



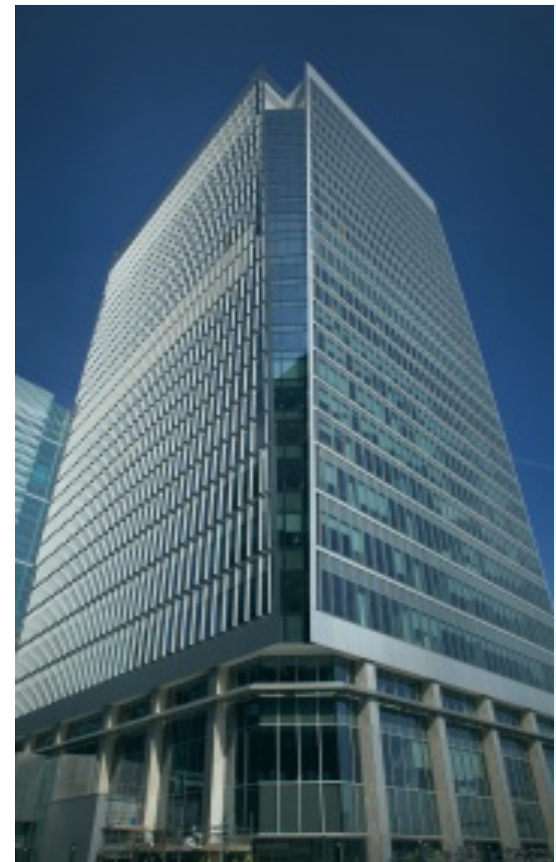
Agenda

1. Introduction
2. Innovation Task Force
3. SME Office
4. Orphan Medicinal Products
5. Paediatric Medicines
6. Scientific Advice
7. Early Access Tools
8. Closing remarks



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ENTRANCE TO EMA





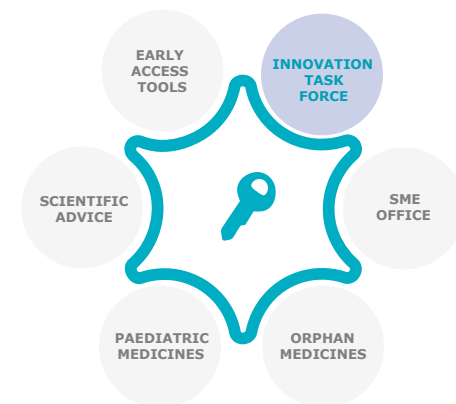
The various entry doors for regulatory dialogue





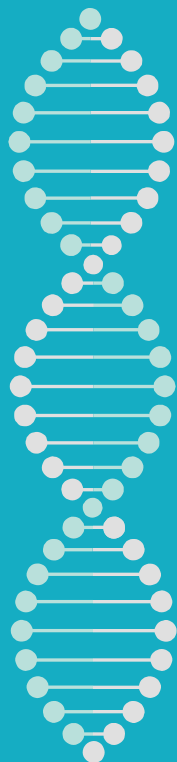
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INNOVATION TASK FORCE





Early dialogue - **ITF**



- Earliest entry door for products based on emerging science
- Multidisciplinary EMA group set up in 2001
- Focus on emerging therapies/technologies &
- borderline products
- A “soft landing zone”



