

CHESSMEN JOINT ACTION

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CHESSMEN Radar: WPs Video Updates

The Joint Action launched the new initiative 'CHESSMEN Radar', a resource to assist in the dissemination of information given directly by the WP Leaders.

This initiative comprises one-minute videos regarding the accomplishments, ongoing work and foreseen deliverables of each WP.



13 February 2024

Participation in EU-JAMRAI 2, Joint Action on Antimicrobial Resistance & Healthcare-Associated Infections

CHESSMEN participated in the kick-off meeting of the EU-JAMRAI 2 Joint Action on Antimicrobial Resistance & Healthcare-Associated Infections.

This marked an important step on the coordination and harmonization of best practices, while avoiding the duplication of efforts.

23/24 April 2024

Participation in the International Conference on the 'The Supply of Plasma-Derived Medicinal Products in the Future of Europe'

CHESSMEN participated in the International Conference on the 'Supply of Plasma-Derived Medicinal Products in the Future of Europe', hosted by Centro Nazionale Sangue.

Key highlights:

- CHESSMEN speakers shared insights on the ongoing work, deliverables and milestones.
- Emphasis on the importance of ensuring medication access for all patients, particularly blood-derived medicines.
- The main results of the supply project, co-funded by EU4Health programme, were presented.
- Framework discussions on different work packages in advancing healthcare accessibility.
- Joint effort and alignment of objectives between both initiatives.

Periodical meetings have been held since April, 2024.





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17/18 June 2024

CHESMEN Joint Action Intermediate Meeting

A key milestone in the Joint Action, that gathered all CHESMEN beneficiaries.

The two-day meeting, started on June 17 with a closed session for WP leaders, followed on June 18 by an open session for all members.

Key highlights:

- Update on project progress and challenges.
- Presentations from WP leaders on accomplishments, ongoing work, future deliverables and milestones.
- Identification of main constraints.
- Insightful participation from the European Commission and European Medicines Agency.



22/24 May 2024

AEMPS Study Visit: Medicine Shortage Management Strategies

The Spanish Agency of Medicines and Medical Devices (AEMPS) hosted in their headquarters representatives from INFARMED, I.P., JAZMP, and AIFA for a study visit.

This meeting led to a comprehensive understanding of the tools, methodologies and procedures used by AEMPS for the prevention, management and monitoring of shortages.



19/21 June 2024

INFARMED, I.P. Study Visit: Medicine Shortage Management Strategies

The Portuguese National Authority of Medicines and Health Products, I.P. (INFARMED, I.P.) hosted in their headquarters representatives from Finland, Italy, Slovenia, the Netherlands, and Spain.

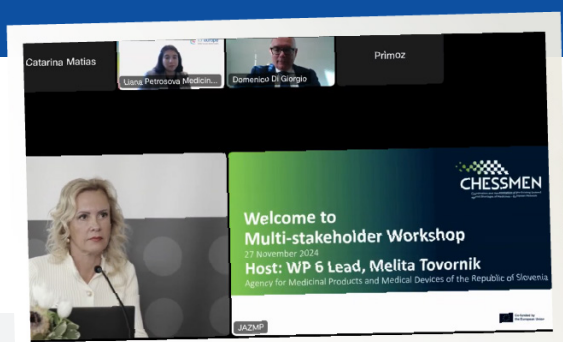
Discussions focused on the tools, databases, procedures and methodologies used in Portugal. Key areas for improvement were identified for future CHESMEN meetings.

4/5 November 2024

CHESSMEN WP7 Meeting in Bonn

Key objectives included:

- Further elaboration of the draft framework for a concept platform to monitor and manage medicine shortages
- Discussion on the definitions of data elements included in the required common dataset
- Updates on the progress of deliverables from other WPs
- Agreement on next steps



27 November 2024

Multi-Stakeholder Workshop

The Slovenian Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices (JAZMP), convened CHESSMEN Multi-stakeholder Workshop bringing together representatives of industry, healthcare professionals, patient and consumer advocates, as well as representatives from national regulatory authorities and other European regulatory bodies.

The virtual workshop was attended by 220 participants and offered key stakeholders in supply chain an opportunity to discuss the current state, key findings, and preliminary conclusions of four technical Work Packages of CHESSMEN JA after almost 2 years of intensive cooperation supporting harmonised response to medicines shortages in EU/EEA.

The full report is available for download in CHESSMEN website.



19 December 2024

CHESSMEN JA inSYNC Workshop From Policy to Practice: Internal Coordination of National Authorities in Managing Medicine Availability

The first session was directed to CHESSMEN beneficiaries and explored the experience and insights of 3 National Competent Authorities: AEMPS, AIFA, and INFARMED I.P.

Key highlights:

- Institutional organizational charts
- Team's competencies, training and assigned roles
- National initiatives and resources
- National mechanisms for managing medicine shortages
- Q&A



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January 2025

CHESSMEN Project Management Board F2F meeting

The CHESSMEN Project Management Board, bringing together the leaders of all Work Packages (WP1–WP8), met on 16 January 2025 in Rome to review the progress of ongoing activities and key deliverables of the Joint Action.

