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# European Pharmacists Approve Memorandum of Understanding on Medicines Authentication

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The Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU) approved yesterday a **Memorandum of Understanding** with the supply chain stakeholders EFPIA, the Research-based Pharmaceutical Industry in Europe, GIRP, the European Association of Pharmaceutical full-line Wholesalers and EAEPIC, the European Association representing Parallel Distributors, setting out core principles of a European medicines verification system, as required by the Falsified Medicines Directive<sup>1</sup>.

The Memorandum is expected to be formally endorsed by the other stakeholders partners in the coming weeks.

The Memorandum of Understanding with the supply chain partners details the possible legal, practical and technical aspects of such a system, and will form the basis of the discussions with the European Commission.

EFPIA, GIRP, EAEPIC and PGEU are jointly working on the European Stakeholder Model (ESM), a European medicines verification project with the aim of preventing falsified medicines from entering the European supply chain and ensure patient safety.

**PGEU President Ms Isabelle Adenot:** *"Yesterday's endorsement shows how fully committed are European pharmacists to creating a flexible, practical, cost effective system that will meet the key objective of protecting patients from fake medicines. Security of medicines is the main concern of European pharmacists. We believe stakeholders should be in the forefront of establishing the authentication system required by the Falsified Medicines Directive."*



<sup>1</sup> Directive 2011/62/EU on the prevention of the entry into the legal supply chain of falsified medicinal products.