MAIN TASKS



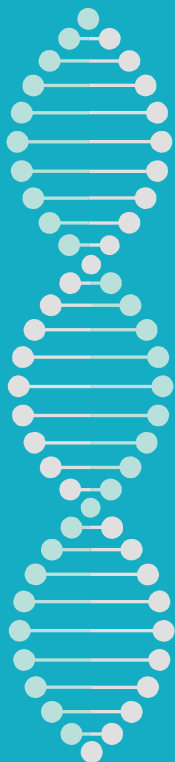
Briefing meetings with sponsors



Regulatory advice on classification for borderline products



Preparation for future formal steps



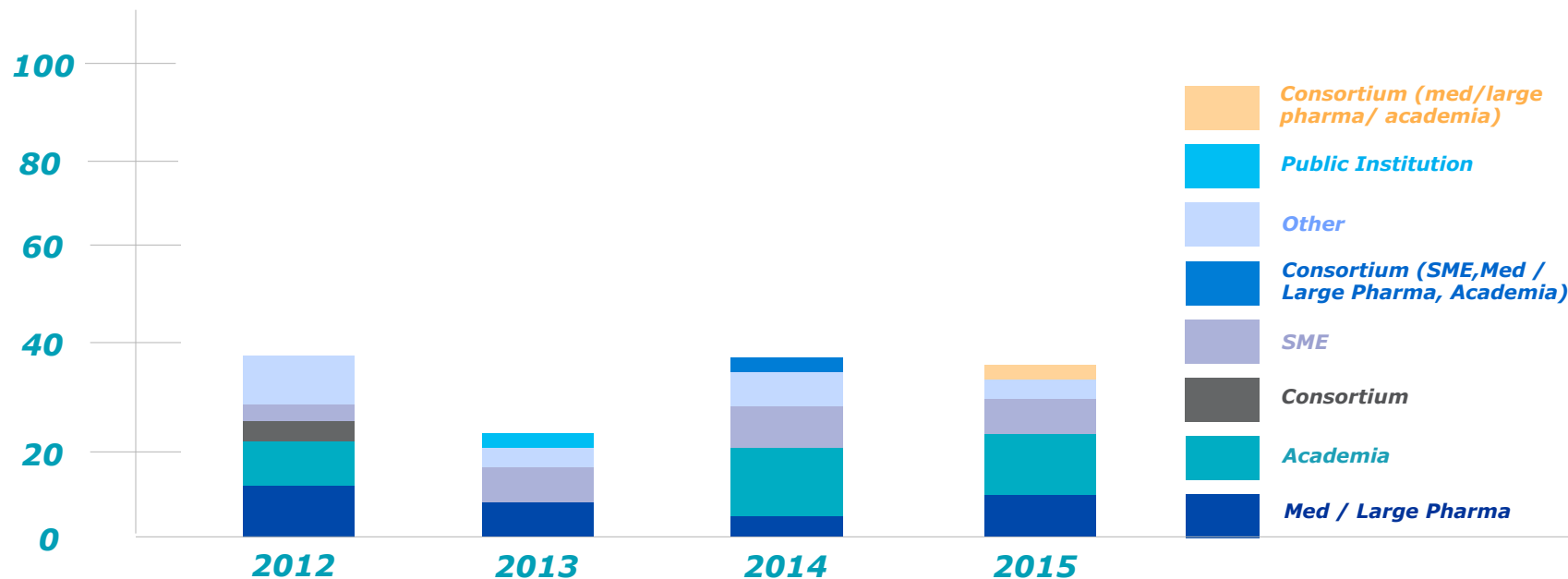
ITF briefing meetings

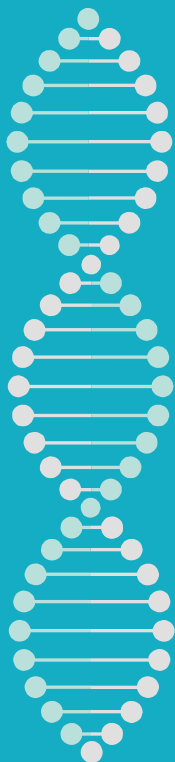
- complement and reinforce existing formal regulatory procedures (*e.g. biomarker qualification, ATMP classification, ATMP certification, designation of orphan medicines, CHMP scientific advice, etc.*)
- facilitate the informal exchange of information and the provision of guidance early in the development process
- involve EU regulatory network (*Committees and Working Parties experts*)

ITF BM cover *regulatory*, *technical* and *scientific* issues arising from *innovative* medicines development, *new technologies* and *borderline* products.



