

## How to Navigate the Future Parallel HTA and EMA Processes in the EU

23 March 2026 | 11:00-18:00 CET | Rotterdam, NL



### Overview

The first Joint Clinical Assessment (JCA) submissions under the HTA Regulation are underway. For new cancer medicines and ATMPs, since January 2025 the Regulatory submissions through the centralised procedure to the European Medicines Agency (EMA) will also trigger the JCA process. Both processes will run in parallel and the new legislative framework for exchange of information between regulators and HTA will take effect. The new process will require a close collaboration between the regulatory and HTA/market access teams at company level.

**This course will discuss regulatory preparedness for the JCA process, explain the interface between regulators and EU HTA Coordination Group and which information is shared by the two.**

It will inform you about practical strategic and operational challenges and how to solve them. Preparation early on in development is key, hence two workshops in small groups will focus on the role of prospective evidence planning/Joint Scientific consultation and the operational aspects of writing and submitting the JCA dossier.

The instructors have been very close to the HTA Regulation implementation activities in companies and with the policymakers.

### Learning Objectives

- Understand the JCA process and how it links to the marketing authorisation process
- Regulatory documents or information shared to inform scoping process and JCA timelines
- Reducing the risk of the regulatory process to impact the JCA process
- Preparing and aligning internally
- Understand the role of prospective evidence planning/Joint Scientific consultation
- The operational aspects of writing and submitting the JCA dossier

### Who Will Attend

- Regulatory strategy leads
- Regulatory authority members
- Clinical development professionals
- CROs
- Consultants involved in EMA's approval processes

### Faculty

#### Thomas Ecker

CEO  
Ecker + Ecker

#### Inka Heikkinen

Regulatory Policy Lead  
Lundbeck

#### Nadege Le Roux

Regulatory Policy Senior Director  
Bristol Myers Squibb

#### Isabelle Stoeckert

Independent Regulatory Science Expert

#### Anke van Engen

Global Category Leader, Health Economics,  
HTA, Value and Access  
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# Schedule-At-A-Glance

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## 10:30 REGISTRATION

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## 11:00 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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## 11:15 SESSION 1 PART 1

### JCA LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK AND GUIDELINES

*Inka Heikkinen*

- Introduction to HTA Regulation and implementing acts
- The HTA JCA process and how it relates to EU Marketing Authorisation Application process
- Rules for exchange of information between the EMA and EU HTA Coordination Group, and its subgroups

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## 12:00 SESSION 1 PART 2

### JSC FRAMEWORK AND PROCESS

*Inka Heikkinen*

- JSC regulatory framework
- Application process and tips for the application form
- Learnings from previous parallel advice

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## 12:30 SESSION 2

### IMPLICATIONS FOR REGULATORY STRATEGY AND ENGAGEMENT PLAN

*Isabelle Stoeckert*

- Regulatory relevant aspect of the JCA dossier (PICO concept and dossier content)
- Label considerations and scenario planning
- Narrative alignment and managing the parallel process
- Transparency of the JCA dossier and potential implications

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## 13:15 LUNCH BREAK

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## 14:00 SESSION 3

### INTERNAL ALIGNMENT AND COMMUNICATION AS THE CORNERSTONE FOR SUCCESS

*Nadege Le Roux*

- Reducing uncertainties through close communication of timelines, anticipated questions and final indication

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## 14:45 SESSION 4

### JCA DOSSIER - WHAT GOES IN IT?

*Thomas Ecker*

- Specifications of the JCA dossier
- Similarities with the AMNOG dossier
- Common and different elements to the regulatory dossier
- Guidances

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## 15:30 SESSION 5

### EVIDENCE GENERATION – ADDRESSING THE POSSIBLE GAPS

*Anke van Engen*

- Learnings from the PICO simulations & required evidence
- Overview of non-direct evidence approaches and acceptable methods

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## 16:15 COFFEE BREAK

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## 16:30 SESSION 6

### GROUP DISCUSSIONS

*Participants will discuss one topic for 30 min, then switch the group to discuss the other topic for 30 min*

- Group A: JCA DOSSIER AND PICO ANTICIPATION  
Moderation: Thomas Ecker and Inka Heikkinen
- Group B: EVIDENCE GENERATION AND ADVICE  
Moderation: Anke van Engen and Nadege Le Roux

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## 17:30 CLOSING OF THE COURSE

- Recap from the discussions
- Contribute to a learning system
- Outlook on future development – what can be expected from the policymakers?
- Remaining questions

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## 18:00 END OF THE TRAINING COURSE

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