
Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement information

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Challenges for pharmaceutical policies in Europe

- Equitable access for patients to effective, safe and good quality medicines
- Enhancing appropriate use of medicines for better health outcomes
- Ensuring value for money
- Balance with industrial policy and EU single market objectives
- Underpinning values : equity, solidarity, access, quality, participation



Pharmaceutical policies and the EU

- EU regulatory framework and legislation
 - Review 2003
 - European Commission,
 - EMEA
 - National Regulatory Authorities
- National responsibilities on pricing and reimbursement (“subsidiarity”), but
 - Transparency directive
 - G 10 group on provision and innovation
 - EU Pharmaceutical Forum ...

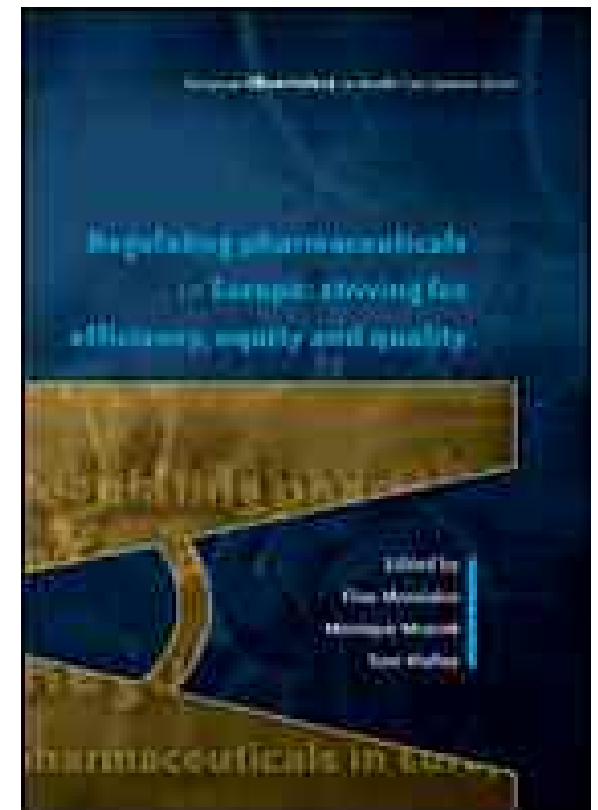


Why a PPRI project ?

- Large differences in pharmaceutical policy environment
- Need for
 - Benchmarking
 - Indicators
- Need for better information for better decisions

Improving use of medicines and containing costs

- Education and information
- Managerial and administrative measures
- Financial measures





International collaboration on medicines policies

- Each health care system different
 - different levers
 - different solutions
- Problems tend to be the same
 - similar cost drivers
 - limited menu of policy measures
- Basis for exchange of information and “lessons learned” ? !



How PPRI is helping member states

- Better mapping of existing policies
- Better insight in reimbursement policies and pricing regulations of medicines across countries
- Potential to contribute to better insight in access to medicines, medicines use and population health outcomes
- Support policy makers, scientific community, all stakeholders in pharma-policy development



Link pharmaceutical policies with wider issues on health systems and access to medicines

- WHO Ministerial Conference on Health Systems, June 2008, Tallinn
 - Medicines as critical component for an efficient and effective health system
 - <http://www.euro.who.int/healthsystems2008>
- WHO Intergovernmental Working group on Public Health, Innovation, and Intellectual property
 - How can European pharmaceutical policies spur needed medicines innovation ?
 - <http://www.who.int/phi/>