

Medical Technology in Europe

Medical technology plays an essential role in healthcare. It transforms patients' lives.

The medical technology industry is a major contributor to Europe's knowledge economy. It is incredibly innovative. The €3.7 billion invested in R&D per year means that the more than 500,000 medical technology products on the market have an average lifecycle of just 18 months. Thereafter a new improved version becomes available. Feedback from doctors, nurses and patients enables this constant technological innovation. Medical technology represents less than 7% of total healthcare expenditure in Europe.

The sector is also very diverse, with SMEs making up more than 80% of the sector. Over 445,000 highly skilled workers are employed in a sector that produces a huge range of products, including bandages, syringes, wheelchairs, pace-makers, pregnancy tests, contact lenses, surgical instruments, dental floss, life-support machines and tissue engineered skin for burns or ulcers.



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The Voice of the Medical
Technology Industry
in Europe





About Eucomed

Eucomed represents 4500 designers, manufacturers and suppliers of medical technology used in the diagnosis, prevention, treatment and amelioration of disease and disability. Eucomed members include national trade and pan-European product associations and internationally active manufacturers of all types of medical technology. The mission of Eucomed is to improve patient and clinician access to modern, innovative and reliable medical technology.

Eucomed Activities

Constructive Public Affairs

Eucomed actively engages with the EU institutions and regulatory bodies to encourage a positive public policy environment which is supportive of continuous innovation in medical technology, allowing the sector to optimise its value to patients and society.

Enhancing Dialogue

Eucomed's stakeholder relations are built upon partnerships with patient groups and medical associations and upon proactive high profile European events, such as the MedTech Forum -all of which is supported by a range of communication tools and ongoing engagement with media.

Providing Market Insight

Eucomed's initiatives on health economics provide insight into the value of the medical devices sector by delivering accurate data to all stakeholders on the impact of funding and reimbursement systems, emerging trends such as the growth of homecare and the industry.

Reinforcing Industry Values

Eucomed has developed a leading Code of Business Practice, which is implemented by members and is regularly reviewed and updated.

Joining the International Debate

Eucomed represents the European medical technology sector in international forums, such as the Global Harmonization Task Force (GHTF), and liaises with representative bodies from the US, Japan, China, India, and Brazil.

Membership Benefits

Participation in Extensive Network

Eucomed is the leading European medical technology industry network; it represents over 4,500 companies across Europe via its national associations and direct corporate membership and provides a forum where industry can exchange ideas and build consensus.

Power to Influence Industry Thinking

Eucomed's expert groups develop industry positions regarding the large and increasing number of EU decisions that impact the European medical technology industry; each member has the opportunity to influence industry thinking on key issues.

Enhanced Dialogue with Decision-Makers

Recognised by the European Institutions as the voice of the medical technology sector, Eucomed is uniquely placed to inform policy-making due to its extensive knowledge of and partnership with key EU decision-makers. Eucomed also represents the views of the sector on the international stage.

Increased Awareness

Eucomed provides privileged and rapid access to relevant market, product and regulatory information; its dedicated, knowledgeable and experienced secretariat contributes to efficient member communications providing high-quality information via a range of channels.

