

# Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information (PPRI): Introductory Session for new Members to PPRI

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# Welcome to the PPRI Newcomer Session

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Welcome and warm-up	Katharina Kieslich
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# How long have you been a PPRI member?

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# How long have you worked at your current institution?

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# About PPRI: The history



## Framework

- Research project
- Funded from April 2005 – October 2007 by European Commission, DG SANCO, co-funded by the Austrian Ministry of Health
- Project leader: Austrian Health Institute (GÖG)  
Associated partner: WHO, Regional Office for Europe
- From 2008 on: **the network continues on a voluntary basis, PPRI Secretariat with GÖG**

## Objective

- improve knowledge and promotes information exchange about the **outpatient pharmaceutical systems** in the enlarged Europe

## • Results:

- PPRI Pharma Profiles
- Glossary
- Indicators
- Comparable analysis: PPRI Report
- Network: Regular personal exchange at meetings

## • Follow up activities – PHIS project (2008 – 2011)

- Exploring medicine management in the hospital sector
- Medicine prices in hospitals (discounts, rebates, ...)
- Interface management



## • Continuation of the network

- As a countries driven network
- PPRI Secretariat at GÖG

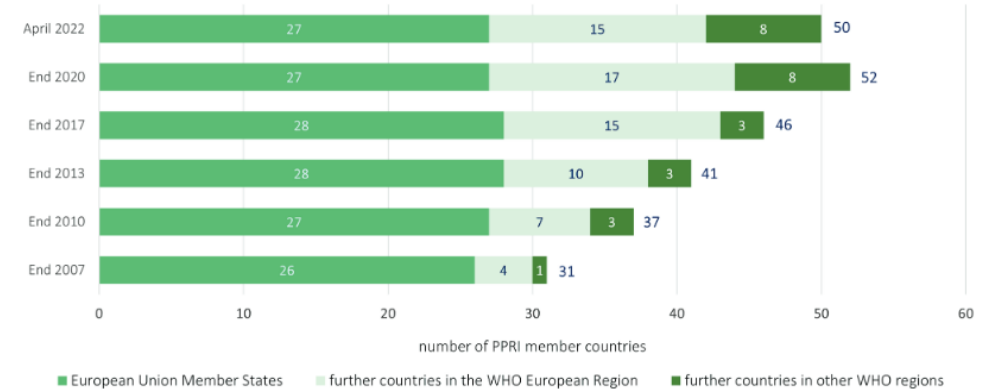
*Voluntary network!*

# About PPRI: developments

- **Network:** growing, however only competent authorities (and European / international organisations are allowed to join)
  - PPRI Sub-Group on Medical Devices (since 2018)
  - PPRI EECA (Eastern Europe and Central Asia) (launched 2017)
  - PPRI Africa (pilot initiative in 2025)
- **Responding to the needs**
  - Topics beyond pricing and reimbursement, e.g. shortages, regulatory issues, pharmacy regulation
  - Procedural issues (e.g., for joining), for PPRI network queries
- **Visibility to “external parties”**
  - Publication of information (e.g. country information) of general interest
  - Research publications based on PPRI information

S Vogler, N Zimmermann. Improving medicines access in Brazil through collaboration in the PPRI network. Rev Bras Farm Hosp Serv Saude. 2022;13(2):0677. DOI: 10.30968/rbfhss.2022.132.0677.

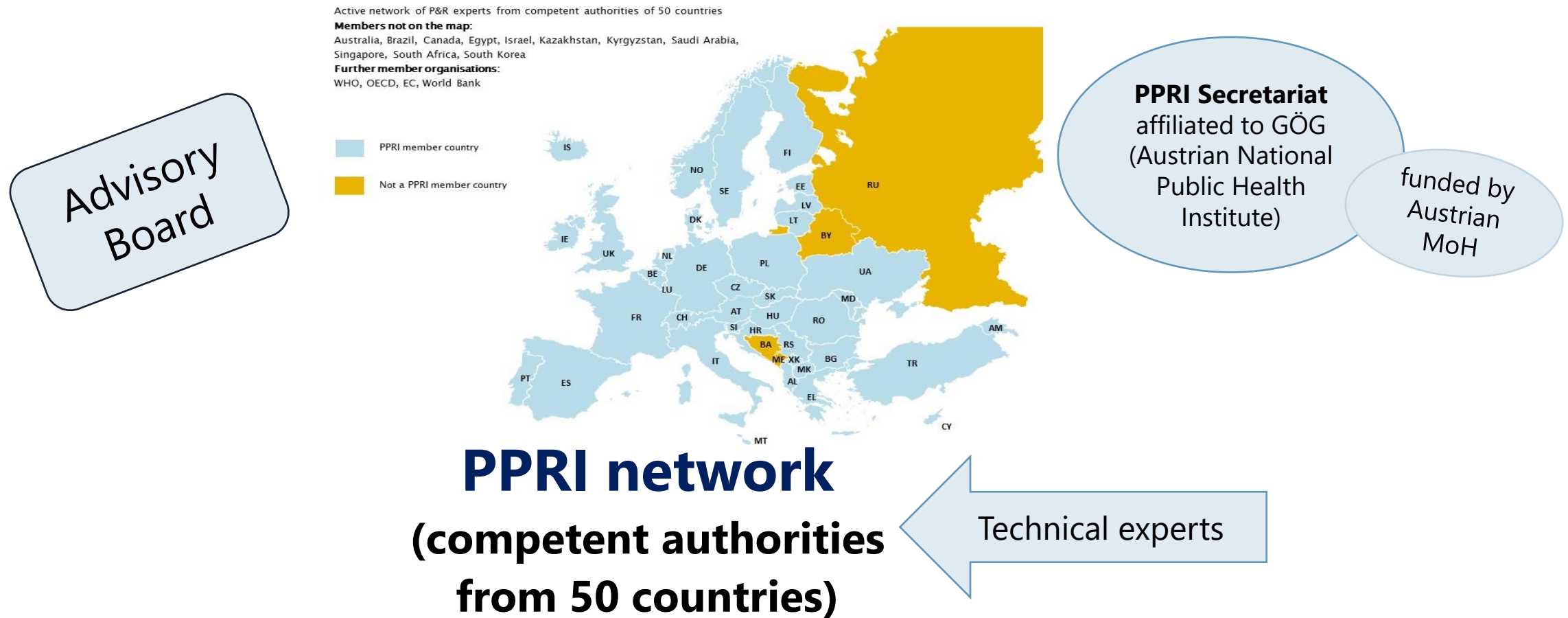
Figure 1. PPRI network members – extension in the course of the initiative.



