



Attendance Report

Health Technology Assessment Stakeholder Network – Inaugural Meeting



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The Thalassaemia International Federation (TIF), represented by Mrs. Eleni Antoniou, Senior International Affairs Officer, participated in the inaugural meeting of the Health Technology Assessment Stakeholder Network that took place in Brussels on 14 June 2023. The meeting marked the creation of a formal stakeholder body under the Health Technology Assessment Regulation.

According to the Organisers, 59 representatives from 45 stakeholder organisations as well as representatives of 16 Member States in the Health Technology Assessment Coordination Group and representatives of the European Medicines Agency attended the meeting to exchange information about the implementation of the EU Health Technology Assessment Regulation which will enter into force in January 2025. The attendees discussed the role of stakeholders and the four strands of joint work under the HTA Regulation: developing methodological and procedural guidance, joint clinical assessments (JCA), joint scientific consultations (JSC) and identification of emerging health technologies.

Mrs. Antoniou suggested the creation of a timeline to better coordinate the work of stakeholders and the development of a patient engagement protocol in HTA that could be part of the JCA and other processes. She also expressed the readiness of the Thalassaemia International Federation to constructively participate in all processes and provide foresight for thalassaemia-related treatments and guidance with regard to thalassaemia-specific questions.

Overall, the meeting highlighted the important role that stakeholders will play and the rich and diverse expertise that they can offer in the implementation of the Regulation. The next meeting is planned to take place before the end of this year.



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