

EFPC comments for the first time on draft European pharmaceutical legislation.

European Federation of Chain Pharmacies is an independent, voluntary and non-governmental organisation that has earned a firm place among the major European players in the whole pharmaceutical sector. EFPC represents over 36,000 pharmacy professionals in more than 6,500 pharmacies in 6 European countries. It partners with national and European regulators and institutions. EFPC promotes an equitable and constructive approach to pharmacy care with the sole focus on the welfare of patients and clients of public pharmacies.

On 8 November 2023, for the first time in its history, EFPC sent its comments on the proposal for new European legislation for medicinal products. European Federation of Chain Pharmacies welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the revision of the basic framework of pharmaceutical legislation (the so-called pharmaceutical package). We believe that our proposals, comments, and additions will contribute to highlight the potential of not only public pharmacies and ensure excellent level of a broad spectrum of available services, including an optimal supply of safe, accessible and effective medicines.

The EFPC recommends that the pharmacy package address the following objectives:

1. Equal emphasis on the principles of pharmacy regulation and drug distribution, if possible.
2. Support for new digital tools and solutions for pharmacies and pharmacists to motivate the development of additional pharmacy services for the benefit of patients and clients.
3. Indispensability of pharmacies and pharmacists in the face of dynamically changing medicinal outages.
4. Developing the range of pharmaceutical substances for preparation of medicines in pharmacies to successfully cater for all patient needs during medicinal outages.
5. Establishing clear European and national rules for implementation and availability of electronic package leaflets.
6. Acknowledging the role of the pharmacist in the coordinated efforts to combat AMR (antimicrobial resistance).
7. Ensuring the same competencies for healthcare professionals in pharmacies regarding handling of samples of medicines.

EFPC thanks all collaborating entities for their input and elaboration of comments and suggestions.

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