ITF Briefing meetings users – **CHANGE OVER TIME**





Entry through ITF

- Individual or company (big pharma or SME) **within** or **outside** EEA
- **Emerging** therapies/technologies or
Borderline therapeutics
- Areas where there is **no established EMA** scientific, legal and regulatory **experience**
- Request form + briefing document
- **Free** entry (no fee for ITF consultation)



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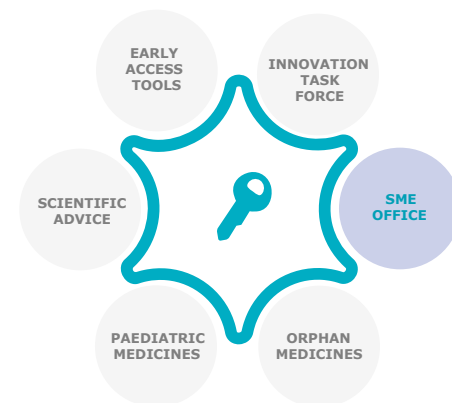
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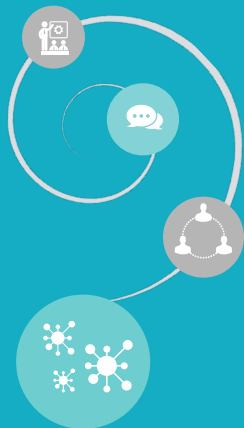
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SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES





Early dialogue – **SME OFFICE**



- SME office (one-stop shop)
- Regulatory Assistance
- Fee reductions and deferrals
- Certification for ATMPs
- Translation of product information
- SME User Guide / News Bulletins / Workshops

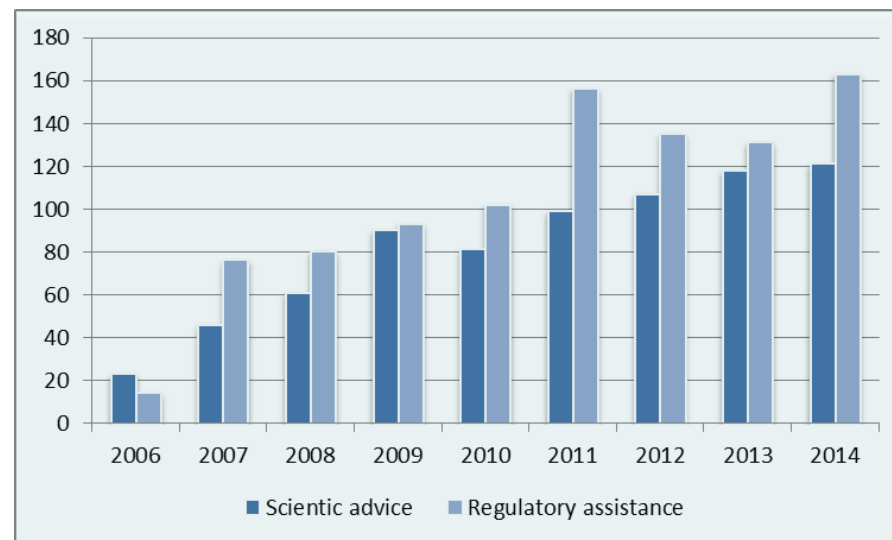
Aim to stimulate **INNOVATION**
& **DEVELOPMENT** of **NEW MEDICINES**



Experience with SMEs (year end 2014)

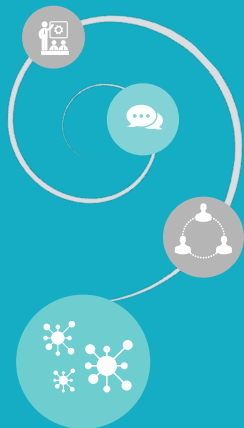
- ➡ 1450 companies assigned SME status
- ➡ From 27 countries across EEA
- ➡ 45% micro, 38% small, 17% medium
- ➡ Majority human (72%), 5% vet, 6% human/vet & 17% service providers
- ➡ Public register of companies launched in 2010