In April 2022, membership of the Russian Federation and Belarus were suspended. PPRI: Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information; WHO: World Health Organization.

<https://rbfhss.org.br/sbrafh/article/view/677/680>

# PPRI today: the governance structure



# About PPRI: The network is at the centre

## Interaction and exchange of information at the PPRI network meetings

- 2-day meetings
- Rotation principle: hosted by national PPRI network member (if onsite)

### Content

- PPRI secretariat is in charge of the agenda – except for country session
- One or two overall topics
- Poster session – with country presentations
- A session presenting examples of PPRI network queries
- Interactive session with group work
- Importance of breaks and social dinner
- External people may be invited for the country session; opportunity for staff of network member to get involved
- Travel and accommodation costs are covered by the PPRI network members

In principle, only PPRI members can participate

Volunteers for hosting the 2026 spring meeting welcome 😊



# PPRI: Internal network meetings vs. external conferences

- Usually **twice** a year (unless a PPRI Conference – every 4 years)
- Plus webinars

PPRI meeting

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PPRI conference

And now  
Lisbon 😊

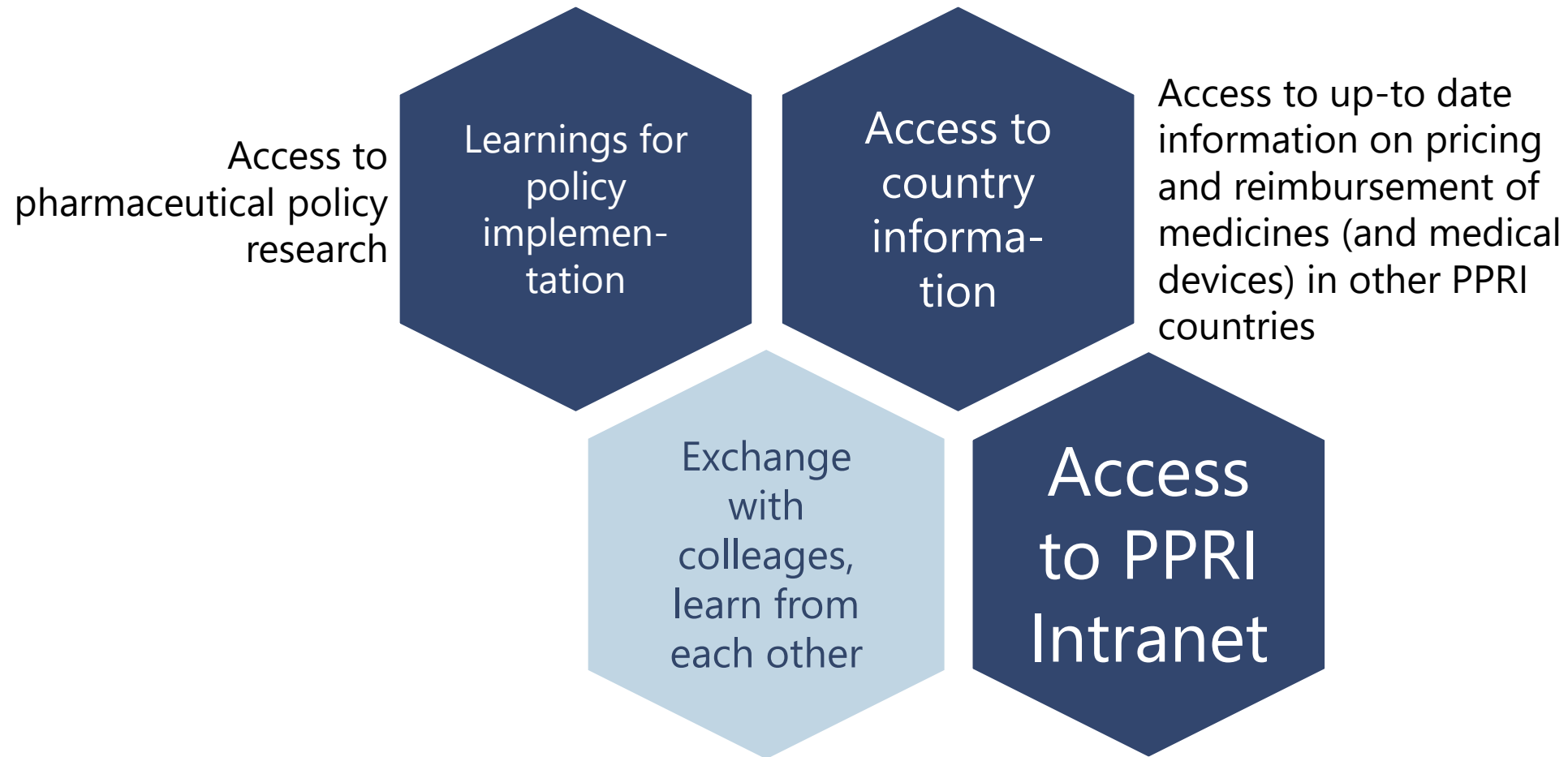


**Last online PPRI network meeting**  
Vienna, 24 April 2024:  
≈ 70 participants from 26 countries



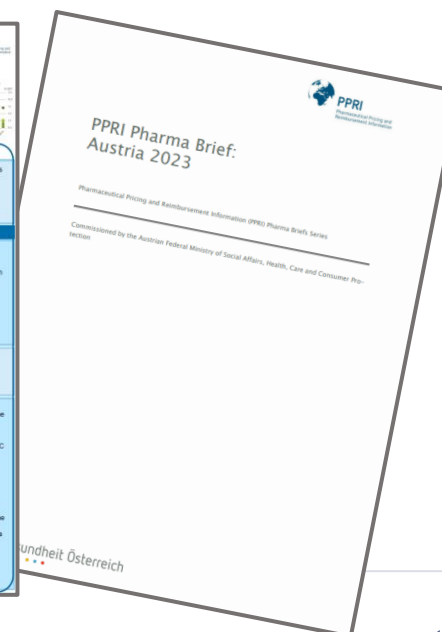
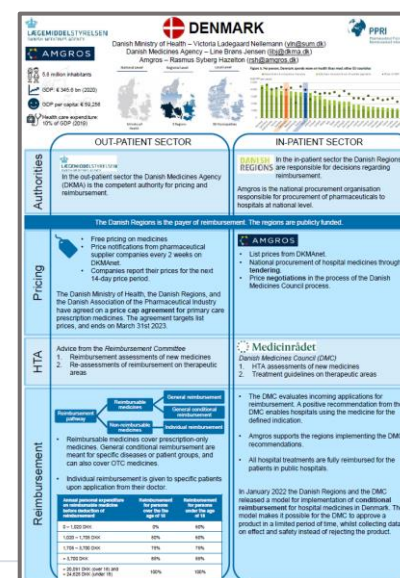
**PPRI Conference open for stakeholders**  
Vienna, 25/26 April 2024:  
> 250 participants from 41 countries

# PPRI: Benefits



# Responsibilities and contributions of PPRI members

- **Active participation in meetings**
  - Be prepared (e.g. posters, presentation)
  - Participate in discussions in plenary and group work
  - Interact with your colleagues
  - (Hosting a meeting)
- **Participation in PPRI network queries**
  - Responding to the PPRI network queries
  - Sharing a compilation if you launch a query
- **Voluntary contributions**
  - Write or update national pharmaceutical profiles / briefs (using the templates)
  - Translate the glossary in your language



# Joining PPRI – procedural issues



**PPRI – a networking initiative of pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement authorities**

What is the price of this medicine in neighbouring countries?    What pricing model is in place for this medicine in the PPRI network countries?    A new medicine is coming to the market – is it already reimbursed in other countries and if so, under which conditions?

**What is PPRI?**

January 2024

The Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Network (PPRI) is a collaboration of public pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement authorities of more than 50 largely European countries as well as international and European institutions. PPRI was originally an EU funded project (2005 – 2007) which aimed to improve information and knowledge on pharmaceutical systems in Europe since no such initiative existed at that time. In the course of the project the PPRI network was established, a set of pharmaceutical indicators, filled with real data from PPRI countries, as well as more than 20 country reports and brief overviews on the pharmaceutical systems (country information) were produced.

Today PPRI is a **voluntary** Member States driven initiative because policy makers represented in the PPRI network expressed their strong interest to continue collaboration.

**Objective:** By gathering competent authorities responsible for pharmaceutical policy making and medicines financing, this network aims to promote collaboration to make progress towards Universal Health Coverage. Exchange of information and best practices on pricing and reimbursement between public officials is facilitated to contribute to affordable, equitable and sustainable access to safe, effective and quality essential medicines, through the efforts of the network's members in their home countries.


**Working language** is English.

**Who are the members?**

Membership in the PPRI network is only possible for public institutions with a competence for pharmaceutical pricing and/or reimbursement, e.g. Medicines Agencies, Ministries of Health, Social Health Insurance institutions, and National Health Services. Though evolved from a European initiative, eligible members from other regions are welcome. As of January 2024, the PPRI network comprises around 90 institutions from 50 countries (all 27 EU Member States, plus Albania, Armenia, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, Iceland, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine and United Kingdom) and European Commission (DG Sante, DG Competition), OECD, WHO Headquarters and Regional Office for Europe and the World Bank.

**Coordinator:** The PPRI Secretariat is located at the Pharmacoeconomics Department at Gesundheits Österreich GmbH (GÖG/Austrian National Public Health Institute) and its activities are financially supported by the Austrian Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection.

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**MEMBERSHIP FORM  
PPRI NETWORK**

Institution*	
First name of contact person	Mr. / Ms. / Mx (delete as appropriate)
Surname of contact person	
Department	
Job title	
Email (institutional email address only)	
Phone	
Address	
Country	

\* Membership to the PPRI network is linked to the institutions and not to representative person; if the nominated representative person leaves their function, PPRI membership is **maintained** and a new representative person has to be nominated and sign this document.

The PPRI Secretariat reserves the right to suspend members, institutions or countries from the PPRI network for certain reasons, that are opposing to the values PPRI stands for (e.g. breach of confidentiality, external reasons, etc.).

