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## 1. Joint event with FEAM in European Parliament was well attended



On 31 January, the BioMed Alliance organised a joint event with the Federation of European Academies of Medicine (FEAM) in the European Parliament. The event was attended by around 80 participants and was hosted by MEP Cristian Buşoi (EPP), MEP Maria da Graça Carvalho (EPP) and MEP Petra De Sutter (Greens/EFA). There were speakers from the European Commission, the European Patients Forum, Academia and EFPIA and our President Wilfried Ellmeier chaired the panel discussion.

With the increasing disease burden and challenges faced by European healthcare systems, health research is more important than ever. This was highlighted by the speakers and they also reflected on the barriers that should be overcome in the health research field. Discussions showed that there are interesting developments in biomedical research and at policy level. In the coming years, policy makers will work e.g. on the implementation of Horizon Europe, several partnerships in health and the development of the European Health Data Space. The key word of the day was partnerships, it is vital that the European Institutions, Member States, academia, patients, industry and other stakeholders work together to ensure innovative ideas get the right support and can be translated into concrete solutions for European patients.

## 2. Update on the Expert Panels for Medical Devices



The BioMed Alliance promoted the European Commission's Call for Experts on Medical Devices and IVDs last year with the help of many of you. Our efforts were successful because there were 691 applications in total. Of those, 138 were excluded based on current/past employment with executive or lead roles.

The European Commission is about to finish reviewing applications and told us that they are planning to appoint suitable candidates by 26 May (application date of the Medical Devices Regulation).

The application form connected to the call for experts remains accessible for the next +/-5 years and eligible applicants that apply may be added to the central list (which used for replacements or when additional expertise is needed).

## 3. EHA announces event on bureaucracy in clinical trials



The European Hematology Association (EHA) is organising a meeting on bureaucracy in clinical research in the Hague on 17 March. EHA has invited a number of stakeholders and intends to make a collective and multidisciplinary effort to address excessive bureaucracy in clinical research. They foresee an important role

for the BioMed Alliance within their initiative and have invited the members of the Clinical Trials Taskforce to their meeting in their offices in the Hague.

Bureaucracy in clinical research is an emerging issue that is relevant to many BioMed Alliance members. We look forward to discussing this topic to see how we can contribute and potentially integrate this topic in the work of the Clinical Trials Taskforce. The initiative is



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complementary to previous task force activities and will continue in parallel to future activities of the taskforce.

### 4. Mark your calendar for the EU Health Summit

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The EU Health Coalition, in which the BioMed Alliance is an active member and chairs the research & innovation policy group, announced that the next EU Health Summit takes place on 4-5 May 2020. The summit will be held in the Flemish Parliament and we look forward to organising the programme together with our partners. The conference will focus on the implementation of an updated version of the [recommendations](#) that were presented during the last conference in the end of 2018.

More information is available here: <https://www.euhealthcoalition.eu/event/eu-health-summit-2020/>

### 5. Upcoming

- The next meeting of the **CME Experts Permanent Committee** will take place on 18 February from 10.30-16.00 at the BioMed Alliance Offices
- BioMed Alliance Leadership **meets Commissioner Mariya Gabriel** on 5 February
- There will be a meeting of the **Policy Officers Committee** among policy officers at staff level on 30 March (contact the office if you'd like to attend)
- The 2nd **EU Health Summit** organised by the [EU Health Coalition](#) will take place on 4-5 May in the Flemish Parliament in Brussels
- The **BioMed Alliance Spring Meeting** 2020 takes place on 13 May 2020
- The **General Assembly** will be held on 25 November