Scientific advice & Regulatory assistance





Entry through SME Office



- • Enterprise **established in EEA**
- • **EU definition** of an SME: < 250 employees & \leq € 50 mil in turnover or \leq € 43 mil in balance sheet
- • For medicinal **products eligible for centralised procedure** (except for scientific advice)
- • Regulatory **assistance** / Regulatory **briefing meeting**
- • **Free** entry (no fee for SME office consultation)



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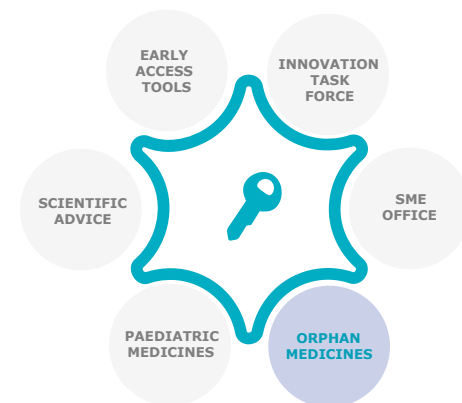
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ORPHAN MEDICINES





*Early dialogue – **ORPHAN MEDICINES***

EU Orphan legislation since 2000

- ● 10 years of Market Exclusivity
- ● Protocol assistance throughout development
- ● Fee reductions
- ● Access to centralised procedure



INCENTIVES

Patients affected by ***RARE DISEASES*** have the
SAME RIGHTS as fellow citizens





Orphan designation criteria

.....● Rare Condition < 5 per 10,000 or Insufficient return on investment ?



.....● Serious condition or life threatening?



.....● Existence of satisfactory methods?



NO?

