



# CHESSMEN JOINT ACTION WRAP-UP 2024



Date: 13 February 2024  
Location: Paris, France

## ► PARTICIPATION IN EU-JAMRAI 2, JOINT ACTION ON ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE & HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS

CHESSMEN participated in the kick-off meeting of the EU-JAMRAI 2 Joint Action on Antimicrobial Resistance & Healthcare-Associated Infections.

This marked an important step on the coordination and harmonization of best practices, while avoiding the duplication of efforts.

## ► CHESSMEN RADAR: WPS VIDEO UPDATES

The Joint Action launched the new initiative 'CHESSMEN Radar', a resource to assist in the dissemination of information given directly by the WP Leaders.

This initiative comprises one-minute videos regarding the accomplishments, ongoing work and foreseen deliverables of each WP.



Date: January/May 2024  
Location: Online



Date: 23/24 April 2024  
Location: Rome, Italy

## ▶ PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE 'THE SUPPLY OF PLASMA-DERIVED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS IN THE FUTURE OF EUROPE'

**CHESMEN** participated in the International Conference on the 'Supply of Plasma-Derived Medicinal Products in the Future of Europe', hosted by Centro Nazionale Sangue.

Key highlights:

- **CHESMEN** speakers shared insights on the ongoing work, deliverables and milestones.
- Emphasis on the importance of ensuring medication access for all patients, particularly blood-derived medicines.
- The main results of the supply project, co-funded by EU4Health programme, were presented.
- Framework discussions on different work packages in advancing healthcare accessibility.
- Joint effort and alignment of objectives between both initiatives.

Periodical meetings have been held since April, 2024.

## ▶ AEMPS STUDY VISIT: MEDICINE SHORTAGE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

The Spanish Agency of Medicines and Medical Devices (AEMPS) hosted in their headquarters representatives from INFARMED, I.P., JAZMP, and AIFA for a study visit.

This meeting led to a comprehensive understanding of the tools, methodologies and procedures used by AEMPS for the prevention, management and monitoring of shortages.



Dates: 22/24 May 2024  
Location: Madrid, Spain



Dates: 19/21 June 2024  
Location: Lisbon, Portugal

## ► CHESSMEN JOINT ACTION INTERMEDIATE MEETING

A key milestone in the Joint Action, that gathered all **CHESSMEN** beneficiaries.

The two-day meeting, started on June 17 with a closed session for WP leaders, followed on June 18 by an open session for all members.

Key highlights:

- Update on project progress and challenges.
- Presentations from WP leaders on accomplishments, ongoing work, future deliverables and milestones.
- Identification of main constrains.
- Insightful participation from the European Commission and European Medicines Agency.

## ► INFARMED, I.P. STUDY VISIT: MEDICINE SHORTAGE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

The Portuguese National Authority of Medicines and Health Products, I.P. (INFARMED, I.P.) hosted in their headquarters representatives from Finland, Italy, Slovenia, the Netherlands, and Spain.

Discussions focused on the tools, databases, procedures and methodologies used in Portugal. Key areas for improvement were identified for future **CHESSMEN** meetings.



Dates: 19/21 June 2024  
Location: Lisbon, Portugal



Date: 4/5 November 2024  
Location: Bonn, Germany and online

## ► CHESSMEN WP7 MEETING IN BONN

Key objectives included:

- Further elaboration of the draft framework for a concept platform to monitor and manage medicine shortages
- Discussion on the definitions of data elements included in the required common dataset
- Updates on the progress of deliverables from other WPs
- Agreement on next steps



## ► MULTI-STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

The Slovenian Agency for Medicinal Products and Medical Devices (JAZMP), convened CHESSMEN Multi-stakeholder Workshop bringing together representatives of industry, healthcare professionals, patient and consumer advocates, as well as representatives from national regulatory authorities and other European regulatory bodies.