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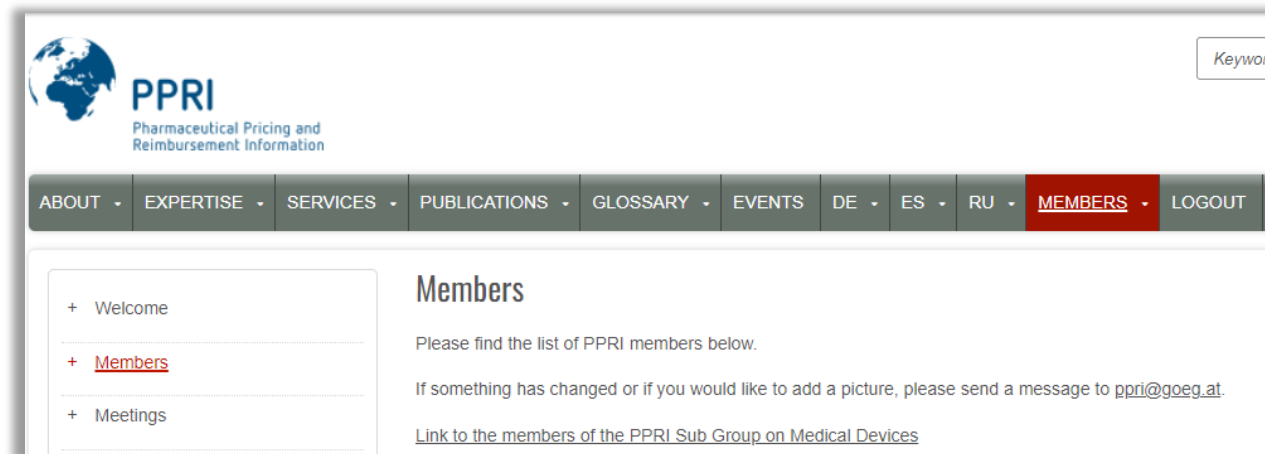
- Receive or send a request for inclusion from/via e-mail at [ppri@goeg.at](mailto:ppri@goeg.at)

- receive General Fact Sheet about PPRI and fill in Membership Form and DoI (screenshots on the left)

- send back completed form

# Joining PPRI – procedural issues

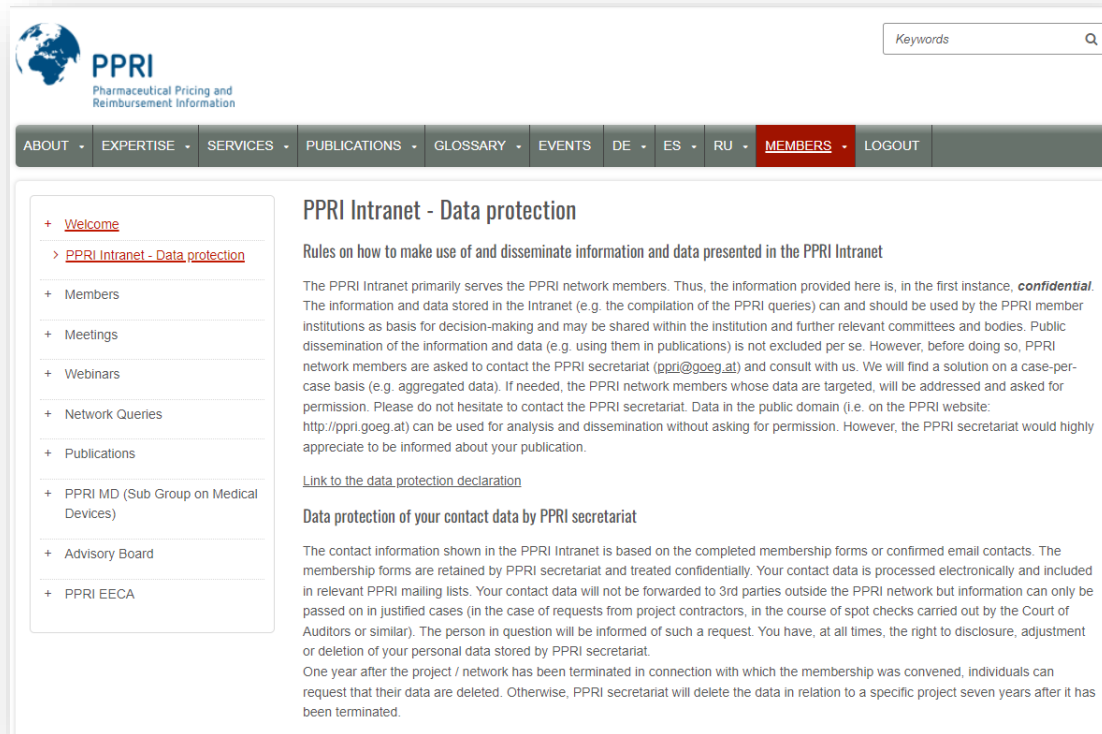
- after approval inclusion in:  
General Mailing List (additionally  
Query Mailing List – according to  
filled out Membership Form),  
PPRI Intranet – Members  
(screenshot on the right)



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# Joining PPRI – procedural issues



- after approval reply from PPRI via e-mail with access to PPRI Intranet (username & password), information about Intranet and data protection declaration (screenshot on the left)
- if included in Network Query Mailing List: separate e-mail about procedural issues related to network queries

# PPRI Website and intranet

The image shows two overlapping screenshots of the PPRI website. The top screenshot is the public website at [ppri.goeg.at](http://ppri.goeg.at), featuring a navigation menu with 'MEMBERS' circled in orange. The bottom screenshot is the members-only intranet, showing a 'Welcome to the PPRI Members-only site!' message and a sidebar with links to 'Welcome', 'PPRI Intranet - Data protection', 'Members', 'Meetings', 'Webinars', 'Network Queries', 'Publications', 'PPRI MD (Sub Group on Medical Devices)', 'Advisory Board', and 'PPRI EECA'. A list of 'Upcoming meetings' is also visible.