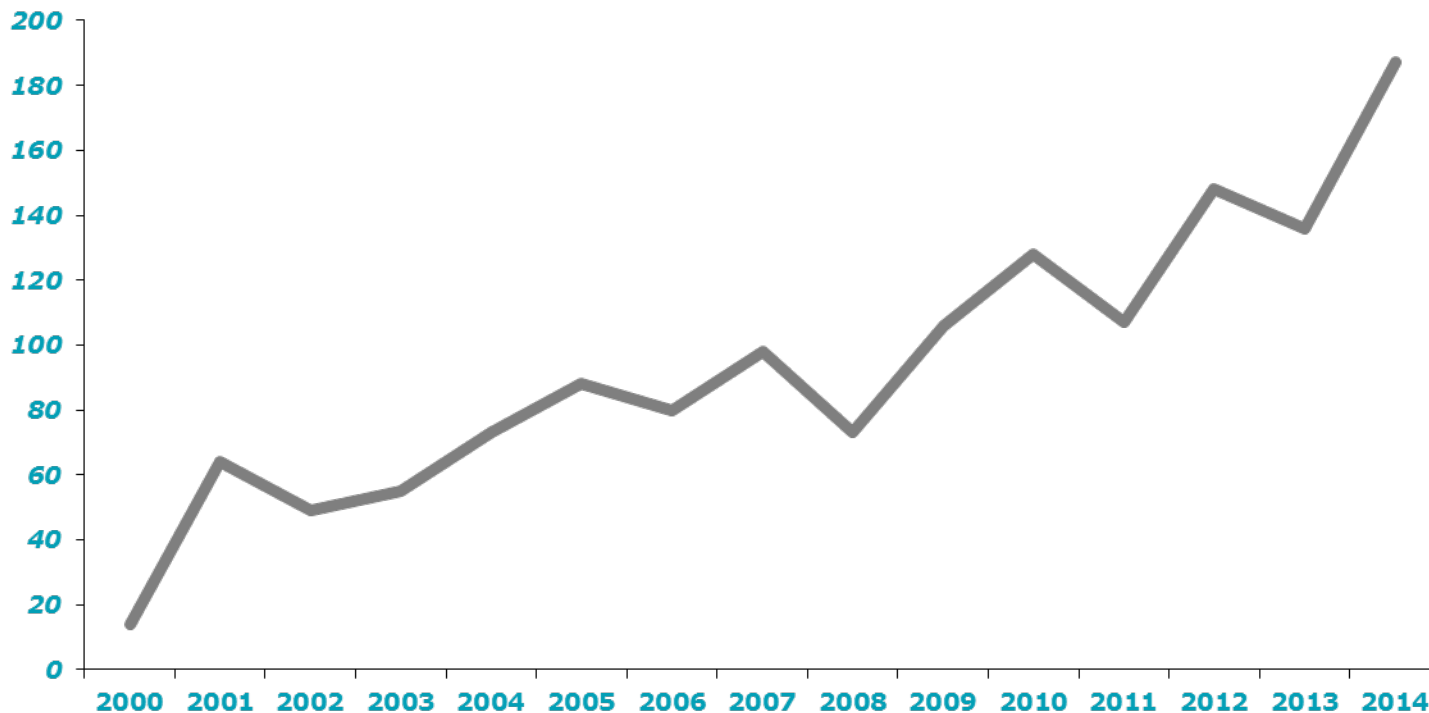
YES + **Significant Benefit?**

**ORPHAN
DESIGNATION**

PRE-SUBMISSION MEETINGS
with Orphan Medicines team



Status of Orphan Designations





Entry for Orphan Medicines

- Individual or company **established** in **EEA**
- For medicinal products meeting **orphan criteria**
- Opportunity for pre-submission **dialogue**
- **Protocol assistance** once designated
- **Free** entry (no fee for orphan designation)



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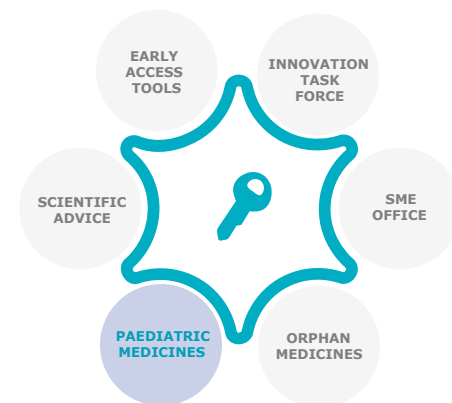
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PAEDIATRIC MEDICINES





Early dialogue – **PAEDIATRIC MEDICINES**

Obligation

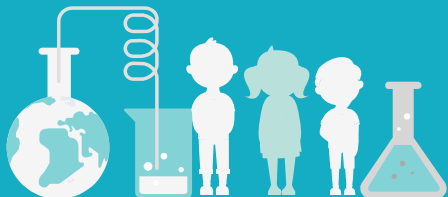
- ...► To study new medicinal products or new indications in children

Reward

- ...► Extension of supplementary patent certificate
- ...► Extra market exclusivity for orphan (2 years)

