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### Major reforms from 2007 till now

- National code for medicines used in hospitals and data collection of hospital consumption – 1/2007
- Reimbursement evaluation for new medicines for hospital use – 02/2007
- General price reduction (6%) for all prescription only medicines (POM) and reduction in reimbursement rates -02/2007
- New methodology for first maximum price approval and for price revision – 5/2007 and revision at April of the subsequent years
- Price reduction (30%) for generics – 10/2008

### Current and planned measures

- Discussion on changes in wholesaler and pharmacy remuneration (under discussion)
- Discussion on possible transfer from hospital to private pharmacies of medicines for outpatient use currently dispensed through hospital pharmacies - (draft law)
- Discussion on possible changes on reference price system, namely the definition of a fixed co-payment value based (under discussion)

### Current pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement system (as of 2/2009)

#### Pricing

- Statutory pricing for POM; external price referencing based on the average ex-factory price of Spain, France, Italy and Greece
- Free price for OTC
- Wholesale and pharmacy mark ups; fixed % of net pharmacy retail price
- VAT rate of 5% (standard rate 20%)
- Special tax earmarked of 0,4% for INFARMED

#### Reimbursement

- Positive list in place
- Pharmaceuticals on positive list are reimbursed at 5 levels (100%, 95%, 69%; 37%, 15%)
- Extra 15% (5% for 95% level) reimbursement for pensioners whose income is below the national minimum wage
- Reference price system in place