1) [ppri.goeg.at](http://ppri.goeg.at)

2) Log in with your username & password

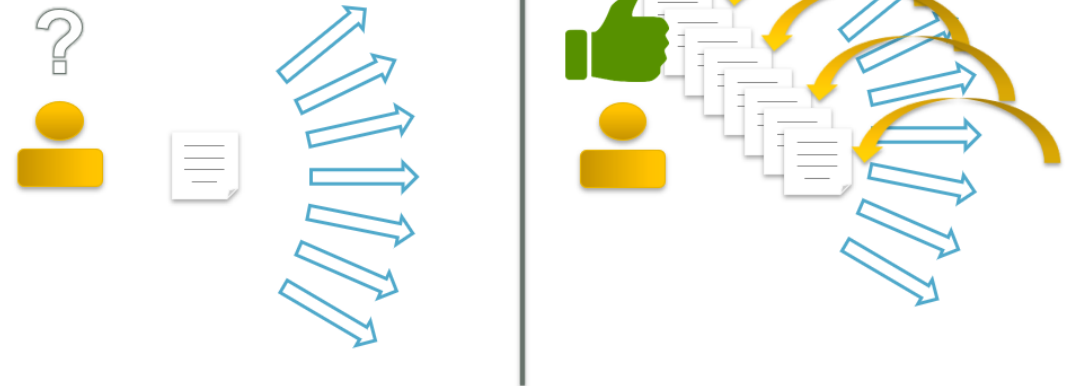
3) Find all relevant information in the Members – area

- Meetings
- Webinars
- Network queries
- Publications
- Section on PPRI MD
- etc.

- About our department
- Our expertise
- Publications
- **Glossary**
- Announcements/News

# PPRI Network queries

- **Purpose:** to have quick access to information and data on specific questions in other countries
- **Topics, e.g.:**
  - to collect a price of products or active ingredients
  - to learn about the reimbursement status of products or active ingredients
  - to collect consumption data of products or active ingredients
  - related to other issues within pharmaceutical system
- **Where to find information to launch a query?**





# How to launch a PPRI network query...

The screenshot displays the PPRI (Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information) website. The top navigation bar includes links for ABOUT, EXPERTISE, SERVICES, PUBLICATIONS, GLOSSARY, EVENTS, DE, ES, RU, and MEMBERS. The MEMBERS link is highlighted in red. Below the navigation bar, the 'Members' Area is visible, featuring a 'User login' section with fields for Username (verena.knoll) and Password, and a 'Log in' button. A sidebar on the left lists various links, including 'Network Queries', which is highlighted with an orange arrow. The main content area shows the 'Guiding principles / Mailing list / Templates' page, which includes instructions for launching a query and compiling results. A second orange arrow points to the 'Guiding principles / Mailing list / Templates' link in the sidebar. The page also lists documents for Guiding principles, Mailing list for queries, and Templates.

**Members' Area**

User login

Username \*  
verena.knoll

Password \*  
.....

Log in

[Reset your password](#)

**Network Queries**

- + Welcome
- + Members
- + Meetings
- + Webinars
- + **Network Queries**
  - > Compilations of network queries
  - > Guiding principles / Mailing list / Templates
- + Publications
  - + PPRI MD (Sub Group on Medical Devices)
  - + Advisory Board
  - + PPRI EECA

**Guiding principles / Mailing list / Templates**

In order to facilitate the process of launching a query and compiling the results, please use the documents below and read the instructions in the *Guiding Principles* carefully. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [ppri@goeg.at](mailto:ppri@goeg.at).

**Guiding principles**

[PPRI\\_NetworkQueries\\_GuidingPrinciples\\_2022.pdf](#)

**Mailing list for queries**

[PPRI\\_Queries\\_Pharm\\_MailingList\\_21Aug024.docx](#)

Should you require the general mailing list which includes all members of the PPRI please contact us at [ppri@goeg.at](mailto:ppri@goeg.at).

**Templates**

[PPRI\\_Reimbursement\\_Query\\_Template\\_MM-YY.doc](#)