*Agree on **Paediatric Investigation Plan***

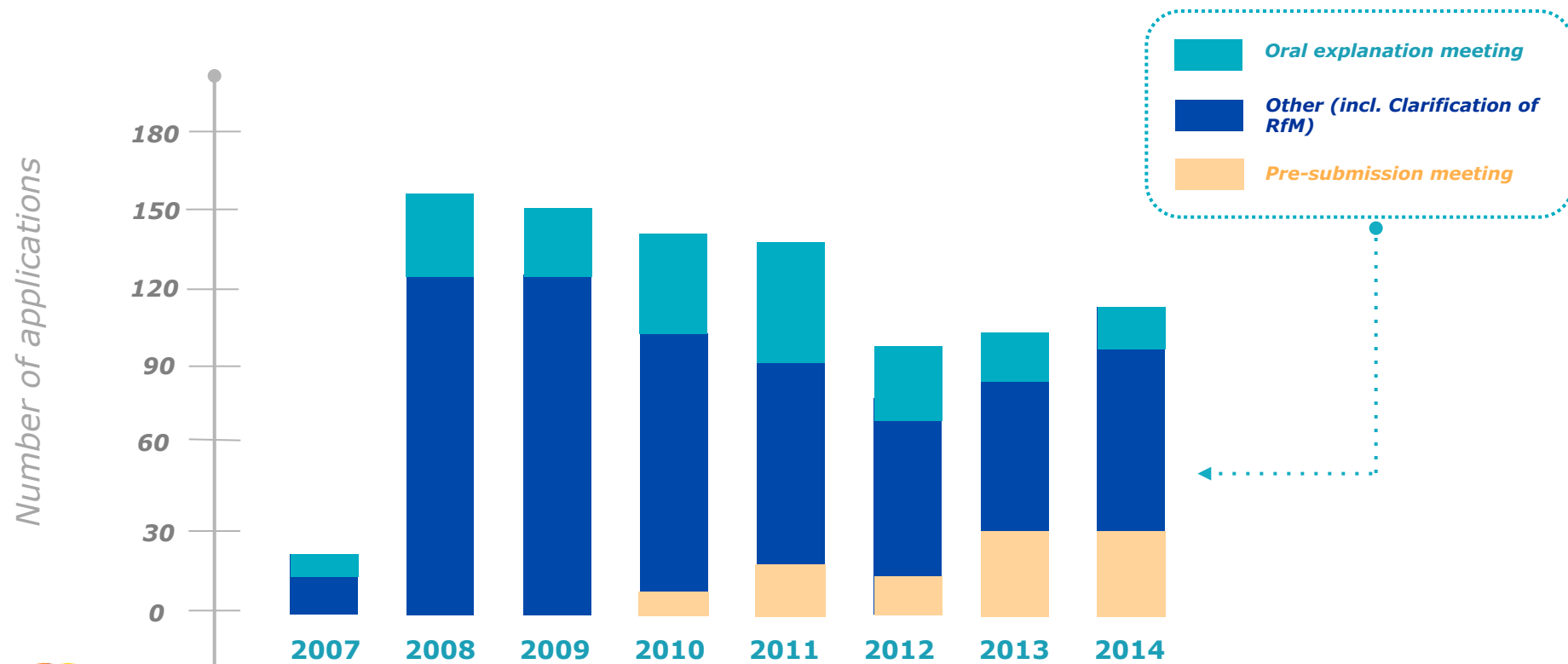
- ...► PIP outlines timing & measures to be undertaken
- ...► Agreed by Paediatric Committee (PDCO)
- ...► Deferral or Waiver, if applicable
- ...► Compliance check at time of marketing application



To increase research into, availability of, and information on
MEDICINES FOR CHILDREN

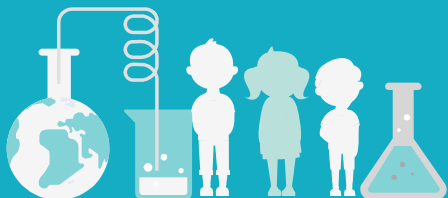


Paediatric Medicines – Total Number of company interactions





Entry for Paediatric Medicines



- **Individual** or **company** within or outside the EEA
- Opportunity for **early paediatric interaction meeting** (pilot)
- Pre-submission **dialogue** with paediatric team
- **Scientific Advice** (free of charge) for paediatric indications
- **Free** entry (no fee for PIP, or waiver)



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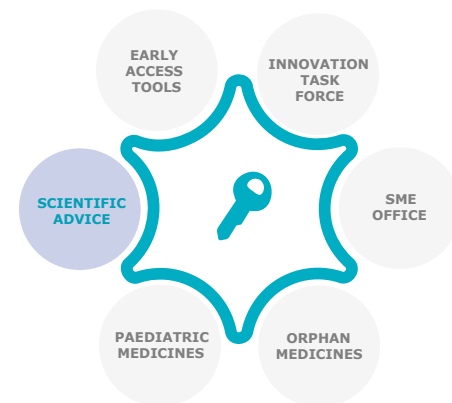
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SCIENTIFIC ADVICE





Early dialogue – **SA & PA**

Scientific Advice & Protocol Assistance



-● Scientific Advice can be provided on ANY scientific question
 - Quality, non-clinical and clinical
-● At any time point of the development
 - Early advice with subsequent follow-up is recommended
-● Broad advice, conditional approval/exceptional circumstances
-● Parallel advice with HTAs
-● Qualification of biomarkers and other novel methodologies