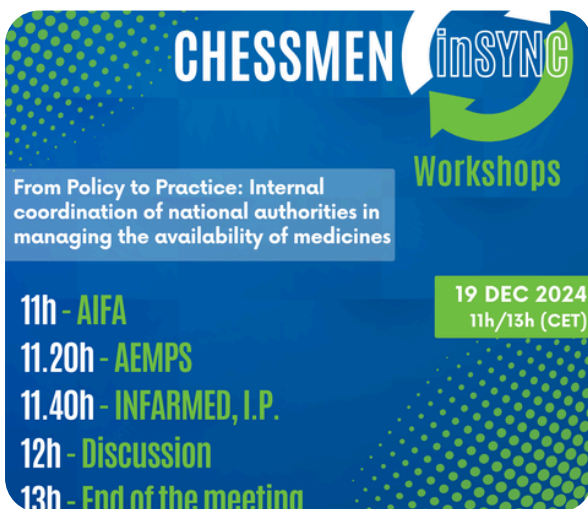
The virtual workshop was attended by 220 participants and offered key stakeholders in supply chain an opportunity to discuss the current state, key findings, and preliminary conclusions of four technical Work Packages of CHESSMEN JA after almost 2 years of intensive cooperation supporting harmonised response to medicines shortages in EU/EEA.



Multi-stakeholder Workshop: agenda (CET)	
10.00 Welcome and introduction	
Welcome	5'
Momir Radulović (JAZMP, SI)	
Introduction	10'
Domenico Di Giorgio (AIFA, IT)	
10.15 Session 1: Best practices in reporting and managing medicine shortages   Chair: Melita Tovornik (JAZMP, SI)	20'
WP 6 - Mapping survey findings	
Jasna Puh (JAZMP, SI)	
Short presentations by invited stakeholders	40'
Catarina Matias (UEMO)	
Ilaria Passarani (PGEU)	
Nikos Dedes (EPF)	
Liana Petrosova (Medicines for Europe)	
Questions and Answers	30'
11.45 Break	15'
12.00 Session 2: Main achievements of JA CHESSMEN so far   Chair: Nuno Simões (Infarmed, PT)	15'
WP 5 - Analysis of root causes of medicine shortages in Europe and the	

Date: 27 November 2024

Location: Online



**CHESSMEN inSYNC Workshops**

From Policy to Practice: Internal coordination of national authorities in managing the availability of medicines

19 DEC 2024  
11h/13h (CET)

11h - AIFA  
11.20h - AEMPS  
11.40h - INFARMED, I.P.  
12h - Discussion  
13h - End of the meeting

Date: 19 December 2024

Location: Online

## ► CHESSMEN JA INSYNC WORKSHOP

The first session was directed to CHESSMEN beneficiaries and explored the experience and insights of 3 National Competent Authorities: AEMPS, AIFA, and INFARMED I.P.

Key highlights:

- Institutional organizational charts
- Team's competencies, training and assigned roles
- National initiatives and resources
- National mechanisms for managing medicine shortages
- Q&A

► **D 5.1: List of Key Definitions Relating to Medicine Shortages**  
**Dissemination level: Sensitive**

This deliverable clarified key definitions related to medicine shortages, with the goal to walk towards increased standardization of the terminology used across EU Member States. This deliverable was fundamental to clarify key definitions early in the project.

► **D 5.2: Review on Existing Documents or Information Relating to Root Causes of Medicine Shortages in the EU**  
**Dissemination level: Sensitive**

A comprehensive review of existing documents and information related to the root causes of medicine shortages in EU Member States.

► **D 5.3: Analysis Report on Root Causes**  
**Dissemination level: Public**

Based on the work developed on D 5.2 and supported by information obtained from surveys of both Consortium partners and external target groups to address information gaps, a report was elaborated on the analysis and categorisation of root causes of medicine shortages in EU Member States.

► **D 6.1: Report on the Existing Documents on Shortages of Medicines**  
**Dissemination level: Sensitive**

A report of collected existing documents, such as guidelines, legislation, and reports from Member States and key organisations covering medicine shortages.

► **D 7.1: Analysis Report on the IT Solutions at EU and MS**  
**Dissemination level: Sensitive**

An analysis of existing IT solutions at both EU and MS level for shortage notification and monitoring, identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, and country-specific data sources beyond national Competent Authorities.

► **D 7.2: Report on EU Best Practice Solutions and Minimum Common Datasets**  
**Dissemination level: Public**

Based on the analysis of existing IT tools at national and European level, best practice solutions and minimum common datasets have been identified.