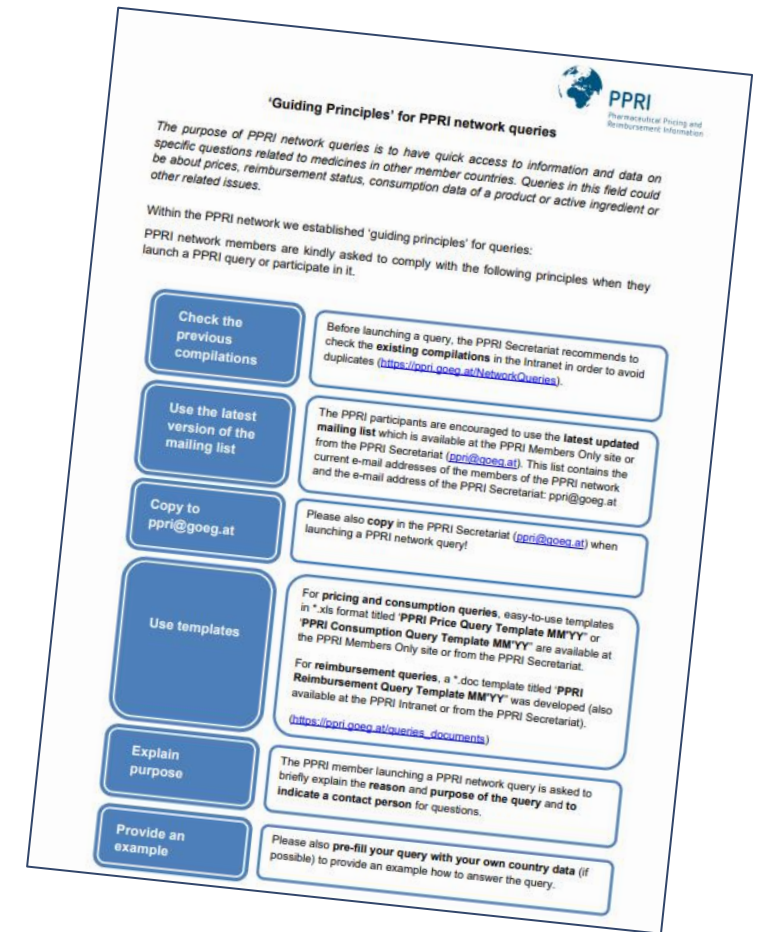
[PPRI\\_Price\\_Query\\_Template\\_MM-YY.xls](#)

[PPRI\\_Consumption\\_Query\\_Template\\_MM-YY.xls](#)

- Guiding principle
- Templates for Queries
- Mailing list

# Overview of the guiding principles

- ☑ Check previous compilations
- ☑ Use the latest version of the PPRI mailing list
- ☑ Copy in [ppri@goeg.at](mailto:ppri@goeg.at) (also in replies!)
- ☑ Use the appropriate template
- ☑ Explain the purpose of the query
- ☑ Provide an example (with own country data)
- ☑ Set deadlines (usually two weeks)
- ☑ Prepare and share a compilation

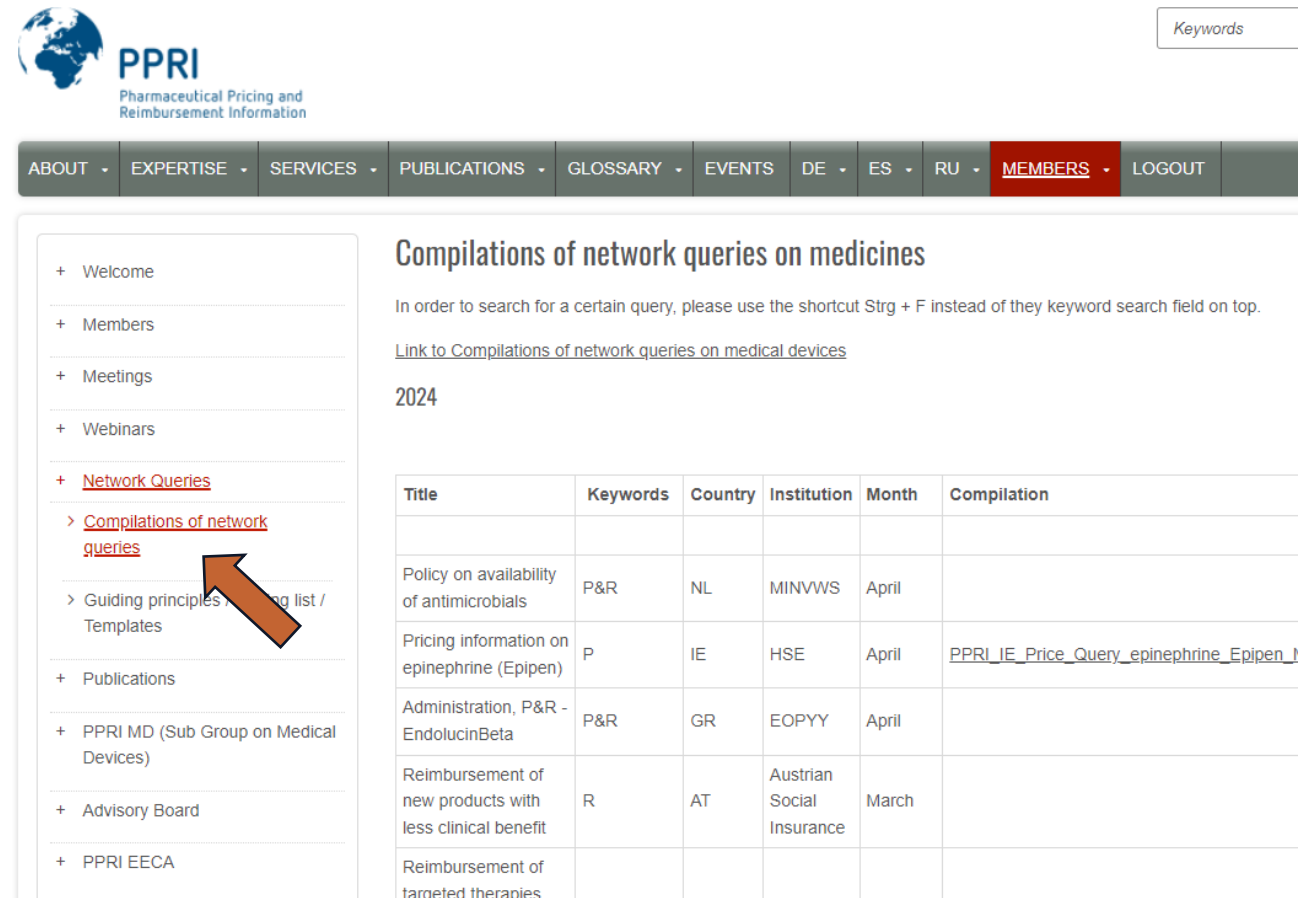


More details here: [Link to the PPRI Intranet](#)