EU view on scientific issues not covered by or deviating from existing guidance

Advice on development & agreement of future strategy

Working party of CHMP



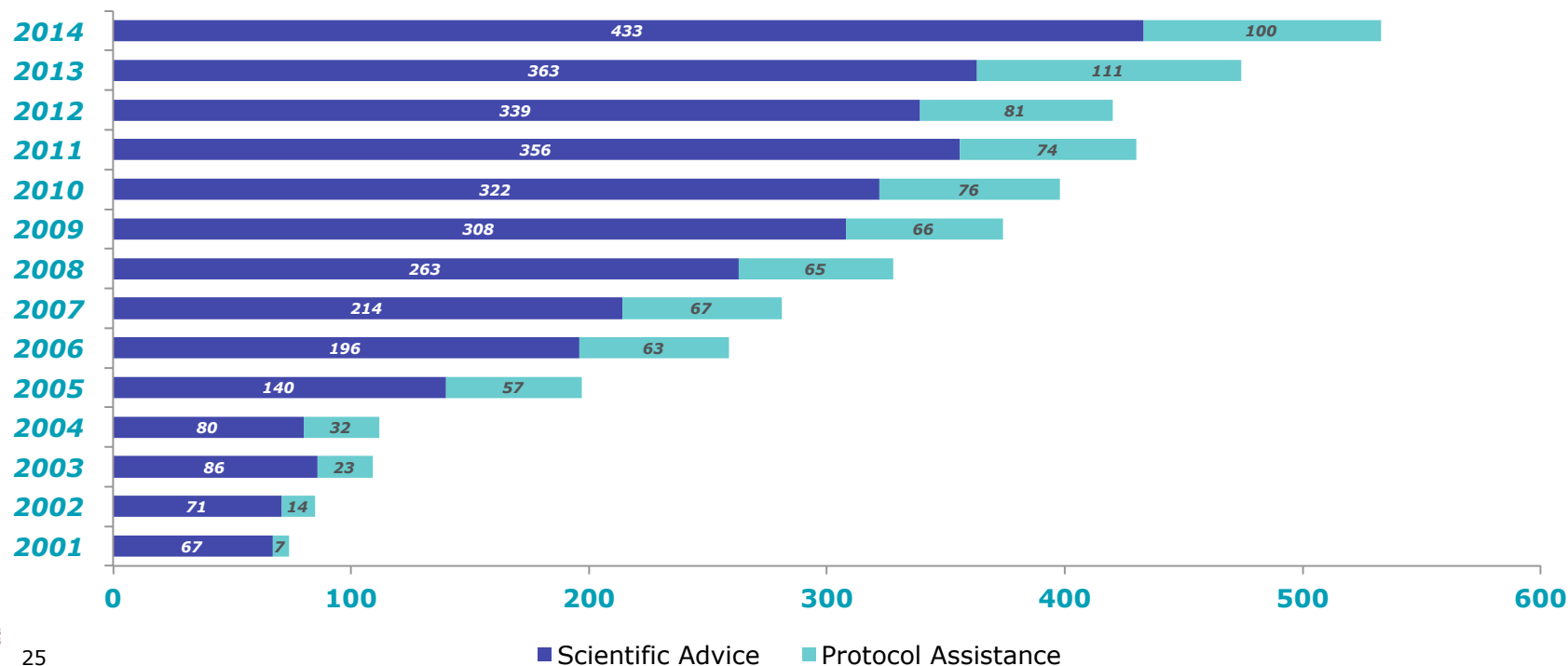
Scientific advice



- **Voluntary**, not mandatory procedure
- **Pre-submission meetings** available
- Companies **ask questions**
- **Responses** are **prepared** and discussed
- In **50%** of the cases a **face-to-face meeting** with the company is organised
- **Written responses**, adopted by the licensing committee, sent to the company: scientific advice letter
- **Short process**: 40 days or 70 days



