) The development of a **new guidance document and a video** to further support **the practical use** of the Adverse Event Terminology and coding system.

# Opportunities and Challenges

- **Regulatory convergence** with increased use of the Adverse Event Terminology and coding system.
- Increased **harmonisation** with use of common terminology.
- Opportunity for increased **oversight and signal detection**.
- **Easier** exchange of information.
  
- More guidance is needed to support the practical use of the codes.
- Confidentiality arrangement and EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) need to be factored into the use and the exchange of the Common Data Set.
- Further development of analytical algorithms is required.





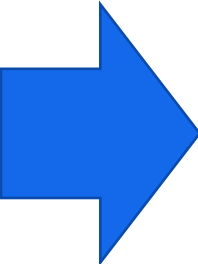
# Quality Management System (QMS) Working Group Update

Co-Chairs:

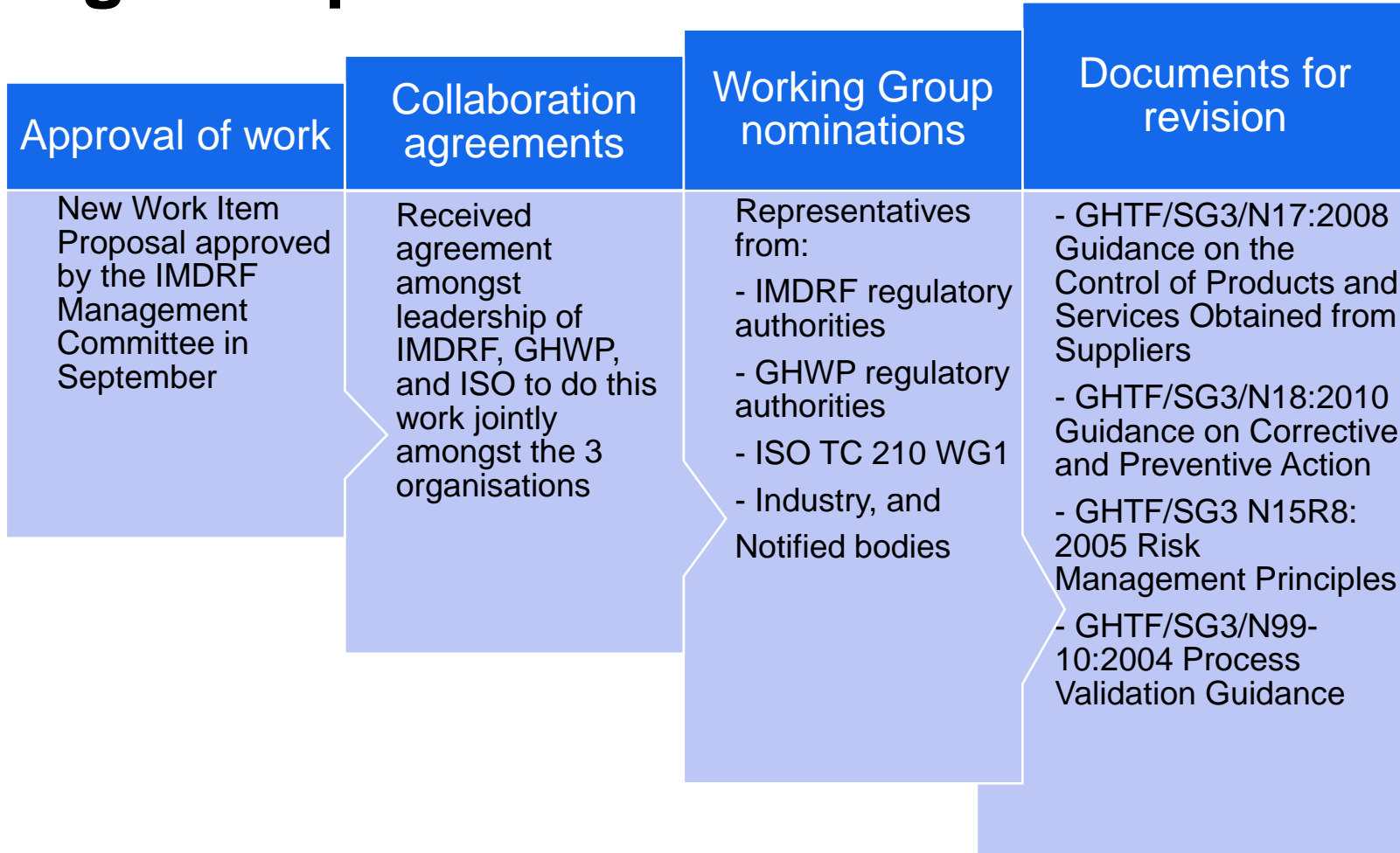
Máiréad Finucane / Maria Del Carmen Sanz – EC

Melissa Torres – US FDA

# About US

- Quality management systems and risk management activities are integral principles to ensuring the design and manufacture of safe and effective medical devices
  - QMS and risk management principles have evolved since the creation of the original GHTF documents (2004-2010) which were based on previous versions of ISO 13485 and ISO 14971
  - Requirements within the various jurisdictions have also evolved
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- The aim of the working group is to have up to date guidance on QMS and risk management requirements (outlined in ISO 13485 and ISO 14971) in order to assure an appropriate balance between pre-market and post-market requirements as part of a total product lifecycle regulatory approach to medical devices.

# Working Group Establishment



# Opportunities and Challenges

- Transfer of old GHTF documents into IMDRF templates
- Prioritisation of work items
- Proposal to begin with the update supplier controls (GHTF/SG3/N17:2008 Guidance on the Control of Products and Services Obtained from Suppliers)
- First meeting of the working group to be scheduled after Management Committee meeting

# Thank you/Questions

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