# Compilations of replies to a query

- **Compilations** = consolidated Excel/Word-sheet with all responses to a query
- Send it to the **PPRI Secretariat** after the completion of a query
- Will be updated in the **Intranet**

Reminder to send previous query compilations to the PPRI Secretariat 😊



**PPRI**  
Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information

Keywords

ABOUT EXPERTISE SERVICES PUBLICATIONS GLOSSARY EVENTS DE ES RU **MEMBERS** LOGOUT

### Compilations of network queries on medicines

In order to search for a certain query, please use the shortcut Strg + F instead of the keyword search field on top.

[Link to Compilations of network queries on medical devices](#)

2024

Title	Keywords	Country	Institution	Month	Compilation
Policy on availability of antimicrobials	P&R	NL	MINVWS	April	
Pricing information on epinephrine (Epipen)	P	IE	HSE	April	<a href="#">PPRI_IE_Price_Query_epinephrine_Epipen_!</a>
Administration, P&R - EndolucinBeta	P&R	GR	EOPYY	April	
Reimbursement of new products with less clinical benefit	R	AT	Austrian Social Insurance	March	
Reimbursement of targeted therapies					



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## If you have doubts or questions...

- **If you plan to launch a large survey or have doubts about the right procedure, please contact the PPRI Secretariat** beforehand and we will advise you how to process and develop individual solutions.
- Please indicate the purpose and **use of your query especially** if a **scientific paper / publication** is planned **and inform the PPRI Secretariat** about it!

# PPRI Profiles, Briefs, Posters

Country information on PPRI member countries – available in different formats

PPRI Profiles

PPRI (Short) Reports

PPRI Briefs

PPRI Poster

also for MD

## Accessible at the PPRI website

ppri.goeg.at/ppri\_country\_information

[https://ppri.goeg.at/ppri\\_country\\_information](https://ppri.goeg.at/ppri_country_information)

PPRI  
Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information

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+ Studies and analyses  
+ [PPRI country information](#)  
+ PPRI Profiles / Briefs  
+ PPRI Posters  
+ **Methodology documents**

**PPRI country information**

Pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement policies in the inpatient and outpatient sector

**PPRI Profiles / Briefs**

We provide country-specific information in different formats about the pharmaceutical systems (out-patient, in-patient, both sectors) with a focus on pricing, procurement and reimbursement. PPRI and PHIS country reports were written by country representatives (usually staff of public authorities for pricing and reimbursement, involvement of hospital pharmacists in the case of PHIS and researchers is possible) and were reviewed by the PPRI Secretariat. These documents arising from PPRI and PHIS are considered as official documents of the countries.

PPRI Pharma Profiles are available in longer and shorter versions (Short PPRI Pharma Profiles). In addition, the new series of PPRI Pharma Briefs (developed in 2019) offer concise and up-to-date country reports on a few pages (information at a glance).

**Albania**

Hana E. Gaba D. Blacka M. [PPRI Pharma Profile Albania 2009](#). Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information, Commissioned by the European Commission, Directorate-General Health and Consumer Protection and Austrian Federal Ministry of Health, Family and Youth, 2009

**Austria**

Vogler S, Haasik MA, Zimmermann N (2024): [PPRI Pharma Brief Austria 2023](#). Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information (PPRI) Pharma Briefs Series. Gesundheit Österreich GmbH (GÖG / Austrian National Public Health Institute), Vienna

For an update on the pharmaceutical system in Austria see also the article: Vogler S: [Pharmaceutical regulation and policies in Austria](#). Revista Brasileira de Farmácia Hospitalar e Serviços de Saúde. 2022; 13(1): 639

Vogler S, Haasik MA, Zimmermann N (2019): [PPRI Pharma Brief Austria 2019](#). Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information (PPRI) Pharma Briefs Series. Gesundheit Österreich GmbH (GÖG / Austrian National Public Health Institute), Vienna

Zimmermann N, Rainer L (2018): [Short PPRI Pharma Profile Austria 2017](#). Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information (PPRI), Austrian Public Health Institute (GÖG), Vienna

Vogler S, Schmickl B, Zimmermann N (2013): [Short PPRI / PHIS Pharma Profile Austria 2013](#). Pharmaceutical Pricing and Reimbursement Information (PPRI) / Pharmaceutical Health Information System (PHIS), Vienna

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# PPRI Profiles, Briefs, Posters: Templates