Scientific Advice main activity so far - *scientific advice and protocol assistance for orphan drugs*





Entry through Scientific Advice



- Individual or company **within** or **outside** the **EEA**
- For all **medicinal products** (irrespective of eligibility for centralised procedure)
- **Briefing document** outlining questions on development/future strategy
- For advice on, or qualification of, **novel methodologies**
- Fee **payable** (fee reductions for ATMPs, orphans, paediatrics, SMEs)



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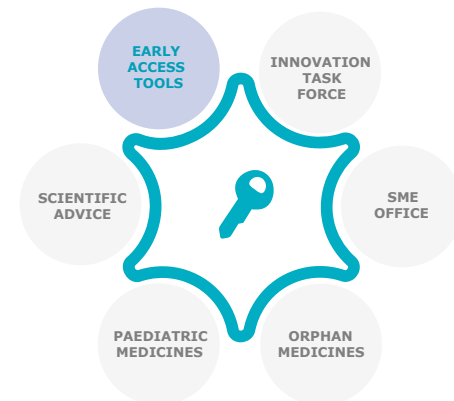
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New opportunities for dialogue

EARLY ACCESS TOOLS





Early access tools: *new opportunities for dialogue*

PRIME

New scheme for Dedicated and reinforced support

Major public health interest, unmet medical need

Relevant Q&A, scientific guidance and templates under development for launch

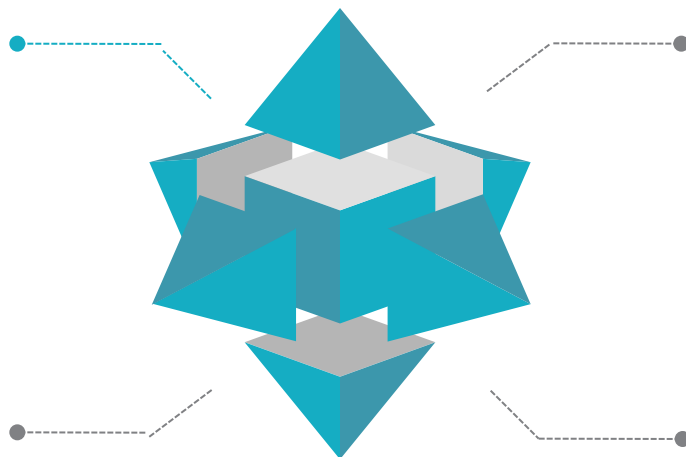
Accelerated Assessment

Ongoing revision of the guideline.

More detailed guidance on justification.

Optimisation of the assessment timetable.

Emphasis on the importance of early dialogue.



Adaptive Pathways

Pilot ongoing

ADAPT-SMART

Scientific concept of development and data generation.

Iterative development with use of real-life data.

Conditional MA

Ongoing revision of the guideline.

Emphasis on importance of prospective planning early dialogue.



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CLOSING REMARKS



Closing remarks

- Define regulatory strategy early in development
- Consider contact through ITF, SME, Orphan, if applicable
- Plan for PIP early in development
- Utilise available early access tools, where applicable
- Seek (multidisciplinary) scientific advice early on and seek follow-up advice as development proceeds



Thank you for your attention

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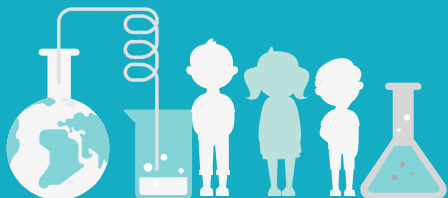
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*Early dialogue – **PAEDIATRIC MEDICINES***

Paediatric investigation plan – a main tool of the regulation



- Research and development programme
- Basis for development and for authorisation of a medicinal product for children
- Generates paediatric-specific data necessary to demonstrate: Quality, Efficacy, Safety
- Includes details of the measures and their time lines
- To be agreed by the PDCO
- Binding on company (compliance check, submission validation)
- Deferral, if it is acceptable that data for children come after adults