Hosted by AIFA, the Italian Medicines Agency, the meeting was focused on the preparation of the intermediate technical and financial reports, reflecting the continuous collaborative effort of all consortium partners.



Started on April 2025

CHESSMEN RADAR | 2nd Round Work Packages Video Updates

The second round of 'CHESSMEN Radar' occurred during the first semester of 2026. WP Leaders gave a one-minute speech on the accomplishments, ongoing work and foreseen deliverables of each WP.

May 3 2025

CHESSMEN inSYNC Workshop #2

The second session gathered CHESSMEN beneficiaries to discuss one of the most pressing public health challenges, namely to ensure medicines availability.

Presentations were shared by 3 National Competent Authorities: HPRA, BfArM and ANSM.

The workshop offered a unique space to exchange national experiences, identify common roadblocks, and inspire practical solutions.



Started on July 2025, and ongoing

Highlights Booklet

Publication of individual highlights for each published deliverable. These summarise the main conclusions of the work developed in a visual and easy-to-understand format. All highlights will be compiled at the end of the Joint Action into a final booklet.



September 2025

AIFA Study Visit

AIFA hosted a meeting in its headquarters in Rome, bringing together representatives from nine European Regulatory Agencies to exchange experiences and discuss national approaches to medicines shortages management.

Discussions focused on the organization of the Italian National Health System, the role of the Regional Authorities, and the functioning of the pharmaceutical market, with particular emphasis on shortage monitoring and mitigation activities. Topics covered communication procedures, sanctions, quality defects, importation, export bans, and other regulatory measures.

October 2025

BfArM Study Visit

BfArM hosted a study visit in their headquarters in Bonn, Germany. The meeting brought together representatives from Ireland, Croatia, the Netherlands, Portugal, and Slovenia to exchange experiences and discuss national approaches to medicine shortages management.

Discussions focused on the German framework for shortages management, including digital systems, early warning tools, communication strategies, and operational coordination mechanisms. The programme included presentations, real-time demonstrations, hands-on sessions, and case discussions, with the participation of the Paul-Ehrlich-Institut (PEI) during the final day.





November 2025

Participation on the Working Group of Communication Professionals (WGCP)

The main outcomes and foreseen objectives were shared with communication officers from across EU Member States to strengthen collaboration and exchange experiences.

Key topics discussed focused on main communication and dissemination activities developed so far, including the Multi-stakeholder Workshop, CHESSMEN inSYNC sessions, CHESSMEN Radar, study visits, newsletters, and the publication of public deliverables and reports.

The event reinforced the importance of clear, coordinated and transparent communication towards healthcare professionals, stakeholders and citizens.

November 2025

SUKL Study Visit

SUKL hosted a study visit in its headquarters in Prague, Czech Republic. The meeting brought together representatives from the Austrian, German, and Portuguese Regulatory Agencies to exchange experiences and discuss medicines shortages management practices.

The discussions focused on the Czech legal framework on medicines availability. Participants were presented real-world shortage scenarios, including data sources, IT tools and digital systems, procedures used in shortage management, stakeholders' obligations and enforcement practices.



Started on January 2026
Ended on March 2026

CHESSMEN QUIZ

The CHESSMEN QUIZ was launched to bring the JA closer to its audience, increasing engagement and awareness about the WP outcomes. Covering all WP, the quiz provided participants with the opportunity to test their knowledge while learning more about the different activities, objectives, and results developed within CHESSMEN.



March 2026

CHESSMEN inSYNC Workshop #3

The third session brought together CHESSMEN beneficiaries to discuss public health challenges. This new session included presentations from three National Competent Authorities: FAMHP, SÚKL and FIMEA.

The workshop provided an opportunity to exchange national experiences and discuss how authorities are organised to manage the daily activities related to medicines availability. Topics included legal frameworks and stakeholder responsibilities, mitigation measures, and the implementation of EMA and European Commission initiatives related to medicines shortages, among other relevant experiences and practices shared by participants.



March 2026

CHESSMEN inSYNC Workshop #4

The fourth session featured presentations from the beneficiary HALMED (Croatia), the Project Management Board members, such as FONES (Switzerland) and the NHS (United Kingdom), and also from the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

This session brought together the consortium to carry on the discussions on governance structures, coordination mechanisms and information exchange processes supporting medicines availability.

June 2026

JA CHESSMEN – AEMPS Conference

AEMPS organised a dedicated information session on CHESSMEN on June 10.

Aiming to share the results of CHESSMEN so far, while raising awareness about the Joint Action and present the work carried out by AEMPS within Work Package 5, focused on identifying the root causes of medicines shortages across EU/EEA countries. The session included presentations from AEMPS representatives and other experts involved in the different technical work packages.

The initiative provided an opportunity to involve the Spanish stakeholders, ask questions and exchange perspectives on medicines shortages management.

June 2026

JA CHESSMEN – INFARMED, I.P.: Dialogue with Stakeholders

INFARMED, I.P. is organizing a meeting with National Stakeholders to present the main outcomes of the JA, collect feedback and involve the interested parties in the work developed.

The session counts with the participation of the WP Leaders and a forum of many invitees from national associations, such as: pharmacies, hospitals and the pharmaceutical industry.



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