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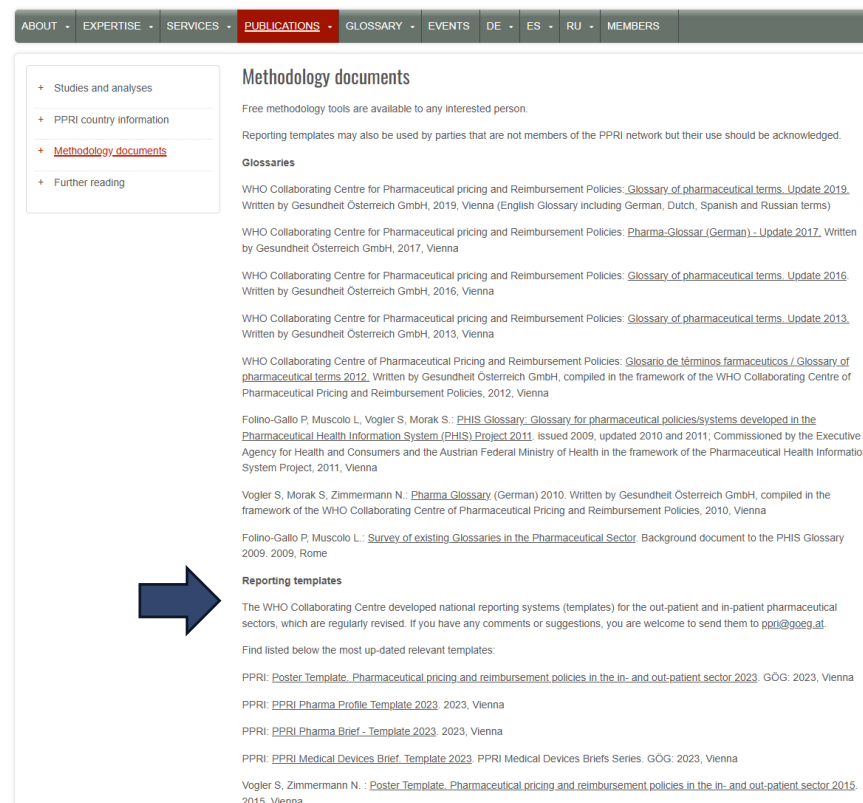
PPRI Briefs

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Accessible at the PPRI website

[https://ppri.goeg.at/methodology\\_documents](https://ppri.goeg.at/methodology_documents)



The screenshot shows the 'PUBLICATIONS' section of the PPRI website. A sidebar on the left lists navigation options: 'Studies and analyses', 'PPRI country information', 'Methodology documents' (highlighted in red), and 'Further reading'. The main content area is titled 'Methodology documents' and contains several sections: 'Free methodology tools are available to any interested person.', 'Reporting templates may also be used by parties that are not members of the PPRI network but their use should be acknowledged.', 'Glossaries' (with links to WHO Collaborating Centre for Pharmaceutical pricing and Reimbursement Policies glossaries in English, German, and Spanish), 'Reporting templates' (with links to WHO Collaborating Centre developed national reporting systems templates for the out-patient and in-patient pharmaceutical sectors, which are regularly revised. If you have any comments or suggestions, you are welcome to send them to [ppri@goeg.at](mailto:ppri@goeg.at). Find listed below the most up-dated relevant templates: PPRI: Poster Template, Pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement policies in the in- and out-patient sector 2023. GÖG: 2023, Vienna. PPRI: PPRI Pharma Profile Template 2023. 2023, Vienna. PPRI: PPRI Pharma Brief - Template 2023. 2023, Vienna. PPRI: PPRI Medical Devices Brief Template 2023. PPRI Medical Devices Briefs Series. GÖG: 2023, Vienna. Vogler S, Zimmermann N.: Poster Template, Pharmaceutical pricing and reimbursement policies in the in- and out-patient sector 2015. 2015, Vienna).



# PPRI Indicators:

## a dashboard was built

### Examples of PPRI indicators

#### External Price Referencing

- Indicator: Use of EPR
- Indicator: Methodology to determine the reference price under EPR
- Indicator: Number of reference countries
- Indicator: Scope of EPR (sectors covered)

#### Reimbursement rates

- Indicator: Reimbursement rates of medicines in the outpatient sector
- Indicator: Reimbursement rates of medicines in the inpatient sector

#### Co-payments

- Indicator: Co-payments for funded medicines in outpatient sector
- Indicator: Types of co-payments for funded medicines in outpatient sector

#### Reference Price System

- Indicator: Reference price system in place
- Indicator: Cluster of reference groups
- Indicator: Calculation of reference prices

### Validation is key:

Understanding the concept (glossary)

Correct year

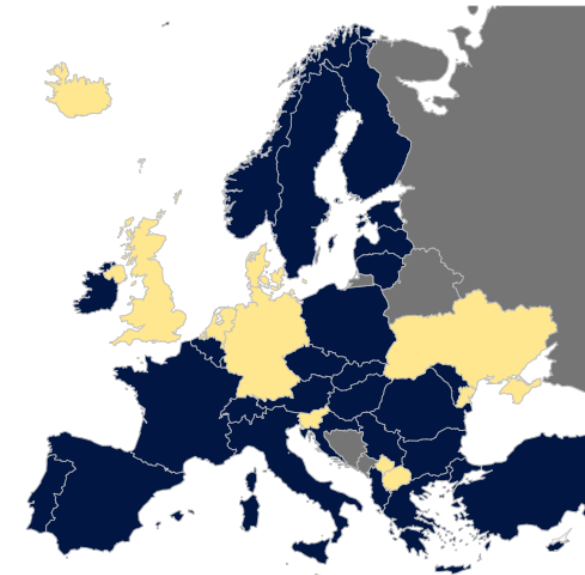
Definition

Export

Indicator: 3.1 Generic price link (for validation) 2023

Countries: All countries

The indicator describes which PPRI countries regulate the prices of generic medicines by setting the price of a generic at a defined amount (e.g., percentage) lower than the price of the originator medicine.



Results map

Generic price link: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Egypt, Israel, Kazakhstan, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, South Africa  
No medicines under price regulation: Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Singapore

Category	# of countries (n=50)	Name of country
Generic price link	37	Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Cyprus, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Republic of Serbia, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye
No generic price link	10	Denmark, Germany, Iceland, Kosovo, Malta, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Slovenia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
No medicines under price regulation	3	Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Singapore
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Summary table

# Q&A



Time for your questions!



# Thank you for your attention

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